Faculty and Staff
HONORS LUNCHEON 2024
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.

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Friday, April 26, 2024
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Exhibition Hall, Midtown Ballroom

Welcome
HOSTS
Michelle Rinehart
Vice Provost for Faculty
Will Jimmerson
College Administrative Officer, Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts
Chair, Staff Council

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
Sankaraleengam Alagapan
Research Scientist II
Electrical and Computing Engineering

Christopher Rozell
Julian T. Hightower Chair and Professor
Electrical and Computing Engineering

Shu Jia
Associate Professor
Biomedical Engineering
Includes a $3,000 prize, a plaque, and a certificate per recipient.

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

Outstanding Achievement in Research Enterprise Enhancement Award
Anton Bryksin
Regents’ Professor
Institute for Bioengineering and Biosciences
Includes a $7,500 prize.

Outstanding Achievement in Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Research
Mary Frank Fox
Dean’s Distinguished Professor
Public Policy
Includes a $7,500 prize and $2,500 research grant.

Outstanding Achievement in Early Career Research Award
Lindsey Rose Bullinger
Assistant Professor
Public Policy
Includes a $7,500 prize and $2,500 research grant.

Outstanding Achievement in Research Innovation Award
Manos M. Tentzeris
Ed and Pat Joy Chair and Professor
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Includes a $7,500 prize and $2,500 research grant.

Outstanding Doctoral Thesis Advisor Award
Moinuddin Qureshi
Professor
Computer Science
Includes a $7,500 prize and $2,500 research grant.

Outstanding Faculty Research Author Award
Feryal Özel
Chair and Professor
Physics
Includes a $7,500 prize and $2,500 research grant.

Outstanding Achievement in Research Engagement and Outreach Award
Shreyes N. Melkote
Professor
Mechanical Engineering
Includes a $7,500 prize and $2,500 research grant.

Outstanding Achievement in Research Program Development Award
UNCAGE-ME
Christopher W. Jones
Professor and John F. Brock III School Chair
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Ryan P. Lively
Professor
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Rochelle Moses
Program and Operations Manager
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Includes a $15,000 prize to be shared among team members.

Young Faculty Awards
Yue Chen
Assistant Professor
Biomedical Engineering
Includes a $3,000 prize, a plaque, and a certificate per recipient.

Juan-Pablo Correa-Baena
Assistant Professor
Materials Science and Engineering

Sustained Research Award
Facundo Fernandez
Regents’ and Vasser-Wooley Professor
Chemistry and Biochemistry
Includes a $6,000 prize, a plaque, and a certificate.

Leslie Schlag
Grants Administrator Lead
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

David Sholl
Professor
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Krista S. Walton
Professor and Robert “Bud” Moeller Faculty Fellow
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Includes a $15,000 prize to be shared among team members.

Outstanding Achievement in Research Program Impact Award
Aerospace Systems Design Laboratory
Elena Garcia
Advanced Methods Division Chief
Aerospace Systems Design Laboratory
Michelle R. Kirby
Senior Research Engineer
Aerospace Systems Design Laboratory
Olivia J. Pinon Fischer
Digital Engineering Division Chief
Aerospace Systems Design Laboratory
Dimitri Mavris
Regents’ Professor and Director
Aerospace Engineering and Aerospace Systems Design Laboratory
Includes a $15,000 prize to be shared among team members.
ANAK Awards

Presented by Megan Kemp, Past President, ANAK Society

Outstanding Staff ANAK Award

Carolina Amero
Senior Director – Auxiliary Services
Campus Services

Outstanding Faculty ANAK Award

Jacqueline Garner
Senior Lecturer
Scheller College of Business

Staff Awards

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

Acting With Ethics First Award

Library Finance

Verstell Agee
Financial Analyst
Library

Cheryl Parker
Financial Manager II
Library

Includes a $1,500 prize to be shared among team members.

Embracing All Voices Award

Monica Jackson
Employer Connections Coordinator
Career Center

Includes a $1,500 prize.

One Giant Leap Award

Brent David O’Guin
Technology Strategist and Architect
Enterprise Applications and Data
Includes a $2,000 prize.

One Small Step Award

Andrew James George
Public Services Associate II
Library

Rachel Watts
Senior Learning Consultant
Workplace Learning and Professional Development
Includes a $1,500 prize per recipient.

Service to the Community Award

Melody Foster
Unit Administrative Officer
Mechanical Engineering
Includes a $1,500 prize.

Cultivate Well-Being Award

Jamaal D. Taylor
General Safety Manager
Environmental Health and Safety
Includes a $1,500 prize.

Leading by Example in Sustainability Award

Ashley E. Carr
Finance and Operations Specialist
Procurement and Business Services
Includes a $1,500 prize.

Putting Students First Award

Marc Ebelhar
Graduate Student Success Specialist
Office of Graduate Education
Includes a $1,500 prize.

Rising Wreck Award

Naima Barton
Assistant Director of Administrative Operations
Office of the Provost

Casey Hayes
Systems Development Engineer Senior
Enterprise Applications and Data

Karena Ha Nguyen
Assistant Director of Postdoctoral Services
Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Education
Includes a $1,000 prize per recipient.

Spirit of Georgia Tech Award

Sarah Collins
Graphic Designer
College of Engineering

Sherree King
Store Clerk III
Housing and Residence Life

Laxminarayan Krishnan
Laboratory Manager I
Bioengineering and Biosciences

Peter Lee
Creative Services Manager
Scheller College of Business
Includes a $1,000 prize per recipient.

Excellence Award

Michelle Powell
Director
Strategic Consulting
Includes a $3,000 prize.

Capstone Design Expo Core Planning Team

Nichelle Compton
Event Coordinator II
Mechanical Engineering

Andrea Dominguez
Program Support Coordinator
Mechanical Engineering

Amit S. Jariwala
Senior Academic Professional
Mechanical Engineering

Cary Ogletree
Building and Delivery Service Manager
Mechanical Engineering

Ashley Ritchie
Communications Manager
Mechanical Engineering

Includes a $3,000 to be shared among team members.

Leadership in Action Award

Brittany McCormick
Assistant Director of Marketing and Communications
Scheller College of Business

Monifa Skelton-Wells
Academic Program Manager
Mechanical Engineering
Includes a $2,000 prize per recipient.
Center for Teaching and Learning Awards
Presented by Laura Caruth, Executive Director, and Carol Subiño Sullivan, Assistant Director of Faculty Teaching and Learning initiatives, Center for Teaching and Learning

Junior Faculty Teaching Excellence Award
Lindsey Rose Bullinger
Assistant Professor
Public Policy

Anirban Mazumdar
Assistant Professor
Mechanical Engineering

Daniel Molzahn
Assistant Professor
Electrical and Computer Engineering

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

Curriculum Innovation Award
Francesco Fedele
Associate Professor
Civil and Environmental Engineering

Includes a $3,000 prize provided by the Jack and Francis Mundy endowment.

Geoffrey G. Eichholz Faculty Teaching Award
Mary Hudachek-Buswell
Associate Chair and Senior Lecturer
Computing Instruction

Christopher Stanzione
Associate Chair for Undergraduate Studies Psychology
Includes a $3,000 prize for each recipient provided by a grant from Geoffrey G. Eichholz.

Innovation and Excellence in Laboratory Instruction Award
Anh Thu Le
Academic Professional Chemistry and Biochemistry
Includes a $3,000 prize provided by the Jack and Francis Mundy endowment.

Innovation in Co-Curricular Education Award
Carla Gerona
Associate Professor History and Sociology
Includes a $3,000 prize.

GTDC
Lawrence Rubin
Co-Director of GTDC and Associate Professor International Affairs

Mark Zachary Taylor
Co-Director of GTDC and Associate Professor Public Policy
Includes a $3,000 prize to be shared among team members.

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award
Colin Harrison
Senior Academic Professional Biological Sciences
Includes a $3,000 prize.

Teaching Excellence Award for Online Teaching
A.J. Medford
Associate Professor Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Includes a $3,000 prize.

Undergraduate Educator Award
Michael Evans
Senior Academic Professional Chemistry and Biochemistry
Includes a $3,000 prize for each recipient provided by the Class of 1934 endowment.

Education Partnership Award
Saad Bhamla
Assistant Professor Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Elio Challita
Postdoctoral Researcher Engineering and Applied Science, Harvard University

Janet Standeven
Program Director Frugal Science Academy Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Includes a $7,500 prize to be shared among recipients.

International Initiatives Award
Presented by Bernard Kippelen, Vice Provost for International Initiatives

Steven A. Denning Faculty Award for Global Engagement
Shuichi Takayama
Price Gilbert Jr. Chair Biomedical Engineering
Includes a $5,000 prize provided by the Steven A. Denning Chair in Global Engagement.

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

Junior Faculty Undergraduate Research Mentor Award
Saad Bhamla
Assistant Professor Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Elio Challita
Postdoctoral Researcher Engineering and Applied Science, Harvard University

Janet Standeven
Program Director Frugal Science Academy Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Includes a $7,500 prize to be shared among recipients.

Senior Faculty Undergraduate Research Mentor Award
Ravi Kane
Garry Betty/ V Foundation Chair and GRA Eminent Scholar Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Includes a $3,000 prize.
Class of 1934 Outstanding Service Award
Susan Margulies
Professor
Biomedical Engineering
Includes a $5,000 prize provided by the Class of 1934 endowment.

Outstanding Professional Education
Shalu Suri
Co-Director, Engineering Workforce Development, NSF
Cell Manufacturing Technologies Engineering Research Center (CMaT ERC), Academic Professional
Biomedical Engineering
Includes a $5,000 prize.

Class of 1934 Outstanding Interdisciplinary Activities Award
Bruce Walker
Professor
Psychology
Includes a $7,500 prize provided by the Class of 1934 endowment.

Class of 1934 Outstanding Innovative Use of Education Technology Award
Pamela Pollet
Senior Research Scientist
Chemistry and Biochemistry
Includes a $7,500 prize provided by the Class of 1934 endowment.

Class of 1940 W. Roane Beard Outstanding Teacher Award
Daniel Molzahn
Assistant Professor
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Includes a $10,000 prize provided by the Class of 1940 endowment.

Class of 1940 W. Howard Ector Outstanding Teacher Award
Faisal M. Alamgir
Professor
Materials Science and Engineering
Includes a $10,000 prize provided by the Class of 1940 endowment.

Class of 1934 Distinguished Professor Award
Presented by Ángel Cabrera, President
Dimitri Mavris
Regents’ Professor and Director Aerospace Engineering and Aerospace Systems Design Laboratory (ASDL)
Includes a $25,000 prize provided by the Class of 1934 endowment.