Community Buzz

Monday, September 21, 2026



Westside Community Forum

In May of this year, Georgia Tech hosted it's first Westside Community Listening Forum bringing together Westside Atlanta community leaders and Georgia Tech representatives for a discussion focused on strengthening partnerships and advancing **Georgia Tech's Anchor Institution Strategy**. The event featured welcome remarks from Georgia Tech leadership, an overview of the Institute's community engagement efforts, and a series of impact stories demonstrating Georgia Tech's contributions across admissions, arts, athletics, K-12 outreach, research, and workforce development.

Later this semester, we will invite our Westside community partners to join Georgia Tech for another Community Forum with the theme of *An Innovation Corridor: From Georgia Tech to Hollowell.*

Join the invitation list for future Westside Community Forums!

Join the List

Partner with Tech

Community Partner Intake Form

Unsure How to Partner with Georgia Tech?

The Office of Community-Based Learning (CBL) connects community organizations with Georgia Tech faculty and students to create educational partnerships that address community priorities while providing hands-on learning opportunities.

Nonprofits, neighborhood organizations, civic groups, social enterprises, and government agencies can share their needs via CBL's Community Partner Intake Form and explore connections to faculty, programs, and resources that support community goals.

Intake Form

Community Catering Program and Rental Facilities

Cater an Event or Meeting for Georgia Tech!

The **Center for Sustainable Communities Research and Education (SCoRE)** Community Catering Program connects local businesses with catering opportunities for Georgia Tech meetings, workshops, and special events. Participating caterers gain exposure to faculty, staff, students, and visitors while SCoRE promotes their services at campus events.

Organizations interested in joining the program or booking a community caterer can contact SCoRE's Community Engagement Manager, Anna Tinoco-Santiago at **atinocosantiago1@gatech.edu**.

Learn More

GivePulse, Georgia Tech's Hub for Volunteerism

Promote your Opportunities to Georgia Tech Students!

As a community organization, **GivePulse** serves as a tool for you to connect with Georgia Tech students for volunteer opportunities, track service hours, and manage community partnerships.

Contact **Civic Engagement's** Director of Civic Engagement, Jayde Nelson, for more details and instructions on promoting your programs at **jnelson324@gatech.edu**.

Get Started



Georgia Tech Arts Presenting 2026 – 2027 Season *Imagine More*

Experience an unforgettable season of live performances at **The Ferst Center**. From acclaimed musicians and family-friendly magic to innovative performances that spark curiosity, Georgia Tech Arts invites audiences to imagine more through world-class artists and extraordinary experiences.

This season, GT Arts is presenting two shows at The Ferst Center specifically designed for elementary-school field trips:

Mario the Maker Magician (November 12 and 13 @ 11 am)

Cat Kid Comic Club (April 20 @ 11 am)

For questions about the season, contact the Ferst Center Box Office at **Tickets@arts.gatech.edu** or 404-894-9600.

Get Tickets

Georgia Tech in the Community



Georgia Tech Summer Institute Creates Pathways to Possibility

Through the **Georgia Tech Summer Institute** (GTSI), 105 rising high school students representing 62 counties, built confidence, explored academic pathways, and prepared for their future higher education. The Georgia Summer Institute is an initiative of Georgia Tech's **Center for Education Integrating Science, Mathematics, and Computing (CEISMC).**

Full Story



Fourth-Generation Atlantan, First-Generation Yellow Jacket

Georgia Tech's division of **Enrollment Management** featured how triple Yellow Jacket, Sybrina Atwaters found her way to Georgia Tech through the generosity and support of the community surrounding her. Today, Atwaters champions those same principles for our next generation of students as the new Executive Director of Undergraduate Education Research and Innovation.

Full Story



Georgia Tech Men's Basketball Team Serve Local Youth

Georgia Tech's men's basketball spent time, serving at the **Atlanta Children's Day Shelter.** During the course of the morning, the team organized learning materials, including arts and crafts, toys, and children essentials, and connecting with the children during outside play.

Full Story



200 Startup Teams Mark a Record-Breaking Year for Entrepreneurship at Georgia Tech

CREATE-X Demo Day features over 100 startups launched through the CREATE-X Startup Launch accelerator. This year, the program surpassed 200 startup teams for the first time, marking the largest cohort in the program's history and highlighting the growing momentum for entrepreneurship.

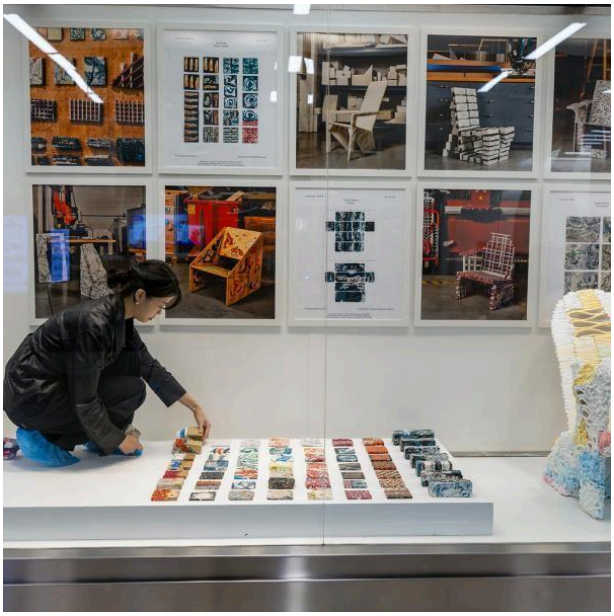
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Building a Foundation for Sustainable Growth with PlantLanta

Through **Georgia Tech's Scheller College of Business** **Pro Bono Consulting Program**, MBA students work alongside Atlanta nonprofits to understand their unique challenges, develop strategic solutions, and create practical tools that can support their long-term impact. Rather than providing a report that would sit on a shelf, the team created a practical toolkit PlantLanta can continue using after the project ends.

Full Story



Art and Tech Take Flight at Atlanta's Airport

Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport and the Georgia Institute of Technology have teamed up on Transport Transform Transcend, a new partnership exhibition that infuses Terminal T (near T14) with innovation—robotics, sound art and sustainable design—curated by Georgia Tech Arts curator and strategist **Birney Robert** and assistant curator Adriana Rosario Pérez.

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Community Engaged Research



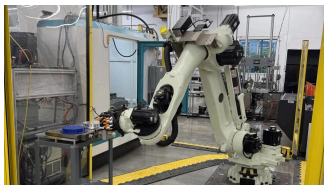
Essie Knows Best: The Lesson Only Nursing Home Residents Can Teach Georgia Tech Design Students

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Georgia Tech Earns National Recognition for Sustainability Innovation

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Georgia Tech to Lead National Cloud Laboratory for Advanced Manufacturing and Materials

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Georgia Tech Engineer Rethinks Supply Chains for Community Resilience

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Twice The House, Half the People - A Center for Urban Research White Paper

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Upcoming Events

Fall 2026 IPaT: GVU Lunch Lecture Speakers

Tuesday, Sept. 22

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

TSQ Clubhouse 848 Spring St NW Atlanta, GA

Launch and Libations: Georgia Tech Space Week Edition

Tuesday, Sept. 22

5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

The Historic Academy of Medicine, 875 W Peachtree St NW, Atlanta, GA

Georgia Tech Space Week

Tuesday, Sept. 22 to Friday, Sept. 25

Multiple Times

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Observatory Public Nights (First Public Night)

Tuesday, Sept. 22

8:30 – 10:30 p.m.

Seven Bridges Plaza, 837 State St NW, Atlanta, 30332

Westside Future Fund Ride for the Westside

Saturday, Sept. 26

8 – 12 p.m.

WFF Campus, 970 Jefferson St. NW, Atlanta

2026 PIN Community Investments Exchange

Thursday, Oct. 1

10 – 2 p.m.

Georgia Municipal Association, 201 Pryor Street Southwest Atlanta, GA

Tech Talks Business Featuring Jim Hannan

Thursday, Oct. 1

5:30 – 7 p.m.

Scheller Tower Tech Square Commons 55 Fifth St NW Atlanta, GA

Avant South 2026: AI in Action

Tuesday, Oct. 12 and Wednesday, Oct. 13

2 – 5 p.m.

Tech Square, 79 5th St Atlanta, GA

Robert C. Williams Museum of Papermaking Virtual Artist Talk

Wednesday, Oct. 14

8 – 9 p.m.

Virtual Location

State of the Watersheds: Metro Atlanta Urban Watersheds Symposium

Wednesday, Oct. 21

8:45 – 4 p.m.

Atlanta Metropolitan State College, 1630 Metropolitan Parkway, Atlanta, GA

Georgia Tech Football vs. Boston College: Homecoming Game

Saturday, Oct. 24

Kick- off TBD

Bobby Dodd Stadium,177 North Ave NW, Atlanta, GA

Georgia Tech Women's Basketball x Education Day

Friday, Nov. 6

10 a.m.

McCamish Pavilion, 965 Fowler St NW, Atlanta, GA

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