



The Whistle

Work and Life at Georgia Tech Monday, Sept. 29, 2025



FACULTY

Shared Governance: Why It Matters

Faculty leaders Dima Nazzal and Adam Steinberg explain how governance shapes academics, supports students, and offers faculty a chance to make an impact.



EVENT

Symposium Will Spotlight Academic Freedom

The full-day Academic Freedom and Human Rights Symposium, hosted by the School of History and Sociology, will take place in October.



TEACHING

Summer Instructors Make the Honor Roll

Students recognized these educators for showing enthusiasm about the course subject, engaging student interest, and demonstrating respect and concern for students.



Campus Updates



Flu Shots Available On Campus

Employees can get a flu shot at the Stamps Health Services Pharmacy as walk-in patients during business hours Monday – Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Retirement Celebration Set for October

The annual event honors employees who retired between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. Members of the campus community can register to attend for \$15 per person.



Campus Recreation Plans Winter Ski Trip

Faculty and staff are invited to join Campus Recreation in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, in December. Package pricing is available for ground and air travel.



Human Resources Updates



Open Enrollment Begins Oct. 27

All employees are required to take action if they want healthcare coverage for 2026. Learn more at the upcoming [Benefits and Wellness Fair](#).

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Faculty/Staff Achievements



Two Georgia Tech researchers, **Matthew McDowell and Ryan Lively**, have been named finalists for the 2025 Blavatnik National Awards for Young Scientists. Their discoveries, which could create cleaner industrial processes and safer, more reliable batteries, have important potential impacts for daily life.



Jianjun Shi, the Carolyn J. Stewart Chair and Professor in the H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering, received the 2025 Deming Lecturer Award from the American Statistical Association.



Natalie Stingelin, chair of the School of Materials Science and Engineering, has been named an associate editor for the *Journal of the American Chemical Society*.



Jun Ueda, professor in the George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering, has been named a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. The honor recognizes ASME members who have made significant engineering achievements and contributions to the profession.



Shimeng Yu, a Dean's Professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, has received the 2025 Rama Divakaruni Technical Excellence Award from the Semiconductor Research Corporation. He received the award at TECHCON 2025, a premier semiconductor industry conference.



Muneeb Zia, a senior research engineer in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, has won the Georgia Life Sciences Golden Helix Innovation Award for his Myomatrix system.



Upcoming Events

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| Oct. 1 – 2 | <u>Copilot Days: Harness the Power of Copilot Chat and M365 Copilot</u>
Coda Building |
| Oct. 2 | <u>Education Assistance: Approving TAP and STRAP (Managers and Supervisors)</u>
11 a.m. – noon
Online |
| Oct. 6 – 7 | <u>Fall Break</u>
Georgia Tech Campus |
| Oct. 6 – 8 | <u>Lifetime Learning Symposium</u>
Room 236, Global Learning Center |
| Oct. 7 | <u>Question, Persuade, and Refer Training</u>
10 a.m. – noon
Online |
| Oct. 9 | <u>Techmasters Meeting</u>
7:30 – 9 a.m.
Pettit Microelectronics Research Center and Online |
| Oct. 16 | <u>AI-ALOE Virtual Research Showcase</u>
1 – 4:30 p.m.
Online |

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