



Faculty and Staff

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# Faculty and Staff HONORS LUNCHEON

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**Friday, April 24, 2026**

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

*Exhibition Hall, Midtown Ballroom*

## WELCOME

### WELCOME REMARKS

**Karie Davis-Nozemack**

*Senior Vice Provost for Academic and Business Operations*

### HOSTS

**Michelle Rinehart**

*Vice Provost for Faculty*

**Shamecia Powers**

*Assistant Director of Business Operations, Office of International Education  
Chair, Staff Council*

## LUNCH

## AWARD PRESENTATIONS

*Georgia Tech Chapter Sigma Xi Awards*

*Institute Research Awards*

*ANAK Awards*

*Staff Awards*


*Undergraduate Education Awards*

*Steven A. Denning Awards for Global Engagement*

*Center for Teaching and Learning Awards*

*Faculty Honors Committee Awards*





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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.

## Sigma Xi Awards

*Presented by Jerry Qi,  
Professor and President,  
Sigma Xi (Georgia Tech Chapter)*

## Best Faculty Paper Awards

### Matt T. McDowell

*Carter N. Paden Jr.  
Distinguished Chair  
College of Engineering*

### Jiang Zhigang

*Professor  
College of Sciences*

## Young Faculty Awards

### Cong “Callie” Hao

*Assistant Professor  
College of Engineering*

### Omobolanle Ogunseiju

*Assistant Professor  
College of Design*

## Sustained Research Award

### Kostas T. Konstantinidis

*Richard C. Tucker Professor  
College of Engineering*

## Institute Research Awards

*Presented by Bill Dracos, Chief  
Research Operations Officer*

## Outstanding Achievement in Research Enterprise Enhancement Award

### Anna Osterholm

*Principal Research Scientist  
College of Sciences*

## Outstanding Achievement in Research Innovation Award

### Lakshmi “Prasad” Dasi

*Rozelle Vanda Wesley Professor  
College of Engineering*

## Outstanding Doctoral Thesis Advisor Award

### Shimeng Yu

*Professor  
College of Engineering*

## Outstanding Achievement in Research Engagement and Outreach Award

### Edward Botchwey

*Professor  
College of Engineering*





**Outstanding Achievement  
in Research Program  
Development Award**

**Human Space  
Exploration Team**

**Phillip First**  
*Professor*  
College of Sciences

**Masatoshi Hirabayashi**  
*Associate Professor*  
College of Engineering

**Brant Jones**  
*Senior Research Scientist*  
College of Sciences

**Julie Linsey**  
*Professor*  
College of Engineering

**Peter Loutzenhiser**  
*Associate Professor*  
College of Engineering

**Thomas Orlando —  
Team Leader**  
*Regents' Professor*  
College of Sciences

**Frances Rivera-Hernandez**  
*Assistant Professor*  
College of Sciences

**Alvaro Romero-Calvo**  
*Assistant Professor*  
College of Engineering

**Meisha Shofner**  
*Professor*  
College of Engineering

**Jiang Zhigang**  
*Professor*  
College of Sciences

**Outstanding Achievement  
in Research Program  
Impact Award**

**Georgia Artificial Intelligence in  
Manufacturing (AIM)**

**Thomas Kurfess**  
*Executive Director*  
Georgia Tech Manufacturing Institute

**Clarence Anthony**  
*Workforce Development Manager*  
Enterprise Innovation Institute

**John Avery**  
*Director*  
Advanced Technology Development Center

**Justin Biddle**  
*Associate Professor*  
Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts

**David Bridges**  
*Vice President*  
Enterprise Innovation Institute

**Zach Brunson**  
*Research Engineering I*  
College of Engineering

**Matt Carroll**  
*Research Coordinator I*  
Georgia Tech Manufacturing Institute

**Camille Cowans**  
*Senior Project Manager*  
Georgia AIM

**Donna Ennis**  
*Vice President*  
Enterprise Innovation Institute

**Steven Ferguson**  
*Principal Research Scientist*  
Enterprise Innovation Institute

**Chris Gaffney**  
*Professor of the Practice*  
College of Engineering

**Tasheé Hawkins**  
*Program Support Coordinator*  
Enterprise Innovation Institute

**Leigh Hopkins**  
*Assistant Director*  
Center for Economic Development Research

**Paul Joseph**  
*Principal Research Scientist*  
Office of Commercialization

**Andrew Krejci**  
*Project Manager*  
Enterprise Innovation Institute

**Danyelle Larkin**  
*Program Director*  
Center for Education Integrating Science,  
Mathematics, and Computing

**Kristen Morales**  
*Marketing Strategist*  
Georgia AIM

**Jennifer Pasley**  
*Senior Project Manager*  
Enterprise Innovation Institute

**Kyle Saleeby**  
*Research Engineer II*  
Georgia Tech Manufacturing Institute

**Ryan Scott**  
*Community Engagement Manager*  
Georgia AIM

**Steven Sheffield**  
*Senior Assistant Director of Research*  
Georgia Tech Manufacturing Institute

**Aaron Stebner —  
Team Leader**  
*Eugene C. Gwaltney Jr. Chair  
in Manufacturing*  
College of Engineering

**Weston Straka**  
*Research Scientist II*  
Institute for Matter and Systems

**Stephan Turano**  
*Senior Research Engineer*  
Institute for Matter and Systems

**Eric Vogel**  
*Executive Director,  
Institute for Materials*  
Institute for Matter and Systems

**Jarod Weber**  
*Research Program Manager*  
Georgia Tech Manufacturing Institute



### **ANAK Awards**

*Presented by Avril Adams,  
President, ANAK Society*

### **Outstanding Staff ANAK Award**

**Steve Place**

*Campus Sustainability  
Project Manager  
Office of Sustainability*

### **Outstanding Faculty ANAK Award**

**Rebecca Watts Hull**

*Assistant Director, Faculty  
Development for Sustainability  
Education Initiatives  
Center for Teaching and Learning*

### **Staff Awards**

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

### **Leadership in Action Award**

**Sirocus Barnes**

*Director of Expanded Learning  
Programs  
Center for Education Integrating Science,  
Mathematics, and Computing*

### **One Giant Leap Award**

**Jason Gregory**

*Institute Landscape Architect  
Infrastructure and Sustainability*

### **Putting Students First Award**

**Jake Tompkins**

*Mechanical Engineer III  
College of Engineering*

### **Service to the Community Award**

**Mariabelen Romero**

*Traffic, Production, and  
Analytics Coordinator  
Institute Communications*

### **Spirit of Georgia Tech Award**

**Robyn Crutchfield**

*Project Support Specialist Senior  
Housing and Residence Life*

### **2026 Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Equity Award**

**Susan Lozier**

*Betsy Middleton and John Clark  
Sutherland Dean's Chair  
College of Sciences*

### **Undergraduate Education Awards**

*Presented by Ellen Riley, Director of  
Undergraduate Advising Operations  
and Engagement*

### **Outstanding Undergraduate Academic Advisor — Primary Role**

**Kathryn Wilkinson**

*Academic Advisor  
College of Engineering*

### **Outstanding Undergraduate Academic Advisor — Faculty**

**Haley Steele**

*Academic Professional  
College of Sciences*

*Presented by Anna Newsome  
Holcomb, Director of Retention and  
Completion Initiatives*

### **Complete College Georgia Champion**

**Beatriz Rodriguez**

*Assistant Dean, Director of  
Engagement and Operations  
Ernest Scheller Jr. College of Business*

*Presented by*

*Chris Reaves, Assistant Vice Provost  
and Executive Director of the Office of  
Experiential and Engaged Learning*

*Laura Carruth, Associate Vice Provost  
for Transformative Teaching and  
Learning and Executive Director of the  
Center for Teaching and Learning*

### **Excellence in High-Impact Practices and Experiential Learning Departmental Award**

**Gregory D. Durgin**

*Professor  
College of Engineering*

**Shanthi Rajaraman**

*Senior Academic Professional  
Opportunity Research Scholars' Program*

### **Steven A. Denning Awards for Global Engagement**

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

### **Denning Faculty Award for Global Engagement**

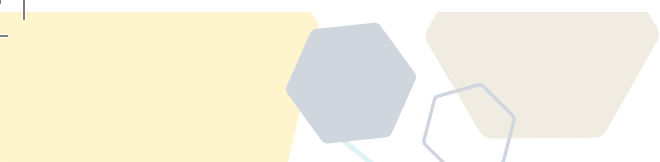
**Stéphanie Boulard**

*Director of French Program  
Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts*

### **Denning Staff Award for Global Engagement**

**Tara Berry**

*Academic Program Coordinator II  
College of Computing*



## Center for Teaching and Learning Awards

*Presented by*

*Laura Carruth,  
Associate Vice Provost for  
Transformative Teaching and  
Learning and Executive Director of  
the Center for Teaching and Learning*

*Carol Subino Sullivan, Associate  
Director of the Center for Teaching  
and Learning*

## CTL Junior Faculty Teaching Excellence Award

**Ebenezer Fanijo**  
*Assistant Professor  
College of Design*

**Lily Turaski**  
*Lecturer  
College of Engineering*

## Curriculum Innovation Award

**Mary Peek**  
*Principal Academic Professional  
College of Sciences*

## Innovation in Co-Curricular Education Award

**Zerrin Ondin-Fraser**  
*Research Scientist II  
College of Design*

## Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award

**Kyoko Masuda**  
*Professor  
Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts*

## Teaching Excellence Award for Online Teaching

**Danielle Geary**  
*Senior Lecturer  
Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts*

## Undergraduate Educator Award

**Tiffany Hughes-Troutman**  
*Professor of the Practice  
College of Sciences*

## Faculty Award for Academic Outreach

**Shalu Suri**  
*Senior Academic Professional  
College of Engineering*

## Faculty Honors Committee Awards

*Presented by David Joyner,  
Associate Dean for Off-Campus  
and Special Initiatives*

## Junior Faculty Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentor Award

**Farzaneh Najafi**  
*Assistant Professor  
College of Sciences*

## Senior Faculty Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentor Award

**Brian Gunter**  
*Associate Professor  
College of Engineering*

## Outstanding Lifetime Learning Award

**Joel Sokol**  
*Director, Master of Science  
in Analytics  
College of Engineering*

## Outstanding Service Award

**Dima Nazzal**  
*Associate Chair for  
Academic Administration  
College of Engineering*

## Class of 1934 Outstanding Interdisciplinary Activities Award

**Jennifer Singh**  
*Associate Chair  
Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts*

## Class of 1934 Outstanding Innovative Use of Education Technology Award

**Rodrigo Borela Valente**  
*Lecturer  
College of Computing*

**Nimisha Roy**  
*Lecturer  
College of Computing*

## Class of 1940 W. Roane Beard Outstanding Teacher Award

**Ellen Yi Chen Mazumdar**  
*Assistant Professor  
College of Engineering*

## Class of 1940 W. Howard Ector Outstanding Teacher Award

**Pamela Pollet**  
*Principal Academic Professional  
College of Sciences*

## Class of 1934 Distinguished Professor Award

**Mark Prausnitz**  
*Regents' Professor and Regents'  
Entrepreneur, J. Erskine Love Jr.  
Chair in Chemical and  
Biomolecular Engineering  
College of Engineering*

