

2016-2017 Parent Fund Report

Each year, the parents and families of Georgia Tech students contribute philanthropic support that is used to enhance the lives of students on campus. This assistance covers a wide range of activities that include providing basic necessities like food and housing, supporting individual students professional and educational growth, and allowing student organizations to better enrich the campus and community as a whole. The Parents Fund has distributed over \$170,000.00 this year directly supporting the students. It provided funding for more than 30 individual students to attend professional development, leadership conferences, and community service events. Additionally it helped to sponsor over 50 events, listed below, hosted by student organizations here on campus. We at the Parent Fund hope your student was able to or will be able to participate in some of these events and thank you all for your continued support.

October 2016

KNIT Mentorship Program

Organized by the New Student and Sophomore Programs, the KNIT (Knowledge, Nurture, Interaction, and Tradition) creates one on one relationships between incoming students and upperclassmen mentors who assist with their transition into Georgia Tech. They focus on building knowledge through academic support and advice, nurturing the personal growth of incoming students by providing them leadership opportunities, increasing interactions with one on one mentoring, and building engagement with the important Tech traditions.

Ramblin' Reck Club's Mini-500

The Mini 500 is an annual tricycle race around Peters Parking Deck that occurs on the Friday afternoon before the homecoming football game. It is one of Georgia Tech's most unique traditions put on by Ramblin' Reck Club since 1969. Teams are comprised of seven members: 4 to take turns as the driver and three on the pit crew. This year, thanks to the Parents Fund, a chip timing system was added to the tricycles to increase safety and help increase the involvement of the student body.

Moon Festival

Hosted by the Vietnamese Student Association, the Moon Festival is a celebration of Southeast Asian culture. It features food, games, dance performances, fashion shows, a traditional lion dance. It is free for students and is the primary cultural showcase for the Southeast Asian Student Association.

Step Show

The National Pan-Hellenic Council's Georgia Tech Homecoming Step Show features performances from 9 NPHC organizations, five fraternities and four sororities. The participating fraternities and sororities presented a unique 10-minute stepping/acting performance, each with its own creative theme. Such themes in the past have included The Matrix, a zombie apocalypse, Star Wars, and the NBA Finals. It attracts students, faculty, alumni, friends, and other persons affiliated with NPHC organizations and promotes interaction and intermingling among the campus community as a whole.

Community Service Day

Established in 1997, TEAM Buzz Community Service Day is an event at Georgia Tech that annually brings over 1,500 students, faculty, staff, and alumni together. Participants engage in numerous service projects throughout the Atlanta area in partnership with over fifty local nonprofit agencies and organizations. Volunteers attended a kickoff rally and a concluding celebration in order to both applaud the year round efforts of volunteers in our community, as well as to learn more about volunteering opportunities on campus and in the Atlanta area.



Step into STEM

Junior STEM hosted their first annual Step into STEM event for K-12 Students from the metro Atlanta area. These boys and girls come to learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math on Georgia Tech's campus. There are fun hands-on STEM demonstrations and speakers that provide information on STEM careers and the opportunities available in these areas.

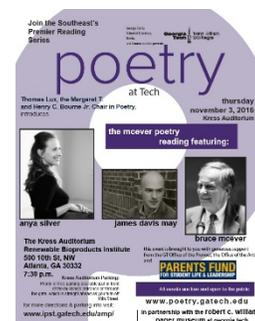
WRECKless Concert

The WRECKless mission is to provide Georgia Tech students with a safe and fun environment while raising quality of life and school spirit on campus. Their motto is "Good clean fun" and to this end they hosted the band "Judah and the Lion" on campus for a free concert.

November 2016

Poetry at Tech

Poetry at Tech was created in 2000 by two Georgia Tech Alums who believed that Georgia Tech students should gain exposure to poetry. It has brought poetry readings to thousands of Tech students through the year who would not otherwise have had this opportunity to broaden their horizons and learn additional ways to express their own creativity. Last year, the Poetry at Tech events reached over 1000 students and this year support from the Parents Fund has allowed them to include additional poets so it will reach even more.



Cure your Cravings

This annual event brings Chinese food and performers to campus as it builds awareness for Chinese adoptees and special needs Chinese orphans requiring medical attention. The event partners the Georgia Tech China Care foundation with local Asian-American companies and organizations so that students can advocate professionally for the cause. It provides them with excellent real world experiences and helps to support a great cause important to so many Georgia Tech students.

American Medical Student Association Frosty Run

The American Medical Student Association is committed to building awareness and providing support for AID Atlanta, one of the largest HIV/AIDS services in the Southeast. Open to all members of the Georgia Tech community, the event is organized entirely by AMSA members as a way to help AID Atlanta while promoting healthy living and fostering community involvement.

Art Makers Fair

This 3 day event included free workshops throughout campus that celebrated the intersection between arts, technology, and engineering. The Arts at Tech initiative is working to bridge the gap between the arts and technology to allow students to express themselves and solve problems in a creative way. These

workshops not only meet that goal, but they also taught useful skills to students, such as introduction to 3D printing, laser cutting, and website design.

Transfer Student Association Social

This event provides transfer students with a casual environment to meet other Georgia Tech transfer students and build a support network as they transition into a new school. It also includes the election of officers for the organization and helps to build engagement and provide leadership opportunities to new transfer students at Georgia Tech.

Tech the Halls

Each year, Tech the Halls looks to strengthen the bond between Georgia Tech and the surrounding community by giving back to the underprivileged children of Atlanta. The event sends Tech students, in the form of mentors, to a local Target with the underprivileged children for holiday shopping. Afterwards, they come back to campus for a tour and fun and games in the Campus Recreation Center and the Student Center.

Night Market

Night markets around the world are stunning displays of life, color, and energy that feature street food, art, music, and carnival games. The Georgia Tech International Ambassadors hosts a Night Market to celebrate culture from around the world. There were vendors selling products for charity, performers, as well as food and drink from all over the world.

Thanksgiving Dinner at the Catholic Center

Every year, the Catholic Center at Georgia Tech hosts a free Thanksgiving Day Lunch that is open to the entire Georgia Tech Community, most especially to those who have nowhere to go for a traditional Thanksgiving Day Dinner. All preparations for this lunch are done by student volunteers and the event provides them an opportunity to give back to their peers in meaningful way.

December 2016

Midnight Breakfast

The long-running Student Center Programs Council Midnight Breakfast features pancakes, grits, eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, coffee, orange juice, and more! It takes place on the Tuesday night of finals week from 10pm - midnight and features faculty and staff serving breakfast to students to give them a break from studying as they prepare for exams. This fall, Georgia Tech President Bud Peterson attended and was able to spend time serving pancakes and meeting students.



January 2017

Georgia Tech Symphony Presents: Café Momus

Café Momus seeks to create a total-art presentation of the Russian legend of a soldier, told through Igor Stravinsky's "Soldier's Tale", who sold his soul to the devil. They used a cutting-edge combination of music, theater, dance, and staging design. Georgia Tech student musicians gained an understanding of the arts industry, from operational management to collaboration with various fields, exposing them to a broad range of artworks and developing an appreciation of integration of art, science, and technology that enriched and informed individual career success and leadership development.

February 2017

Islamic Awareness Month

Islamic Awareness Month aims to educate students, faculty and staff about the culture and religion of Islam in order to promote diversity, build understanding, and overcome misconceptions. It focuses primarily on building bridges within the Georgia Tech community regardless of religious affiliation, race, or ethnicity. It consists of multiple on campus events which displayed different facets of the faith, and appealed to a diverse audience through the Unveiling the Veil, Fast-A-Thon, speakers, and an Islamic Trivia Table.

Georgia Tech Night at the Aquarium

Each year the Student Center Program Council partners with the Georgia Aquarium to provide Georgia Tech students with an evening of fun at learning. The Parents Fund was able to subsidize the ticket cost and help make the event accessible for all students. Attending students were shuttled to the aquarium after it closed to the public and given the opportunity to go behind the scenes for the exhibits. The SCPC provided entertainment and other activities to make the event a one of a kind night.



Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Events

Each year, Georgia Tech hosts events centered around celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. They include a Student Celebration, a Day of Service, Sunday Supper, and a Civil Rights Tour of Washington DC. These events serve to foster student engagement while educating, celebrating, and inspiring students to follow MLK's legacy both in and out of the Georgia Tech community.

Guthman Music Competition

The Georgia Tech School of Music hosts a competition that Wired Magazine once called "the X Prize for music". Participants are able to partner with experienced artists and inventors to create the next generation of musical technology. Inventions that came from this competition have gone on to commercial success with some being featured in media outlets like the New York Times and the Today Show.

Arts at Tech Marketing

As a new student organization, the Arts at Tech program is looking for ways to increase its visibility around campus. As they work to integrate art into the academic lives of Georgia Tech students through programming like the Makers Fair and the Stress-Less Piano Project, the Arts at Tech program, with Parent Fund support, is creating additional print and digital marketing with the hope of reaching more students each semester.

Art Crawl

The Clough Art Crawl is an annual event that works to showcase student art across a variety of mediums. Students are able to submit photographs, paintings, and sculptures for exhibition in the Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons. The event is three weeks long and kicked off with a reception that featured live student performances. Over 500 pieces of art are submitted and judged by a panel of judges and cash prizes for the best artist in each category.

March 2017

Arts at Tech Monthly Workshops

Hosted by the Arts at Tech Ambassadors, these workshops help to facilitate collaboration between student artists on campus and build awareness to the great works of art being created on campus every day. These workshops will partner with the Invention Studio and include classes that integrate art with technology and science.



Disco Bowling Night

Many students are not aware of some of the entertainment opportunities available to them on campus. One of the easiest for them to access is the Tech Rec Center in the Student Center. The newly established Georgia Tech Bowling Club is hosting a free disco bowling night to raise awareness and help recruit members. The goal will be demonstrate the great opportunities available to students on campus while contributing to the overall engagement of Georgia Tech students.

Club Sports Leadership Training

The Department of Campus Recreation will provide leadership guidance to emerging club sports leaders. Their objective is to teach them skills that will stay with them beyond their lives at Georgia Tech. They will show them how to build and maintain a budget, raise money, hire and evaluate coaches, risk management, and other day to day management skills. Ultimately they will be helping to improve the lives of these leaders and the students they work with every day.

Mural Project

This project, sponsored by the Arts at Tech Ambassadors is the beginning of a much bigger vision. They believe art and creativity is a missing link in the Georgia Tech community. By bringing more awareness to arts and creating more opportunities for students to be involved with arts or other expressive mediums, they hope to create a much more creative, problem-solving group of thinkers & movers. To accomplish this, they are to collaborating with the Capital Planning and Space office so that students can craft a mural to showcase the work of Georgia Tech students around the world.

Stress-Less Piano Project

The goal of the Stress-Less Piano Project is provide several chalkboard paint-covered pianos with coloring book designs on the back. Sponsored by the Arts at Tech Ambassadors, with support from the Parents Fund, they to give the students with an artistic outlet so they can either play or color the piano during the week of finals.

Tech Beautification Day

Tech Beautification Day is a tradition that began in 1998 as an annual day of service across campus. In 2017 over 1400 members of the Georgia Tech community came together to beautify the campus through cleanup and landscaping projects. This year is the 20th anniversary of the event and, thanks to the Parents Fund, it is on track to be the largest ever attended when it takes place this April.

Khayaal

Khayaal is a South Asian Classical music festival that provides a platform for students, who have been classically trained and typically have ten or more years of training, to showcase their abilities. Khayaal and its parent organization Aarohi strive to expose new audiences to the intricate art forms of South Asia through direct interaction via demonstrations, workshops, and mixers.

For the Kids: Dance Marathon

Held each year in partnership with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, the Dance Marathon raises money by offering games, performances, food, and dancing. It is the culmination of a yearlong fundraising effort that is designed to raise awareness about the Miracle Families within Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. It enhances the experience of all the students involved by allowing them to participate in a national movement while helping deserving families in the Atlanta community.

1<3GT Week

The Georgia Tech Student Government Association's I <3 GT Week is an annual event that encourages inclusivity of all students and facets of Georgia Tech life. The event is meant to inspire and remind students of their love of this institute and give students an opportunity to be involved with an event that is done for the student body, by the student body. Each day of "I <3 GT Week" will have a different theme and include Georgia Tech traditions, health and wellness, and diversity and work to get students involved in one of the many on-campus organizations.

Pre-Health Conference

The annual American Medical Student Association, the Pre-Health conference consists of workshops, speakers, special guests, networking, and mock interviews to help pre-health students from all over the state prepare for medical school. Held on campus, along with students from Georgia Tech, attendees have come from Emory, Georgia State, and the University of Georgia. Each year over 200 students are able to take advantage of this great opportunity as they prepare for the next step in their educational journey.

Holifest

Holifest is one of the largest Indian cultural events in the Southeast. Reaching an audience of over 1,200 students, the festival features dancing, food, singing, and other performances. It expands the reach of the Georgia Tech India Club and gets them involved in the local South Asian community while exposing students to all of the rich traditions the community has to offer.

Georgia Tech Night at the Center for Civil and Human Rights

Hosted by the Student Government Association and the Culture and Diversity Affairs Committee, The Georgia Tech night at the Atlanta Center for Civil and Human Rights provided students with transportation and a reduced ticket price to experience this new museum that is right down the street from campus.



Sting Break

Hosted by the Student Center Programs Council, Sting Break provides Georgia Tech students a much needed break before the beginning of the Spring Finals season. It creates a carnival like atmosphere with rides, food, and games that is open to all students. Last year over 3000 students attended, making it the largest ever turnout for the event. This year, thanks to support from the Parents Fund, turnout is expected to be 3700 students.

April 2017

Celebration of Service

Celebration of Service is an event that brings together the Georgia Tech student body and service organizations to learn about each other and engage in service together. The event features music by WREK radio and food stands while providing an opportunity for service organizations to market themselves to other students. Additionally, it will be attended by community partners who can provide the group with service projects that benefit the Atlanta community. This event is attended by roughly 300 students and builds on the Georgia Tech motto of "Progress and Service".

TEDx at Georgia Tech

TEDx at Georgia Tech is an independently organized TEDx event held on campus. It is run entirely by student volunteers with the goal of showcasing ideas from the community that can inspire change at Georgia Tech and beyond. They will host speakers and panels that will discuss topics like alternative energy, public radio, refugee aid, pollination and bee populations, and the entrepreneurial lifestyle.

Culture Fest

Each year the Global Jackets host Culture Fest, a weeklong celebration of diversity on campus. During this week, Global Jackets bring together cultural communities to promote their heritage through different activities. The primary event of the week is the International Food Festival where these organizations will each prepare one dish that represents their culture and serve it to the Tech community.

Georgia Tech Symphony Orchestra's Musical Diversity Programs

The Georgia Tech School of Music, partnering with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, is working to build greater diversity in musical composition. The program will feature a guest speaker and teacher, Elizabeth Tiscione, as she works with the Georgia Tech Symphony Orchestra to present a Pulitzer and Grammy award winning Oboe Concerto (composed by Jennifer Higdon). To maximize the impact, the event will also be live streamed so all students will have an opportunity to enjoy the performance.

Sting Hunger Now

This event brings together student volunteers to prepare and package over 300,000 individual meals to be shipped internationally to combat hunger all over the world. It brings together roughly 1500 students from organizations all over campus, including the SGA, Greek Life, athletic teams, religious organizations, student activity groups, members of the neighboring Atlanta community. This will increase the awareness of issues outside of Georgia Tech for all the people involved and help develop the leaders of tomorrow to solve these complex issues.

IsraelFest

Each spring, Hillel at Georgia Tech hosts its annual IsraelFest to celebrate all aspects of Israeli heritage and culture. Hillel's mission is to enrich the lives of the nearly 600 Jewish students on Georgia Tech's campus so that they may enrich the Jewish people and the world. Each year roughly 1000 students attend the event that includes kosher food trucks, live camels, a Western Wall replica, and a true Bedouin tent experience.

1000 Pitches

1000 Pitches is a two month long competition that will allow students from any background to pitch an idea in a multitude of categories. Winners from each category will be awarded prizes as the program works to encourage the smart and ambitious students at Georgia Tech to turn their ideas into realities.

Up with White and Gold

Presented by the President's Council Governing Board, the Up with the White and Gold awards ceremony recognizes the many amazing contributions student organizations have made over the course of the year. The event features over twenty departments and student organizations and presents dozens of awards to student, faculty, staff, and student organizations for leadership and legacy in their contributions to campus life.

Women's Leadership Retreat

The Women's Leadership Conference is a means to celebrate, recognize, and learn more about the strong leadership exhibited by the women of the Georgia Tech community. The one-day conference offers workshops, speakers and discussions aimed at training female leaders on area campuses and in the Atlanta community. With Parent Fund Support, the new group of Georgia Tech students making up this year's planning committee is eager to organize a successful and impactful conference again this year.

Music for Humanity Concert Series

Partnering with the Atlanta Center for Human and Civil Rights, the Georgia Tech choir will be hosting two concerts, one on campus and one at the Center, entitled "Songs for Social and Environmental Justice". The concert will feature Joan Sapp, an internationally known musician and cultural icon, who will sing as the featured performer with the Georgia Tech choir. These events will continue to show the community outside of Georgia Tech the many talents and passions of the diverse student body.

Relay for Life

Hundreds of Georgia Tech students, faculty, staff, alumni, and their families will team up on the Campus Recreation Center Fields to raise money for the American Cancer Society. This year the Relay will involve over 60 student organizations with over 1000 participants. With the help offered by the Parents Fund it hopes to raise \$40,000 for cancer research. The Relay for Life provides the Tech family the ability to truly make a difference in people's lives.



Mental Health Town Halls

The Georgia Tech Student Mental Health Coalition is hosting several Town Hall events on campus during the spring semester. The goal is to provide students with a panel of their peers and give them an outlet to voice opinions on topics surrounding mental health. Additionally, this will provide broad exposure for the organization and help them to "reach the unreachable".

Barbeque Against Domestic Violence

Hosted by the Alpha Chi Omega, the event is a fundraiser to support their national domestic violence awareness philanthropy and will host speakers from local shelters to train attendees on how to recognize warning signs, the effects of domestic violence, and how to properly respond. The event provides the members of the sorority a stronger connection to their community, the ability to make a positive impact on the lives of others, and an opportunity to be a leader amongst their peers.

May 2017

Midnight Breakfast

The Student Center Programs Council Midnight Breakfast continues in the Spring and features pancakes, grits, eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, coffee, orange juice, and more for students. Again taking place on the Tuesday night of finals, it will feature faculty and staff serving breakfast to students to give them a break from studying as they prepare for exams.



Fall 2017

Georgia Tech Integrity Series

The Georgia Tech Honor Advisory Council, collaborating with the Office of Student Integrity, is working to create a proactive environment around student integrity. This includes hosting workshops, guest speakers, and educational experiences that will help students navigate the difficult ethical decisions that they will face both in school and beyond. Their goal is to not only decrease the number of academic integrity violations, but to also to provide one more way for Georgia Tech students to be excellent global citizens as they move out into the world.

FreShGA Fall Retreat, 2017

FreShGA is an organization that operates with the intent to develop leaders with integrity, work ethic, and confidence. The organization does this by showing first-year members how they become leaders on Georgia Tech's campus, particularly within the purview of SGA. The FreShGA retreat, held at the Rock Eagle 4-H center in Eatonton, GA, is crucial in creating and promoting the initial bonds made between the first-year members and FreShGA advisors so that they can prepare for the leadership roles they will be filling.

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