2023 Faculty and Staff Honors Luncheon
The Georgia Institute of Technology is recognized far and wide for excellence—in the education we offer, the discoveries we make, and the dedication to progress and service we bring to all 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.
2023 Faculty and Staff
Honors Luncheon

Friday, April 21, 2023
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Exhibition Hall, Midtown Ballroom

Welcome
HOSTS
Skye Duckett
Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer

Michelle Rinehart
Vice Provost for Faculty

Lunch

Award Presentations
Georgia Tech Chapter Sigma Xi Awards
Institute Research Awards
ANAK Awards
Staff Awards
Center for Teaching and Learning Awards
International Initiatives Award
Faculty Honors Committee Awards
Class of 1934 Distinguished Professor Award
Georgia Tech Chapter
Sigma Xi Awards
Presented by Ting Zhu
Professor and President, Sigma Xi

Best Faculty Paper Awards
Itamar Kimchi
Assistant Professor
Physics
Seung Woo Lee
Associate Professor
Mechanical Engineering
Includes a $3,000 prize, a plaque, and a certificate for each recipient.

Young Faculty Awards
Saad Bhamla
Assistant Professor
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Xing Xie
Assistant Professor
Civil and Environmental Engineering
Includes a $3,000 prize, a plaque, and a certificate for each recipient.

Sustained Research Award
Srinivas Garimella
Hightower Chair in Engineering and Professor
Mechanical Engineering
Includes a $6,000 prize, a plaque, and a certificate.

Institute Research Awards
Presented by Chaouki Abdallah
Executive Vice President for Research

Outstanding Achievement in Research Enterprise Enhancement Award
Robert Knotts
Executive Director
of Federal Relations
Institute Relations
Includes a $7,500 prize.

Outstanding Achievement in Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Research
Iris Tien
Williams Family Associate Professor
Civil and Environmental Engineering
Includes a $7,500 prize and $2,500 research grant.

Outstanding Achievement in Early Career Research Award
Marta C. Hatzell
Associate Professor
Mechanical Engineering
Includes a $7,500 prize and $2,500 research grant.

Outstanding Achievement in Research Innovation Award
Younan Xia
Brock Family Chair
Chemistry and Biochemistry
Includes a $7,500 prize and $2,500 research grant.
Outstanding Doctoral Thesis Advisor Award

John R. Reynolds
Professor
Chemistry and Biochemistry; Materials Science and Engineering
Includes a $7,500 prize and $2,500 research grant.

Outstanding Faculty Research Author Award

Wilbur A. Lam
Professor
Biomedical Engineering
Includes a $7,500 prize and $2,500 research grant.

Outstanding Achievement in Research Engagement and Outreach Award

Pascal Van Hentenryck
A. Russell Chandler III Chair and Professor
Industrial and Systems Engineering
Includes a $7,500 prize and $2,500 research grant.

Outstanding Achievement in Research Program Development Award

The Spaceflight Project Group
Christopher Carr
Assistant Professor
Aerospace Engineering

Brian C. Gunter
Associate Professor
Aerospace Engineering

Ian Harrison
Mechanical Engineer
Georgia Tech Research Institute

Glenn Lightsey
Professor
Aerospace Engineering

Sterling Peet
Research Technologist I
Aerospace Engineering

W. Jud Ready
Principal Research Engineer
Georgia Tech Research Institute

Christopher R. Valenta
Principal Research Engineer
Georgia Tech Research Institute
Includes a $15,000 prize to be shared among team members.

Outstanding Achievement in Research Program Impact Award

Partnership for Inclusive Innovation
Clarence Anthony Jr.
Workforce Development Program Manager
Enterprise Innovation Institute

Kayla Burns
Operations Manager
Enterprise Innovation Institute

Cody M. Cocchi
Student Engagement Manager
Enterprise Innovation Institute

Debra Lam
Founding Executive Director
Enterprise Innovation Institute

Jamal Lewis
Economic Opportunity Manager
Enterprise Innovation Institute
Polly Sattler
Strategic Relations Manager
Enterprise Innovation Institute
Includes a $15,000 prize to be shared among team members.

ANAK Awards
Presented by Andrew Norlin,
ANAK Society President

Outstanding Faculty ANAK Award
Timothy Cope
Professor
Biological Sciences

Outstanding Staff ANAK Award
Malte Weiland
Senior Sustainability Project Manager
Auxiliary Services Operations

Staff Awards
Presented by Skye Duckett,
Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer

Acting With Ethics First Award
Daurette L. Joseph
Director, Academic Programs
College of Computing
Includes a $1,500 prize.

Cultivating Well-being Award
Mechanical Engineering Staff Happiness and Organizational Effectiveness Cabinet
Lula Baker
Director
Human Resources

Melody Foster
Unit Administrative Officer
Mechanical Engineering

Anquinnette “Ann” Lamb
Administrative Supervisor
Mechanical Engineering
Includes a $1,500 prize to be shared among team members.

One Small Step Award
Patrice Faison
Academic Program Manager,
Evening MBA
Scheller College of Business
Includes a $1,500 prize.

One Giant Leap Award
Joe Brown
Application Support Manager
Housing and Residence Life
Includes a $2,000 prize.

Leadership in Action Award
Juana Cunningham
Senior Director
Strategic Consulting

Cary Ogletree
Building and Delivery Service Manager
Mechanical Engineering
Includes a $2,000 prize per recipient.
Leading by Example in Sustainability Award
Steve Place
Horticulturalist
Facilities-Landscaping Services
Includes a $1,500 prize.

Putting Students First Award
Charmaine E. Troy
Associate Director of First-Generation Student Initiatives
Office of Undergraduate Education
Includes a $1,500 prize.

Rising Wreck Award
Andrew McGraw
Academic Program Manager
Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts
Includes a $1,000 prize.

Service to the Community Award
Birney Robert
Event Coordinator II
College of Computing
Includes a $1,500 prize.

Excellence Award
Workplace Learning and Professional Development Team
Tim Edmonds-King
Learning Consultant
Georgia Tech Professional Education
LaTrese Ferguson
Director, Workplace Learning and Professional Development
Georgia Tech Professional Education
Bryan D. Harber
Learning Consultant
Georgia Tech Professional Education
Kala Taylor
Training Coordinator
Georgia Tech Professional Education
Rachel Watts
Senior Learning Consultant
Georgia Tech Professional Education
Includes a $3,000 prize to be shared among team members.

Spirit of Georgia Tech Award
Andrew Blakely
Public Services Associate
Library
Francisco Castelan
Assistant Director for Pre-Health Advising
Office of Undergraduate Education
Christopher Malbrue
Academic Program Manager
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Includes a $1,000 prize per recipient.

LGBTQIA Resource Center
Tegra Myanna
Director
LGBTQIA Resource Center
William Britto
Program Coordinator
LGBTQIA Resource Center
Includes a $1,000 prize to be shared among team members.
Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Gender Equity Award
Marion C. Usselman
Principal Research Scientist
Center for Education
Integrating Science, Mathematics and Computing
Includes a $5,000 prize.

Center for Teaching and Learning Awards
Presented by David Lawrence, Interim Director, Center for Teaching and Learning and Carol Sullivan, Assistant Director of Faculty Teaching and Learning Initiatives, Center for Teaching and Learning

Curriculum Innovation Award
Tatiana Rudchenko
Senior Lecturer
Scheller College of Business
Includes a $3,000 prize for each recipient provided by the Jack and Francis Mundy endowment.

Undergraduate Educator Award
Adam J. Decker
Senior Academic Professional
Biological Sciences
Includes a $3,000 prize for each recipient provided by the Class of 1934 endowment.

Geoffrey G. Eichholz Faculty Teaching Award
Mary E. Peek
Principal Academic Professional
Chemistry and Biochemistry
Emily Weigel
Senior Academic Professional
Biological Sciences
Includes a $3,000 prize for each recipient provided by a grant from Geoffrey G. Eichholz.

Center for Teaching and Learning/BP Junior Faculty Teaching Excellence Award
Anton Bernshteyn
Assistant Professor
Mathematics
Saad Bhamla
Assistant Professor
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Gongjie Li
Assistant Professor
Physics
Includes a $3,000 prize per recipient provided by BP p.l.c., the Class of 1940 endowment, and the Class of 1934 endowment.

Innovation and Excellence in Laboratory Instruction Award
Ben Galfond
Academic Professional
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Includes a $3,000 prize provided by the Jack and Francis Mundy endowment.
Faculty Award for Academic Outreach
Richard A. Simmons
Principal Research Engineer
Mechanical Engineering and Strategic Energy Institute
Includes a $3,000 prize provided by the Class of 1934 endowment.

Innovation in Co-Curricular Education Award
Eric Lewis
Marion L. Brittain Postdoctoral Fellow
Literature, Media, and Communication
Pamela Pollet
Senior Research Scientist
Chemistry and Biochemistry
Aselia Urmanbetova
Undergraduate Teaching Coordinator
Economics
Includes a $3,000 prize.

Teaching Excellence Award for Online Teaching
Joel Sokol
Professor
Industrial and Systems Engineering
Includes a $3,000 prize.

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award
Todd Fernandez
Lecturer
Biomedical Engineering
Includes a $3,000 prize.

International Initiatives Award
Presented by Iyonka Strawn-Valcy, Associate Vice Provost for International Operations
Steven A. Denning
Faculty Award for Global Engagement
Anton Leykin
Professor
Mathematics
Includes a $5,000 prize

Faculty Honors Committee Awards
Presented by Larry Jacobs, Senior Vice Provost for Education and Learning

Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentor Award
Junior Faculty
Blair Kathryn Brettmann
Assistant Professor
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and Materials Science and Engineering
Includes a $2,000 prize.

Senior Faculty
Polo Chau
Associate Professor
Computational Science and Engineering
Includes a $3,000 prize.
Class of 1934 Outstanding Service Award

Carson Meredith
Professor
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Includes a $5,000 prize provided by the Class of 1934 endowment.

Outstanding Professional Education

David A. Joyner
Executive Director of Online Education and Online Master of Computer Science
College of Computing
Includes a $5,000 prize.

Class of 1934 Outstanding Interdisciplinary Activities Award

Hang Lu
Love Family Professor
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Includes a $7,500 prize provided by the Class of 1934 endowment.

Class of 1934 Outstanding Innovative Use of Education Technology Award

Azad Naeemi
Professor
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Includes a $7,500 prize provided by the Class of 1934 endowment.

Class of 1940 W. Roane Beard Outstanding Teacher Award

Max Mahdi Roozbahani
Lecturer
Computing Instruction
Includes a $10,000 prize provided by the Class of 1940 endowment.

Class of 1940 W. Howard Ector Outstanding Teacher Award

Dan Margalit
Professor
Mathematics
Includes a $10,000 prize provided by the Class of 1940 endowment.

Class of 1934 Distinguished Professor Award

Ellen Zegura
Professor and Stephen Fleming Chair in Telecommunications
College of Computing
Includes a $25,000 prize provided by the Class of 1934 endowment.