Move-In Begins August 13

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Campus will be jolted from its summer slumber Thursday, Aug. 13, as new students arrive to begin their careers as Yellow Jackets.

New students will converge on campus with parents, futons, and mini-fridges in tow. Heavier traffic and congested paths and roadways, as well as parking in East campus areas, will likely result and continue into Friday. Beginning at 6:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 13, vehicular traffic on Techwood Drive between Fourth Street and North Avenue will be restricted only to those who are actively moving into campus housing. Those traveling southbound on Techwood will be redirected down Fourth Street toward Peters Parking Deck if they are not involved in move-in; cars on North Avenue will be sent further west on North and can access campus from Cherry Street or Tech Parkway. Access along Techwood will resume as usual at 6 p.m.

As you traverse campus, both in vehicles and on foot, take a moment to see if you need help getting somewhere and welcome them to Georgia Tech. Some students who need to be on campus for activities or want to beat the crowds may begin moving in starting Monday, Aug. 10. Move-in activities will progress throughout the weekend, with most upperclassmen and graduate students arriving Saturday and Sunday.

Who Makes Up the Class of 2015?

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| COUNTRIES | 64 |
| STATES | 49 |
| GA COUNTIES | 86 |
| HIGH SCHOOLS | 1,400+ |

40% FEMALE

60% MALE

AFRICAN-AMERICAN 7%

HISPANIC 8%

OTHER/UNKNOWN 7%

TWO OR MORE 4%

ASIAN 25%

CAUCASIAN 40%

TOTAL APPLICATIONS 28,999

ADMIT RATE 27,676

Safety Space Trainings Build Campus Ally Network

LGBTQIA Resource Center Offers Sessions Monthly

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As resources and benefits continue to grow and expand for LGBTQIA students and employees, so too does the demand for training on how best to support colleagues and students.

When Aby Parsons became director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and Ally (LGBTQIA) Resource Center in 2014, she made it a goal to update the curriculum of the Safe Space training program to meet growing interest from the campus community.

Parsons presented the new curriculum at a training last month, and in the fall and spring semesters, the LGBTQIA Resource Center will offer monthly trainings to faculty and staff.

Launched in 2001 by Stephanie Ray, associate dean of students and director of Student Diversity Programs, Safe Space is Georgia Tech’s LGBTQIA ally training program for faculty, staff, and supporters. Featuring the new curriculum, each four-hour Safe Space training will be an interactive opportunity for participants to explore, discuss, and practice how to be an ally to their LGBTQIA colleagues and students.

“When many Safe Space programs focus on offering one-on-one support, our program looks at allyship as a whole,” said Parsons. “We want participants to leave this training program thinking about updating workplace policies, using more inclusive language, and educating themselves and others, so they can truly make a difference at Georgia Tech and beyond.”

The updated Safe Space curriculum addresses seven key learning goals relating to language, privilege and oppression, identity development, "allyship," advocacy, policies, and resources. The training program also examines how gender and sexuality intersect with race, disability, education level, socioeconomic status, and age to impact the lives of LGBTQIA faculty.
Hirsch to Take Leading Role in Serve•Learn•Sustain

New Office Will Guide Sustainable Communities Work

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To implement Georgia Tech’s new quality enhancement plan (QEP) for student learning, Serve•Learn•Sustain, Georgia Tech is establishing a new unit within the Office of Undergraduate Education and welcoming its inaugural director.

Beginning August 17, Jennifer Hirsch will join Tech as director of the Sustainable Communities Educational Initiatives Office (SCEO). The office is part of the Institute’s plan to institutionalize Serve•Learn•Sustain and will be physically co-located with the Center for Academic Enrichment in Clough Commons.

Hirsch is an applied cultural anthropologist specializing in sustainable communities. Based in Chicago, Hirsch has worked at Northwestern University, The Field Museum, and most recently as an independent consultant. Over the past eight years she has focused on bringing together diverse populations, including students, administrators, faculty, policymakers, and community leaders, to build on community assets to address community sustainability challenges. She also has experience in higher education administration, focusing on international and experiential education.

“I couldn’t be more excited about moving to Atlanta and Georgia Tech to launch Serve•Learn•Sustain,” Hirsch said. “This innovative initiative is destined to become a national model for university engagement in sustainability, as an environmental, social, and economic imperative. It is an honor to be involved from the very beginning.”

The search committee for Hirsch’s position included students, administrators, and faculty from all six colleges.

“The committee recognized that Dr. Hirsch’s specialization in community sustainability, asset-based community development, and network building — as well as experience working with communities, municipalities, museums, universities, and business to address sustainability challenges from a socio-technical perspective — made her an ideal candidate for this new role,” said Colin Potts, vice provost for Undergraduate Education. “I am excited to have her joining the Office of Undergraduate Education.”

Serve•Learn•Sustain is Tech’s new QEP, a key component for reaffirmation of accreditation in which a university must develop a long-term plan to support student learning that also reflects the Institute’s mission. Serve•Learn•Sustain will improve undergraduate education by developing academic courses and experiences that combine community engagement with sustainability.

“One of my first orders of business will be meeting with people across campus and Atlanta to explore how sustainability is related to their disciplines, their work, their lives, and other things they care about,” Hirsch said. “Anyone who would like to grab a cup of coffee should please give me a call!”

www.serve-learn-sustain.gatech.edu

Meet the Author

Garbology author Edward Humes will be on campus Thursday, Oct. 1, to give a lecture in the Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons.

Garbology is the theme for this year’s Project One, and the selection committee has chosen Garbology: Our Dirty Love Affair with Trash by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Edward Humes as the common reading.

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“With Garbology, students will have the opportunity to work together to see how they can impact sustainability on our campus and beyond,” said Lacy Hodges, Academic Transition Programs Manager in the Center for Academic Enrichment.

Garbology presents the history and statistics behind America’s staggering “garbage addiction” — an average of 102 tons of trash per person — and invites readers to consider not only the waste crisis in the U.S., but also the opportunities this crisis presents for sustainability and community engagement.

All incoming students receive a copy of Garbology in their FASET Orientation materials, and the book will be used in GT 1000, ENGL 1101, and ENGL 1102 classes this fall. In addition to its presence in this year’s fall curriculum, Project One will support Georgia Tech’s new quality enhancement plan (QEP), Serve•Learn•Sustain, and provide all members of the Georgia Tech community with opportunities to develop innovative solutions to sustainability issues and to create a more sustainable campus community.

“The book will provide students with a broad introduction to some of the important learning outcomes of Serve•Learn•Sustain,” said Steven Gihatdost, associate vice provost for Undergraduate Education.

There will be a number of events on campus this fall and spring to connect students to Garbology and sustainability on campus, including a campus visit from Edward Humes, the book’s author. Humes will give a plenary talk for Georgia Tech students, faculty, and staff on sustainability on October 1 in Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons.

Learn more about Project One and upcoming Garbology-related events at www.c.gatech.edu/projectone.

Jennifer Hirsch
Stein Dedicates Career to Education

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John Stein, who has worked at Tech since 2002 and been dean of students since 2006, spends a lot of time on campus.

In addition to a regular (or not so regular) work week, he attends weekly evening meetings of the Student Government Association as the group’s advisor — meetings that can sometimes run into the wee hours of the morning — and many weekend activities that occur during the academic year. He is on call 24/7 when students are in trouble or during an emergency situation, and meets with around 100 students per semester for various reasons. He even voluntarily teaches GT 1000, the first-year seminar course, and will teach it for the 14th time this fall.

After nine years on the job, though, he still feels blessed by his work.

“I’ve never questioned or regretted what I’m doing,” he said. “As much as you give, you get that much back.”

As Stein’s position, he is now also vice president of the newly named Division of Student Life. While some would balk at the added responsibility, Stein feels privileged to be the one representing students at this level of the administration.

Stein got his start in the student affairs world working in campus housing, eventually transitioning into a role at Skidmore College that combined residency with clinical care and mental health issues.

“It was the perfect training ground for being a dean,” he said. “I learned to sit with things in a reasonable and comfortable way.”

After leaving Skidmore, he worked at two small private colleges, Manhattanville College and Sarah Lawrence College. Stein stepped down to find a position that was more suitable for his stage of life — at the time, he had two young children, but was seeing more of everyone else’s kids than his own. The experience led to a life lesson that, no matter the opinions of others, you have to make your own decisions.

“Everyone told me not to step down,” he said. “They were people I trusted who gave good advice. I knew what I had to do, though. No one understands your circumstances better than you do.”

When he found the position at Georgia Tech to be director of Success Programs, it was “a dream job.” He, his wife, and two children (now both in their 20s) moved to Atlanta without ever having visited.

“It was all the things I had loved and been involved in when I was in college,” he said. As an undergraduate psychology major at State University of New York at Oneonta, Stein had been heavily involved in many activities on campus, including as an orientation leader, admissions tour guide, and teaching assistant. He was considering graduate school in psychology when a conversation with the assistant vice president of student affairs proposed the idea of a career in higher education.

“That conversation planted the seed,” he said.

Staying Balanced

Outside of his on-campus responsibilities, Stein has managed to find the time to run 11 half marathons and one full marathon since taking up running at age 30. He started out

- running for a half marathon. His wife told him he was crazy. His son once came looking for him when he had been out running too long (so Stein's credit, he was fine — it was just a long run). Even when he's not training for a race, he participates in a weekly running group on Saturday mornings.

“Running keeps me balanced,” he said. “If I can do it, anyone can do it.”

Once a year he uses running to fundraise for cystic fibrosis, to which he has a family connection, and has personally raised more than $30,000 through his efforts (much of which he credits to generous Georgia Tech colleagues).

Thanks to a move to a new house two years ago that backs up to a lake, Stein can now practice two of his other favorite hobbies, kayaking and fishing, right in his own back yard.

He also loves movies and books, particularly memoirs of lesser-known individuals. His favorite book, though, is To Kill A Mockingbird — and not just because of Harper Lee’s new release (which he has, but has not yet read.)

Staying Inspired

Stein’s wife, Sue, jokes that he never really left home.

Stein has dedicated his career to education in hopes that it can do for others what it has done for him — and because he loves to keep learning. As a first-generation college student, coming from a single-parent family of four, Stein places a high value on the transformational role of education. He credits it, plus mentors and hard work, for getting him to this point.

Though his job revolves around serving students, the larger Tech community also keeps Stein going. He gives other Tech employees the same advice he gives his GT 1000 students: explore that all Tech has to offer.

“Go do something you don’t even think you’re interested in. Go to a sporting event or a poetry reading,” he said. “This is a place that’s on the rise. To be involved in a place on that trajectory is a privilege.”

In a field where he’s always on call and often dealing with other people’s problems, he avoids burnout by drawing inspiration from the students he serves.

“I get to know so many students’ stories,” he said. “Seeing those students walk across the stage at Commencement and knowing the stamina and resiliency it takes to get to that point, it’s inspiring.”

Victim-Survivor Advocates Added to Health Promotion Team

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INSTITUTE COMMUNICATIONS

The Center for Community Health and Wellbeing took another step forward in July with the hiring of two new positions on campus.

Katy Bertee and Jennifer Gagen have been hired as Georgia Tech’s first full-time sexual assault victim-survivor advocates in the office of Health Promotion. Both have worked in the field and have experience in similar roles.

Bertee comes from a background of working in community-based sexual assault and domestic violence centers throughout the state of Florida. Gagen previously held a similar position at Florida State University.

The two are tasked with providing ongoing support, crisis counseling, and advocacy services to students who have experienced sexual violence and unwanted sexual experiences.

They will also provide educational opportunities, aim to reduce barriers to reporting, and work with campus administrators to ensure a consistent and comprehensive approach to addressing sexual assault.

“Having Jennifer and Katy on board helps expand the mission of VOICE to create a campus culture that encourages respect, communication, and equity among the Georgia Tech community,” said Vladimir Oge, director of Health Promotion. “As victim-survivor advocates, they offer us the increased capacity and expertise needed to serve students who have experienced sexual violence, while also helping to create a campus environment that is survivor-supportive.”

Advocacy services were previously provided by the Women’s Resource Center (WRC). The WRC will continue to partner with VOICE, the campus sexual violence prevention initiative.

Tech’s wellness initiative was formalized at the beginning of 2015. It was born out of recommendations from the Mental Health Task Force and Sexual Violence Task Force that met during recent years to evaluate opportunities for growth and improvement in these areas on campus. The intent is to provide more centralized services and information to the campus community, and to take a more holistic and inclusive approach to wellness.

The search is also underway for a director for the new center. This position will oversee the Campus Recreation Center, Stamps Health Services, and Health Promotion. To learn more about the VOICE initiative, visit www.voice.gatech.edu
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and staff.

“Safe Space is engaging and effective at increasing the knowledge, self-awareness, and skills necessary to support the LGBTQIA community,” said Erin English, staff therapist and collegiate recovery program coordinator in the Counseling Center who participated in a recent training. “It is an invaluable resource; I cannot recommend it highly enough.”

To offer more training programs, Parsons recruited seven new facilitators from the Offices of Admissions, Health Promotion, Housing, and Student Life who will lead each session. Safe Space will be offered on September 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., October 22 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., and November 23 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Additional trainings can also be set up for groups or departments. To register or learn how to request a training, visit www.safespace.gatech.edu

Parsons’ office and the LGBTQIA Resource Center, part of the Office of Student Life and Institute Diversity, are located in Room 138, Smithgall Student Services (Flag) Building.

— Sara Warner, Office of Student Life, contributed to this story.

Lecture Series Honors Professor’s Legacy

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Through a gift of $150,000 from an anonymous donor, the College of Computing will commemorate Alberto Apostolico, who died July 20, by inviting a notable individual to campus annually to discuss a pertinent topic related to computers in society.

“This lecture series honors Alberto for achieving prominence in all aspects of his life,” the donor said in a written statement. “It recognizes Alberto’s excellence as a scholar, his compassion as a teacher, his success in mentoring graduate students, and his zest for living. Alberto was a gentleman of the old school, a gracious man, brilliant scholar, and an exemplary human being.”

The gift was made by a private family foundation in the Southeastern U.S. that is devoted to encouraging innovation in science and technology education. It was in progress before Apostolico’s passing, and he was humbled by the gesture.

“It will be a personal honor to steward this lecture series and remember Alberto in such a fitting way,” said Zvi Galil, dean of the College of Computing. “His boundless curiosity and interest in the broad impact of computing are what we want to see continue.”

Apostolico held joint appointments with Georgia Tech’s School of Computational Science and Engineering and School of Interactive Computing as a researcher and professor. Prolific in the field of algorithmic design and application, Apostolico conducted research and taught across three continents, jointly securing three patents, held visiting or permanent appointments at 17 universities throughout his career, founded and steered notable international conferences, and published no fewer than 177 books, articles, and papers in his lifetime.

“Alberto was the ultimate raconteur,” said Galil. “He gave fantastic talks that included lots of history and culture. We collaborated in research and in organizing workshops and conferences. He later played a major role in attracting me to Georgia Tech. He was above all my friend and I cherished his company.”

Apostolico earned his first degree in electronic engineering from the University of Naples, graduating summa cum laude. He soon completed a second degree in computer science from the University of Salerno (also graduating summa cum laude), then taught in Italy for eight years before coming to the U.S. as an associate professor at Purdue University. He joined Georgia Tech as a professor in 2005. His wife, Concettina “Titti” Guerra, also teaches in Georgia Tech’s School of Interactive Computing.

“Alberto was a true scholar,” said Annie Antón, chair of Georgia Tech’s School of Computational Science and Engineering and School of Interactive Computing. “He was a good citizen, always kind, and he always said yes when asked for assistance.”

Apostolico received research grants from seven nations and multi-national organizations such as Fulbright, NATO, and ESPRIT. In 2006, he was one of four scientists assigned to the B. Segre Interdisciplinary Institute of Accademia dei Lincei (“Galilei Academy”) in Rome, and was dedicated a special issue by the journal Theoretical Computer Science.

“When I will miss most about Alberto is his enthusiastic love for teaching,” said David Bader, chair of the School of Computational Science and Engineering. “He truly lived each day for the gift of sharing his knowledge in the classroom.”

Mark Your Calendars

As a new academic year draws near, be sure to note the dates for the special events that await.

New Student Convocation
August 16, 2015
5 to 6 p.m.
McCamish Pavilion

President’s Institute Address
Thursday, August 27, 2015
11 a.m. to noon
Room 152, Clough Commons

Retirement Dinner
Thursday, November 5, 2015
6 to 8:30 p.m.
Historic Academy of Medicine at Georgia Tech

Fall Commencement
Ph.D. Hooding Ceremony
Friday, December 11, 2015
10 to 11:30 a.m.
McCamish Pavilion

President’s Graduation Celebration
Friday, December 11, 2015
3 to 5 p.m.
Student Center Ballroom

Ph.D./Master’s Ceremony
Friday, December 11, 2015
7 to 9 p.m.
McCamish Pavilion

Undergraduate Ceremony
Saturday, December 12, 2015
9 a.m. to noon
McCamish Pavilion
Ticketed event

www.specialevents.gatech.edu

REAL ESTATE/ROOMMATES

Home for sale: 1834 Marietta Rd.
NW, Atlanta, GA 30318. Ranch home with large kitchen and huge private deck. Minutes to I-75, I-285, Georgia Tech, and Georgia State Style. Near Dunwoody neighborhood. $188K. Call 678-776-1890.

2BR furnished apartment for rent off Smyrna Powder Springs Rd. in Marietta. $1,200/mo. includes all utilities, cable, and Internet. Contact Larry, 404-717-2004.

Sabbatical luxury condo rental in Midtown. 2BR/2BA, split roommate plan on Piedmont Park w/ pool, amenities. Available beginning Aug. 15 or Sept. 1 through May 2016. Furnished. $2,300. Details of R&R living www.housesforrent.com. Contact someres@gmail.com for pictures/interest.

Items for sale: wooden entertainment center, about 3’ x 4’, $125, location in house. Left side has shelves, glass door. Center holds TV, bottom has shelf with two doors. Right has rotating door with DVD/ VHS storage space. $40. Two wooden bookcases, each 6’ tall x 2’ wide x 1’ deep, $20 each. Contact Ruby, 404-388-3946.

New Swanowski bee pins. Several available, $32 each. Jet and sunflower crystals, yellow front and back, rhodium plating. Contact Leslie for pictures at lhalter.seattle@gmail.com.

Current wearable activity tracker (e.g., Fitbit One, Jawbone UP, etc.) users needed for a questionnaire and interview-based study. Participants will be compensated $20 for two hours of their time. Contact kimberlyyprussell@gatech.edu.

Simmons Beaushape Vanderbilt Collection (Firm) king mattress and box spring. 6 years old with only 3 years of daily use. Frame and custom handmade headboard included. Minor stains from moving. $300 OBO. Email clal.coen@gatech.edu for pictures or interest.

Automobiles

2002 Silver Honda Accord. 4-door sedan, automatic transmission. AC. New catalytic converter, new brake pads, just had oil change. Problem-free, reliable, and in great condition. 192k miles. $2,800. Email tal.coen@gatech.edu.

1998 Acura Integra, automatic red w/ black leather interior. New tires. CA, auxiliary USB audio interfaces (iPhone optimized), 160K miles, $1,000. For questions or pictures, email noeholstei@gmail.com.

2008 Red Honda Civic EX-L 2-door coupe. 39K miles, one owner, excellent condition. Air, sunroof, heated leather seats, premium sound system. Just had 40K maintenance. $12,750. Call Ed, 404-441-2880.

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