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Campus, Atlanta Events Honor Veterans

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Veterans Day, observed each year on Nov. 11, honors all who have served in the U.S. armed forces.

Georgia Tech and the

Atlanta community will host various events in observance of the holiday.

On Campus

The Veterans Resource Center (VRC) will host an event for invited guests on

Thursday, Nov. 10, at 11 a.m. highlighting plans for a tribute project that will be built on campus.

The Veterans Walk of Honor, located outside the VRC, will honor all Georgia Tech alumni, students, and

staff who have served in the U.S. armed forces. The walkway leading to the VRC will feature granite inlays and mounted wall plaques recognizing the six branches

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A DRAMATIC DROP



Photo by Joya Chapman

Edwin Greco (right), senior academic professional in the School of Physics, throws a pumpkin from the top of the Howey Physics Building on Monday, Oct. 31, during the annual Pumpkin Drop. The event is hosted as a fundraiser for the Society of Physics Students and features pumpkins being hurled from the top of the building that have been dipped in liquid nitrogen or filled with fake blood. Spectators watch from below to see how the reactions play out.

OPERATION SUSTAINABILITY

October was Campus Sustainability Month, but Georgia Tech is committed year-round to sustainable campus operations. Landscape management, custodial services, recycling, and fleet management continually strive to innovate and incorporate sustainable products and practices. Take a look at some of the practices in place in Georgia Tech Infrastructure and Sustainability. View more at c.gatech.edu/operationsustainability.



Writing and Photos by Cathy Brim



(Above) Groundskeeper Lionel Barrett displays one of 10 new electric leaf blowers. "One of the reasons that I like using the electric blower is that it is much lighter than the gas units, causing less operator fatigue," he said. "It is also much quieter, making it more enjoyable to use." (Top right) The department has recently acquired electric leaf blowers, pruning saws, hedge shears, stick edgers, string trimmers, and chainsaws. (Middle right) Each custodial zone has an electrochemical activation machine that modifies the properties of tap water and natural minerals into powerful yet nontoxic and biodegradable cleaners, sanitizers, and degreasers. (Bottom right) Shana Dixon, custodian I, serves as a recycling ambassador during the Sept. 17 football game. Volunteers from the Building Services department monitor recycling bins throughout Bobby Dodd Stadium during home football games.



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of the military. Each inlay will include a portion of Morse code representing the branch's slogan, encouraging discovery and reflection. Adjacent elevated signage will display the core values of military service: honor, courage, commitment, respect, duty, valor, service, and integrity. An upper plaza reflection area will feature an American flag and overlook Griffin Track and McCamish Pavilion, with the city skyline in the distance.

If you have questions, email Veterans Resource Center Director David Ross (david.ross@studentlife.gatech.edu).

Off Campus

Ceremony at the Atlanta History Center: Friday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. in Veterans Park. This year's ceremony will feature keynote speaker Maj. Gen. Bret C. Larson, Commander, 22nd Air Force, Dobbins Air Reserve Base.

Veterans Day Tour: Veterans of Oakland Cemetery on Friday, Nov. 11, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

41st Annual Georgia Veterans Day Parade: Saturday, Nov. 12, at 11 a.m. at the Battery Atlanta near Truist Park.

Georgia Veterans Day Observance Ceremony: Georgia Power Pavilion Stage at the Battery Atlanta on Saturday, Nov. 12, at noon. The hour-long event will include military and veteran speakers with a performance by the 116th Army Band. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early or bring your own chairs.

Veterans Festival: Battery Atlanta near Truist Park on Saturday, Nov. 12, from noon to 3 p.m. In addition to more than 20 exhibits from veterans service organizations, there will be equipment displays from the National Infantry Museum. Educational presentations will also be conducted throughout the afternoon. The family-friendly event is free and open to the public.

ETHICS WEEK RETURNS



Photo by Joya Chapman

Ethics Week returns this year with a focus on navigating ethics at Georgia Tech and beyond. One of Georgia Tech's core values, "We act ethically," guides our priorities every day, and while ethics is a year-round priority, Ethics Week puts a spotlight on all the various ways our campus engages in ethical decision making. This year's events, taking place Nov. 7 – 11, will be a mix of scheduled online presentations and in-person events. Campus experts and guest speakers will join the Office of Ethics and Compliance to showcase ethics in a variety of ways. Learn more at news.gatech.edu and ethicsfirst.gatech.edu.

USG Policy Updates

The University System of Georgia (USG) recently shared amendments to eight policies in the Human Resources Administrative Practice (HRAP) Manual. The HRAP is the systemwide resource that defines policy and procedures for USG employees. The USG periodically reviews systemwide policies and procedures to ensure that policies are consistent and effective.



All Georgia Tech employees should be aware of each policy and the recent changes. The updates are part of ongoing efforts by the USG to clarify processes and procedures and include updated guidance that meets the current need of the university system. Employees were notified via email of updates to the following policies: Amorous Relationships, Employee Categories, Employee Orientation, Employment Beyond Retirement, General Criteria for Employment, Sick Leave with Pay, Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), and HRAP on Parental Leave. All policies can be viewed at usg.edu/policies.

GEORGIA TECH-EUROPE IS BORN



Georgia Tech-Lorraine, the Institute's first international campus, will now be known as Georgia Tech-Europe. The change reflects the growth of the Institute's presence in Europe and aligns with its strategic goals to amplify impact, champion innovation, connect globally, and expand access. The rebrand will create a more recognizable name and expand the Georgia Tech brand in the region. That expansion will mean greater partnerships with European institutions and opportunities for increased student involvement with European industry. Learn more at europe.gatech.edu.

FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Pamela Bhatti, associate chair for Strategic Initiatives and Innovation in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, has been selected for Drexel University's Executive Leadership in Academic Technology, Engineering, and Science (ELATES) program for the class of 2022-23. The ELATES program is a national leadership development program designed to promote women in academic STEM fields, and faculty allies of all genders, into institutional leadership roles.



Karen Manning, metadata repository specialist for the Georgia Tech Library, was recently selected as the inaugural Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) Visiting Program Officer for Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) Networking. In this role Manning will work to develop new activities providing a forum for BIPOC people working in ASERL libraries to develop professional connections and gain support in their career development.



Frank Rothaermel, the Russell B. and Nancy H. McDonough Chair in Business and Sloan Industry Studies Fellow in the Scheller College of Business, has been named one of the Favorite Professors of the MBA Class of 2022 by *Poets&Quants*. The online publication covers U.S. and international business schools, rankings, high-achieving students in undergraduate and MBA programs, and other management education topics.



Judy Hoffman, assistant professor in the School of Interactive Computing, recently received the National Science Foundation's CAREER Award, which will fund her research in computer vision and artificial intelligence for the next five years. She earned the award through her proposal, *Vision Systems for an Evolving World*, a project that seeks to solve the dilemma of when a computer vision artificial intelligence struggles to adapt to new environments and circumstances.



Will Roper, a Georgia Tech alumnus and a distinguished professor of the practice in the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, has joined the Defense Innovation Board, an advisory panel for the U.S. Secretary of Defense. The board provides top Defense Department leaders with independent advice and recommendations on innovative means to address future challenges through the prism of three focus areas: people and culture, technology and capabilities, and practices and operations.



The National Science Foundation has selected **John E. Taylor**, associate chair for Graduate Programs and Research Innovation and Frederick Law Olmsted Professor in the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, to serve as a program director for three programs in its Division of Computer and Network Systems. During the year-long appointment, Taylor will direct three programs within the division: the CIVIC Innovation Challenge program, the Smart and Connected Communities program, and the Cyber-Physical Systems program.

