

2018

*Faculty & Staff  
Honors Luncheon*

*The Georgia Institute of Technology is widely recognized for excellence — in the education we offer, the discoveries we make, and the dedication to progress and service we bring to all of our endeavors.*

*What the world sees in Georgia Tech is what we see every day in our people: quality and commitment, energy and enthusiasm, talent and tenacity. Our people are at the heart of our success.*

*Today, we are here to acknowledge and honor our own — faculty and staff whose service, activities, and accomplishments have been particularly noteworthy over the past year.*

*If you stand a little taller when you tell people you work at Georgia Tech, just look around (and in the mirror) to know why.*

# Faculty & Staff Honors Luncheon

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**Wednesday, April 11, 2018**

**11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

**Student Center Ballroom**

## Welcome

HOSTS

**Kim Harrington**

Associate Vice President and Chief Human Relations Officer,  
Georgia Tech Human Resources

**Colin Potts**

Vice Provost, Undergraduate Education,  
Office of the Provost

## Lunch

### Award Presentations

Georgia Tech Chapter Sigma Xi Awards

Institute Research Awards

ANAK Award

Staff Institute Awards

Center for Teaching and Learning Awards

Serve-Learn-Sustain Award

Academic Advisor Awards

International Initiatives Award

Faculty Honors Committee Awards

Class of 1934 Distinguished Professor Award

# Georgia Tech Chapter Sigma Xi Awards

Presented by Paul A. Kohl, Regents Professor; and Hercules Inc./Thomas L. Gossage Chair; and President, Sigma Xi (Georgia Tech Chapter)

## BEST FACULTY PAPER AWARDS

Glaucio H. Paulino  
Professor and Raymond Allen Jones Chair  
Civil and Environmental Engineering

Jerry H. Qi  
Professor  
Mechanical Engineering

*Includes a \$2,500 prize, plaque, and certificate per team.*

Gleb Yushin  
Professor  
Materials Science and Engineering

*Includes a \$2,500 prize, plaque, and certificate per recipient.*

## YOUNG FACULTY AWARDS

Devi Parikh  
Assistant Professor  
Interactive Computing

William C. Ratcliff  
Assistant Professor  
Biological Sciences

*Includes a \$2,500 prize, plaque, and certificate per recipient.*

## SUSTAINED RESEARCH AWARD

Jeffrey Skolnick  
Professor, Mary and Maisie Gibson Chair, and GRA  
Eminent Scholar  
Biological Sciences

*Includes a \$5,000 prize, plaque, and certificate.*

# Institute Research Awards

Presented by Stephen E. Cross,  
Executive Vice President for Research

## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN RESEARCH ENTERPRISE ENHANCEMENT AWARD

Troy W. Hilley  
Academic and Research IT Support Engineer Lead  
Biological Sciences

*Includes a \$5,000 prize.*

## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN EARLY CAREER RESEARCH AWARD

James J. Wray  
Associate Professor  
Earth and Atmospheric Sciences

*Includes a \$5,000 prize.*

## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN RESEARCH INNOVATION AWARD

Farrokh Ayazi  
Ken Byers Professor  
Electrical and Computer Engineering

*Includes a \$7,500 prize and \$2,500 research grant.*

## OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL THESIS ADVISOR AWARD

Atalay Atasu  
Associate Professor and Dunn Family Professor

L. Beril Toktay  
Brady Family Chair and ADVANCE Professor  
Scheller College of Business

*Includes a \$7,500 prize and \$2,500 research grant.*

## OUTSTANDING FACULTY RESEARCH AUTHOR AWARD

Laura Cadonati  
Professor  
Physics

*Includes a \$7,500 prize and \$2,500 research grant.*

## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN RESEARCH PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AWARD

### RHAMNOUSIA

Manos Antonakakis  
Assistant Professor  
Electrical and Computer Engineering

David S. Dagon  
Research Engineer II  
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Michael Farrell  
Chief Strategist, CIPHER Laboratory  
Georgia Tech Research Institute

*Includes a \$25,000 prize to be shared among team members.*

# ANAK Award

Presented by Lynn M. Durham, Assistant Vice  
President, Chief of Staff, and Faculty Advisor; and  
Alex V. Grady, President, ANAK Society

To Be Announced

*Includes an engraved watch.*

# Staff Institute Awards

Presented by Rafael L. Bras,  
Provost and Executive Vice President,  
Academic Affairs

## CREATING THE NEXT AWARD

Ericka A. Thomas  
Facilities Contracting Officer  
Facilities

*Includes a \$2,000 prize.*

## LEADERSHIP IN ACTION AWARD

Angela L. Hicks  
Assistant Director, Financial Operations  
Mechanical Engineering

*Includes a \$2,000 prize.*

## PARTNERSHIP AWARD

Jeremy R. Gray  
Associate Registrar, Operations  
Registrar's Office

*Includes a \$2,000 prize.*

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENT EXCELLENCE AWARD

APPLICATION REVIEW: RE-IMAGINED,  
OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION

Rick A. Clark  
Director

Ashley N. Brookshire  
Senior Admission Counselor

Mikala Bush  
Admission Advisor I

Laila D. Flores Cervantes  
Admission Advisor II

Kathryn B. Faussemagne  
Senior Assistant Director

Katie Beth Lockwood  
Assistant Director, Campus Visits

Eduardo Mares-Rios  
Senior Admission Counselor

Katie R. Mattli  
Senior Assistant Director

Merideth E. Ray  
Associate Director, Guest Experience

Sara Riggs  
Assistant Director

Coye A. Roseberry  
Admission Advisor II

Sammy L. Rose-Sinclair  
Admission Advisor II

Laura B. Simmons  
Academic Program Manager

Jade A. Sims  
Senior Admission Advisor

Larry O. Stokes  
Admission Information Systems Coordinator III

Katie S. Taylor  
Admission Advisor III

KatieRuth L. Tucker  
Admission Advisor I

Kathleen M. Voss  
Senior Admission Counselor

Mary Tipton H. Woolley  
Senior Associate Director

*Includes a \$2,000 prize to be shared among recipients.*

## RISING WRECK AWARD

Bethany G. Schuster  
Communications Officer I  
Georgia Tech Human Resources

*Includes a \$2,000 prize.*

## SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AWARD

Maria Lourdes Suarez  
Administrative Professional Senior  
International Affairs

*Includes a \$2,000 prize.*

## SPIRIT OF GEORGIA TECH AWARDS

Leslie A. Hall  
Human Resources Data and Systems Analyst Lead  
Georgia Tech Human Resources

Atira H. Rochester  
Corporate Relations Manager  
Vice President for Institute Diversity

Pamela S. Ruffin  
Director, Human Resources  
College of Computing

Kerry A. Wallaert  
Assistant Director, Office of Special Scholarships  
Enrollment Services

Laci L. Weeden  
Director, Parent and Family Programs  
Student Life

*Includes a \$2,000 prize per recipient.*

## EXCELLENCE AWARD

Aby L. Parsons  
Director, LGBTQIA Resource Center  
Student Life Inclusion

*Includes a \$5,000 prize.*

# Center for Teaching and Learning Awards

Presented by Joyce Weinsheimer, Director,  
Center for Teaching and Learning

## CURRICULUM INNOVATION AWARD

David A. Joyner  
Senior Research Associate  
College of Computing

*Includes a \$3,000 prize provided by the  
Jack & Francis Mundy endowment.*

## UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATOR AWARDS

S. Balakrishna Pai  
Academic Professional, Biomedical Engineering

Christopher M. Stanzone  
Lecturer, Psychology

*Includes a \$3,000 prize provided  
by the Class of 1934 endowment.*

## GEOFFREY G. EICHHOLZ FACULTY TEACHING AWARDS

Dong Qin  
Associate Professor, Materials Science and Engineering

Teresa K. Snow  
Senior Academic Professional, Biological Sciences

*Includes a \$5,000 prize per recipient for the next  
two years. Prize provided by a grant from  
Geoffrey G. Eichholz.*

Presented by Ruth A. Poproski,  
Assistant Director,  
Center for Teaching and Learning

## CTL/BP JUNIOR FACULTY TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Morris B. Cohen  
Assistant Professor  
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Joshua P. Kacher  
Assistant Professor, Materials Science and Engineering

Gabriel A. Kwong  
Assistant Professor, Biomedical Engineering

Joseph D. Rabinoff  
Assistant Professor, Mathematics

Matthew P. Torres  
Assistant Professor, Biological Sciences

*Includes a \$3,000 prize per recipient provided by  
BP p.l.c., the Class of 1940 endowment, and the  
Class of 1934 endowment.*

## EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP AWARD

Frank James Stewart  
Associate Professor  
Biological Sciences

D. Joshua Parris  
Graduate Research Assistant  
Biological Sciences

Jennifer Jones  
Chemistry Teacher  
Rockdale County High School

*Includes a \$2,500 prize per recipient provided by  
the Class of 1934 endowment.*

Presented by David Lawrence,  
Associate Director,  
Center for Teaching and Learning

## INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE IN LABORATORY INSTRUCTION AWARD

Victor Breedveld  
Associate Chair  
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

*Includes a \$3,000 prize provided by the  
Jack & Francis Mundy endowment.*

## INNOVATION IN CO-CURRICULAR EDUCATION AWARD

Kim M. Cobb  
ADVANCE Professor  
Earth and Atmospheric Sciences

L. Beril Toktay  
Brady Family Chair and ADVANCE Professor  
Scheller College of Business

*Includes a \$3,000 prize shared among recipients  
provided by the Jack and Francis Mundy  
endowment.*

## FACULTY AWARD FOR ACADEMIC OUTREACH

Flavio H. Fenton  
Associate Professor  
Physics

Raquel L. Lieberman  
Associate Professor  
Chemistry and Biochemistry

*Includes a \$2,500 prize to be shared among  
recipients provided by the Class of 1934  
endowment.*

# Serve-Learn-Sustain Award

Presented by Jennifer L. Hirsch, Applied  
Anthropologist and Director,  
Center for Serve-Learn-Sustain

## SLS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY- ENGAGED SUSTAINABILITY TEACHING

Todd Michney  
Assistant Professor  
History and Sociology

*Includes a \$2,500 prize provided by the Center for  
Serve-Learn-Sustain.*

# Academic Advisor Awards

## GRADUATE ADVISOR AWARD

Presented by Leslie N. Sharp, Associate Vice Provost, Graduate Education and Faculty Development

## OUTSTANDING GRADUATE ACADEMIC ADVISING AWARD

Jacqueline D. Trappier  
Academic Advising Manager, Electrical and Computer Engineering

## UNDERGRADUATE ADVISOR AWARDS

Presented by Beth Spencer, Director of Undergraduate Academic Advising, Office of Undergraduate Education

## OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC ADVISING STAFF ADVISOR AWARD

Leslie R. Ross  
Academic Program Manager, Public Policy

## OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC ADVISING FACULTY ADVISOR AWARD

Kimberly D. Schurmeier  
Senior Academic Professional  
Chemistry and Biochemistry

*Includes a \$2,000 prize per recipient provided by the Class of 1940 endowment.*

# International Initiatives Award

Presented by Yves Berthelot, Vice Provost for International Initiatives

## STEVEN A. DENNING FACULTY AWARD FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

Han Zhang  
Steven A. Denning Professor  
Scheller College of Business

*Includes a \$5,000 prize provided by the Steven A. Denning Chair in Global Engagement.*

# Faculty Honors Committee Awards

Presented by Rafael L. Bras, Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs

## OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTOR AWARDS

Patricio A. Vela  
Associate Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

*Includes a \$2,000 prize.*

Adegboyega K. Oyelere  
Associate Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry

*Includes a \$4,000 prize.*

## OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AWARD

Pinar Keskinocak  
William W. George Chair and ADVANCE Professor  
Industrial and Systems Engineering

*Includes a \$5,000 prize.*

## CLASS OF 1934 OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Joseph L.A. Hughes  
Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

*Includes a \$5,000 prize provided by the Class of 1934 endowment.*

## CLASS OF 1934 OUTSTANDING INTERDISCIPLINARY ACTIVITIES AWARD

Valerie M. Thomas  
Anderson Interface Professor, Industrial and Systems Engineering and Public Policy

*Includes a \$7,500 prize provided by the Class of 1934 endowment.*

## CLASS OF 1940 W. ROANE BEARD OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

Shana C. Kerr  
Academic Professional, Biological Sciences

*Includes a \$10,000 prize provided by the Class of 1940 endowment.*

## CLASS OF 1940 W. HOWARD ECTOR OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

Aaron D. Lanterman  
Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

*Includes a \$10,000 prize provided by the Class of 1940 endowment.*

# Class of 1934 Distinguished Professor Award

Presented by G.P. "Bud" Peterson, President

Seth R. Marder  
Regents Professor and Georgia Power Chair  
Chemistry and Biochemistry

*Includes a \$25,000 prize provided by the Class of 1934 endowment.*

