Returning Favor Led Trujillo Back to Tech

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Imagine Al Trujillo’s surprise when, as a Georgia Tech student, he received a congratulatory letter (and a hefty check) stating he’d been awarded a scholarship — that he didn’t apply for.

“Dr. Ducoffe was head of Aerospace Engineering when I was an undergrad in the late 70s and early 80s,” said Trujillo, who is now president and chief operating officer of The Georgia Tech Foundation. “He was always pushing me to do more, to the point that I wondered if he really liked me.”

But Trujillo was wrong. Ducoffe was the one who had nominated him for the scholarship.

“I remember telling him how surprised and honored I was that he’d done this,” Trujillo said. “He looked at me and said, ‘I surprised you … maybe you’ll surprise me someday.’”

Years later, Trujillo was sitting in his office overlooking Sydney Harbor in Australia when he received another letter from Tech — this time asking for help in establishing an endowed chair position in Ducoffe’s name.

“I hadn’t been a regularly involved alumnus, but this was a turning point,” Trujillo said. “I reconnected with the Institute as a volunteer with the Alumni Association, a path that led to where I am now.”

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Office 365 Online Services Available

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If you ask Rachel Moorehead, the best-kept secret on campus is just waiting to be found at office365.gatech.edu.

At the beginning of 2014, the Office of Information Technology (OIT) quietly rolled out a series of new services from the Microsoft Office 365 software suite that are now available to all of campus, including Microsoft’s SkyDrive Pro and Microsoft Lync Online.

SkyDrive Pro lets users upload or create files up to 2GB, with total storage capacity of 25GB, and collaborate on those files with people across campus and beyond. Lync Online will enable Web conferencing and instant messaging with anyone in the Georgia Tech system, on or off campus. The system also provides a way to collaborate with people outside of the Tech community using just an

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Computing, ISyE First to Reach Campaign Goals

OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT

In late November, the College of Computing became the first college to reach its goal within the $1.5 billion Campaign Georgia Tech.

The $40 million mark was quietly topped with a commitment from Google in support of faculty research within the School of Computer Science related to monitoring free and open access to information on the Internet.

Days later, the H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering (ISyE) followed suit, becoming the first school to reach its campaign goal. Thanks to a bequest provision from an alumnus, ISyE surpassed $60 million.

These milestones are crossroads of sorts for both. They are at once celebrating great success and also looking ahead to the ongoing philanthropic work that remains. The campaign began in July 2004, with an original goal of $1 billion and a December 2010 conclusion date. That year, the goal was expanded to $1.5 billion and a December 2013 conclusion date. In the two years

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**Tech Launches Africa Atlanta 2014 Initiative**

Rebecca Keane
**Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts**

Arts and culture, innovation, and entrepreneurship—these aren’t concepts that typically come to mind when Americans think of Africa.

But a Georgia Tech-led initiative has ambitious goals to recast narrow and negative perceptions about the continent and highlight Atlanta as a center for action.

“The idea for Africa Atlanta grew out of a conversation over lunch one day when the Allen College of Liberal Arts Dean, Jacqueline Royster, learned that the Royal Museum of Central Africa in Tervuren, Belgium, was closing for renovation and was willing to have pieces from its spectacular collection tour outside of Belgium.

She immediately set about finding partners and funding to bring to Atlanta an exhibition that was being curated for a U.S. tour, KONGO across the WATERS.”

**From our start in 2012, we’ve found tremendous enthusiasm for this project...**

The full schedule of Africa Atlanta 2014 events is available at www.africaatlanta.org.

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Africa Beyond Africa: The Future of Cultural, Social, and Scientific Research Conference (May 16–17): This event will focus on challenges museums face today including uses of science and technology for presentation and representation. See www.africaatlanta.org for registration fees and details.

KONGO across the WATERS (May 17–Sept. 21): Art and artifacts from the Royal Museum for Central Africa explore connections between the art and culture of the Kongo peoples and African-American art in the United States at Jimmy Carter Library and Museum. Tickets are $8.

View the full schedule of events: www.africaatlanta.org

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**Take 5: Al Trujillo**

Five facts about Tech’s newest president and chief operating officer of The Georgia Tech Foundation.

- **Hometown:** Miami, Fla.
- **Childhood Dream:** To play third base for the Baltimore Orioles.
- **Favorite Spot on Campus:** Outside Clough Commons by the outdoor sculptures.
- **Best Lunch Spot:** The Spence.
- **In His Spare Time:** Trujillo owns a small farm east of Atlanta where he and his family enjoy tending to an old plantation house, horses, cows, and timber trails.

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Australia that prompted my re-involvement with Tech, moving to Norcross enabled me to be a more active participant, even through the Alumni Association as a trustee and then chairman, and later as a trustee to The Foundation,” he added.

**SPREADING THE WORD**

“So what does The Foundation do?” This is the No. 1 question that Trujillo has heard since stepping into his new role. The Foundation has three main duties:

- **Receive and manage funds.** The Foundation has approximately $1.7 billion in assets, with $1.4 billion of it in investments. (The unit has its own in-house investment team to assist in the decision-making process.) “It’s income from this $1.4 billion that helps pay for scholarships, faculty chairs, and institute infrastructure,” Trujillo added.
- **Follow donors’ wishes.** “It’s our job to ensure that money is distributed in a way that is consistent with our donors’ wishes,” he said. “Sometimes their directions aren’t the most convenient, but we need to follow them.”
- **Manage the giving database.** The Foundation oversees the major database that everyone on campus — from the Office of Development to Athletics — uses to identify and work with donors.

**A DAY ON THE JOB**

One of the most satisfying parts of Trujillo’s job is being around students — something that wasn’t a fact of life in other leadership positions he’s served in.

“Working in a higher education environment was one of the things that appealed most to me about this role,” Trujillo said. “Whether it’s getting to guest lecture for a class or meeting with a student I’ve mentored to help him mull over job options, I love these opportunities.”

In addition to meeting with students, Trujillo spends his days reviewing the investment results for The Foundation and serving on a number of Institute committees, such as those for the Alumni Association, Athletics, Arts Council, and Facilities.

“I joined a well-run organization, but there are always opportunities for improvement, and I will be looking for ways to run the Foundation even more efficiently,” he said. “I also look forward to finding new ways to leverage The Foundation’s resources in support of Georgia Tech and am always open to suggestions from the campus community. So, if you have feedback, please don’t hesitate to let me know.”
Postdoc Services Introduces New Resources

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INSTITUTE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Since opening last fall, Tech’s Office of Postdoctoral Services has been connecting the dots among postdoctoral fellows, faculty mentors, and the administration by hosting networking events, orientation sessions, and workshops.

Now the office is launching a website featuring resources for postdoctoral fellows and faculty mentors.

“The website will be a one-stop-shop for information regarding policies, career development resources, benefits, grants and fellowships, and mentoring,” said Jana Stone, who started last September as the first manager of the Office of Postdoctoral Services.

“We want the website — and the Office of Postdoctoral Services — to be a resource for postdoctoral fellows and faculty,” Stone said. “Incoming postdocs can learn about what to expect at Georgia Tech, current postdocs can learn about career opportunities and how to apply for grants and fellowships, and faculty mentors can review best practices.”

The Office of Postdoctoral Services, which is under the Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Faculty Affairs, is charged by the Office of the Provost to invest in the culture of postdoctoral fellows, also called “postdocs,” to help build their skills so that they can move on to rewarding permanent positions. A postdoc holds a doctoral degree, is in a temporary position pursuing research, with a faculty mentor, and is acquiring the professional skills needed for career advancement. Of the 355 postdocs at Tech, half are in the College of Engineering and one-third are in the College of Sciences.

“The excitement from around the campus about the creation of the postdoc office has been striking,” said Susan Cozzens, vice provost of Graduate Education and Faculty Affairs. “Postdocs are key to the success of many of our research areas. To attract the best, we need to offer a strong range of career development opportunities and favorable conditions of work. We want our postdoctoral scholars to move into productive career pathways and become ambassadors who build Georgia Tech’s international reputation.”

In addition to launching and maintaining a new website, the Office of Postdoctoral Services has several other projects underway, including:

• Collaborating with the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning to offer a Tech to Teaching workshop based on the principles of learner-centered teaching.
• Creating a road map of activities for postdocs to follow, from the initial conversation to career development.
• Writing a strategic plan that will address postdocs’ concerns identified in the Campus Climate Survey and a 2011 survey of postdocs.
• We’re looking for other opportunities to collaborate across campus and also with other institutions and organizations,” said Stone, who is vice-chair of the National Postdoctoral Association’s 2014 meeting. “We welcome all suggestions that will help us improve the postdoctoral experience at Georgia Tech.”

http://postdocs.gatech.edu

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email address.

During town halls held last year, central messages from attendees included the desire for a global collaboration suite with more storage space, a better way to edit and collaborate in real time, and ways to help people stay connected. All of those concerns are being addressed with these new services.

“The 25 gigs of storage space is a big selling piece,” said Moorhead, systems support engineer in OIT who’s been shepherding the rollout of these new services. “I know a lot of departments are very interested in the instant messaging service, especially for those who telework.”

Those with concerns about privacy can rest assured that Tech, not a third-party vendor, secures the information.

“We own all our data and have complete control over it,” Moorhead said. All information is protected and supported by Tech, meaning OIT can assist with any potential issues, instead of having to refer users to an external entity.

One of the facets of Tech’s 25-year strategic plan is that its “technologies, including information technology/computing power, must facilitate service and innovation.” As the Institute aspires to be a world leader in higher education, OIT is doing its part to provide systems that serve not only Tech’s goals and strategies but also its people.

Office 365 will be integrated with the campus directory, so users can find each other and start collaborating without knowing someone’s email address.

It also works on all mobile devices and tablets, allowing users to maintain the intended integrity of their documents back and forth among desktop applications, mobile applications, and the cloud. The software is cloud-based and available for download at office365.gatech.edu

http://office365.gatech.edu

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2002 Mazda Protegé 5. Blue. $3,300 OBO. One owner; 206,368 miles, all maintenance up to date. Power steering, four-door hatchback, FWD, power windows/door locks. Call 678-701-7202 or email igacurly2@gmail.com.


2011 Chrysler 200 Convertible (metallic blue/tan interior). 56,000 miles. Excellent condition. $15,000. Call Sheila at 404-610-9649 or email scrofani@gatech.edu.

2008 Acura RDX 4WD with Tech Pkg. 73,000 miles, bronze pearl, navigation, sunroof, back-up camera, satellite radio, leather, dealer maintained, power seats, windows, roof rack, and more. Excellent condition ($17,900). Email ad1@facilities.gatech.edu.

For a more comprehensive listing of events updated daily, visit www.gatech.edu/calendar

EVENTS

TRAINING

February 5
A course on defensive driving will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Crescent Room, Student Center Commons. Register at trains.gatech.edu.

The Office of Emergency Preparedness will offer training on weather hazards and precautions at 11 a.m., location TBA. Register at trains.gatech.edu.

February 12
A course on CPR/AED/First Aid will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Crescent Room, Student Center Commons. Register at trains.gatech.edu.

February 18
A Crime Prevention 101 class will be offered from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the Manufacturing Research Building Auditorium. Register at trains.gatech.edu.

MISCELLANEOUS

February 7
The Language Cafe provides a great opportunity for English speakers to practice their foreign language skills with Language Institute students. The cafe meets at the picnic tables in front of the O’Keefe Building from noon to 2 p.m. In case of rain or cold, it will meet upstairs in the lounge. http://esl.gatech.edu

Quarterly Clergy Alert Update

Knowledge is power when it comes to not being a victim of a crime. This map shows where crimes that merited a Clergy Alert (distributed to warn about crimes that represent threats to the campus community) occurred between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31.

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**Buzzworthy Achievements**

**INSTITUTE COMMUNICATIONS**

The following Georgia Tech employees and units have received honors in recent months:

- **Hermann Fritz**, associate professor in the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, has won the 2014 Pulin Medal from the European Geosciences Union.

- **Tom Conte**, professor in the School of Computer Science, was elected the 2014 president-elect of the Computer Society of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. **David Bader**, professor in the School of Computational Science and Engineering and executive director of High-Performance Computing at Georgia Tech, was appointed to the organization’s Board of Governors.

- **Golf team coach Bruce Hubbell** is being inducted into the Golf Coaches Hall of Fame.

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that remain, Tech will continue to focus on meeting core institutional needs — student support, faculty support, and facilities construction and equipment.

During the past nine years, private philanthropy has enabled the College of Computing at ISyE to increase the number of endowed faculty; increase the number of merit- and need-based scholarships; to attract the brightest, most talented students; and ensure that its facilities, laboratories, and learning spaces are on the cutting edge of technology. Notably, ISyE was named during Campaign Georgia Tech — in 2006, the result of a $20 million commitment from alumnus Milton Stewart and his wife, Carolyn, making it the fourth named school within the College of Engineering.

This good news gives both units a well-deserved moment to pause and celebrate these accomplishments. **Dean Zvi Black** and **Dean and John P. Imray Chair of Computing**, took the helm in 2010 following the successful eight-year tenure of Dean Rich DeMillo. Under their leadership, and with the hard work and commitment of Senior Development Director **Mary Alice Isel**, Development Associate **Meg Poitevint**, and former Development Directors **Juan McGruder** and **Christina Pearson**, the College of Computing has achieved something great.

In ISyE, Development Director **Nancy S. Sandlin** has worked tirelessly to nurture relationships, communicate aspirations, and connect individuals, corporations, and foundations to the school, harnessing the support of colleagues along the way. **Jane Ammons**, the H. Milton Stewart and Carolyn J. Stewart School Chair, said, “What is and has been crucial in maintaining our reputation as one of the best industrial and systems engineering programs in the world is the philanthropic support from our alumni and friends.” She added, “Their generosity has been the difference maker, without question.”

Building on this success will be the focus during the next two years, as Campaign Georgia Tech winds to a close. Galli emphasized, “There are pressing and continuing needs within the college — from adding significantly more endowed faculty chairs and professorships to renovating the College of Computing Building and naming the college — and they cannot be met without the support that comes from private philanthropy. Nor can the College reach its highest aspirations without meeting those pressing needs. We’re just getting warmed up.”

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**MARGARET TATE**
**INSTITUTE COMMUNICATIONS**

“Adopt a Tech kitten or cat … Nature does not have a void.”

The short answer to that question is yes. “Every place has cats,” said Marilyn Smith, professor in the School of Aerospace Engineering. “No matter where. It’s a fact, but it doesn’t have to be a problem — and that’s where Smith and other volunteers come in. This small, unof

- **John F. Pringle**, professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and executive director of the Georgia Tech Research Institute, was elected to the National Academy of Engineering.

- **The Whistle** classifieds has left the beaten path to avoid compromising the campus aesthetic — to inspire students and community members to become more involved in the community.

- **Adopt a Tech kitten or cat … Nature does not have a void.”

- **Fancy chest of drawers with rounded-top doors closing over the top. These draw

**Community News**

**Volunteers Keep Cat Population in Check**

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Fancy chest of drawers with rounded-top doors closing over the top. These drawers**

- **This young female was recently captured and treated according to the trap, neuter, release method prescribed by the Humane Society for controlling cat populations on college campuses and similar environments.**

- **Awards for this feature are accepted on an ongoing basis. Provide name, title, unit, and honor (spelling out acronyms) to editor@comm.gatech.edu.**