WELCOME TO TECH
Welcome to Georgia Tech!

Congratulations on your decision to join our campus community. Georgia Tech is a nationally ranked, academically challenging, and socially diverse institution where exciting possibilities and opportunities await!

New Student & Sophomore Programs (NSSP) supports new and continuing student success at Georgia Tech through a range of programs that focus on fostering the transition and engagement of students in the campus community.

This publication introduces you to a few programs especially for new students.

Please read it thoroughly so you can plan and prepare for FASET and learn all about other welcome and orientation options that are available to you, your parents, and guests. These programs, along with our committed professional and student staff, will help you get to know and love Tech.

Our office is located on the first floor of the Smithgall Student Services Building in Suite 141. Please feel free to reach out anytime you have questions. We will help you connect to the appropriate resources on campus.

Best wishes,

Cynthia L. Jennings

Assistant Dean of Students
and Director of New Student & Sophomore Programs

From left: Larry Cloud, Cynthia Jennings, Laura Wright, and Jordan Holliday
Your orientation program, Familiarization and Adaptation to the Surroundings and Environs of Tech (FASET), is planned by students, for students.

FASET is a two-day program where you’ll meet students, faculty, and administrators who can help you become better acquainted with campus. You’ll learn about Tech’s rich history and traditions, and you’ll also meet your academic advisor and register for classes. FASET is designed to prepare you, your family, and guests for the Georgia Tech experience.

FASET Cabinet is an executive board of 10 students who have worked hard to plan many aspects of your program. A team of FASET Orientation Leaders will assist you in your transition, including helping you register for courses.

2015 FASET Cabinet

Front row (L to R): Rebecca Cottrill, Andrea Vargas, Lauren Lucas, Katherine Sorrento  Second row (L to R): Alain Dusabe, John Gaddis, Michele Mandula  Back row (L to R): McLean Davies, Walter Ley, Noel Webber
Top 10 Reasons to Attend FASET Orientation

1. Get answers to your questions.
2. Be guided by an enthusiastic and knowledgeable FASET Leader.
3. Meet your academic advisor and get advice on course registration.
4. Register for classes.
5. Interact with other incoming students, current students, faculty, and administrators.
6. Learn about student support options such as tutoring, career services, counseling, and more.
7. Familiarize yourself with campus before classes begin.
8. Experience life in a residence hall.
9. Explore student organizations and involvement, community service projects, and other campus engagement opportunities.
10. Join your new campus community.
IMPORTANT DATES

Registration for Wreck Camp opens:
Thursday, May 1, at 9 a.m. (ET).

Registration for FASET and R.A.T.S. on Ropes
Tuesday, May 19, at 9 a.m. (ET).

Registration for FASET closes:
Tuesday, June 23

FASET Orientation Dates

Summer First-Year FASET* Orientation
June 17–18, Wednesday - Thursday

Fall First-Year FASET

Session 1: July 7–8 Tuesday - Wednesday
Session 2: July 9–10 Thursday - Friday
Session 3: July 19–20 Sunday - Monday
Session 4: July 23–24 Thursday - Friday
*Session 5: August 2–3 Sunday - Monday
**Session 6: August 9–10 Sunday - Monday
**Session 7: August 12 –13 Wednesday - Thursday

All sessions are available on a first-come, first-served basis with limited availability.

* Please see summer FASET housing information on page 10.

** Sessions 6 and 7 are reserved for international students and out-of-state students living 800 or more miles away; however, space is not guaranteed, so prompt registration is advised. Other students may request these sessions, space permitting, starting June 30th.

Please see page 10 for Sessions 6–7 housing details.
Register for FASET between May 19 and June 23 at www.nssp.gatech.edu

Wreck Camp Thursday, August 6 – Saturday, August 8 www.nssp.gatech.edu

R.A.T.S. Week Thursday, August 13 – Sunday, August 23 www.ratsweek.gatech.edu

New Student Convocation Sunday, August 16 www.gatech.edu/specialevents/convocation

R.A.T.S. on Ropes Sign up for the day prior to your FASET orientation session www.nssp.gatech.edu
FASET Schedule
FASET is a two-day orientation session.

• **Day 1** begins at 8 a.m. Students will have planned activities until 11 p.m. on the first day; guests will finish by early evening.

• **Day 2** begins at 8 a.m. for both students and guests and will conclude by 6 p.m.

Session Assignments & Confirmation
You will receive your session assignment and confirmation after you complete the registration process. You may attend only the session for which you have registered. For questions about registration, email NSSP at nssp@vpss.gatech.edu or call 404.894.6897.

Cancellation Policy
All cancellations must be made in writing at least 10 business days in advance of your session for a refund of the registration fee, less a $50 administrative fee. To request a refund, email nssp@vpss.gatech.edu.

Students and Guests with Disabilities
Please indicate on your FASET registration if you or anyone in your party has needs relating to a disability. If you need an accommodation, indicate it on your FASET registration and notify us at nssp@vpss.gatech.edu at least three weeks before your intended FASET session. While at FASET, you may wish to schedule an appointment with the Office of Disability Services to discuss your specific needs. For information, call 404.894.2563 (voice) or 404.894.1664 (TDD), or visit www.adapts.gatech.edu.
COST*

Student Fee – $210*

Covers all FASET materials, overnight housing in a residence hall, Day 1 lunch and dinner, Day 2 breakfast, first-year T-shirt, and R.A.T.S. Week and Welcome Home Month activities.

Student Early Arrival Fee (FASET 1–5) $85

Includes dinner and night’s stay in residence hall before each session.

* Scholarships, including HOPE, do not cover orientation fees. All orientation fees will be posted to your student account (www.bursar.gatech.edu) after the session.

Register online @ www.faset.gatech.edu

For registration, you will need:
1. At least two FASET sessions you can attend, in case one is filled.
2. Georgia Tech account user name and password.
3. Georgia Tech ID number.
4. Preferred email address(es) for summer communications.
Preparing for FASET

Test Scores
Please make sure your current test scores have been sent to the Office of Undergraduate Admission. *To help with your course registration, we highly encourage you to bring an additional copy of these scores with you to FASET.*

Final High School Transcript
Please have your official and final high school transcript showing your date of graduation forwarded to the Office of Undergraduate Admission as soon as it is available.

Medical and Immunization Requirements
All students entering Georgia Tech must satisfy Board of Regents (BOR) immunization requirements. It is HIGHLY recommended that students complete the BOR requirements before the first day of class. For full details of all incoming student health and medical requirements, please visit [www.health.gatech.edu](http://www.health.gatech.edu).

Verify Lawful Presence
In accordance with University System of Georgia Policy, all students admitted to Georgia Tech must provide documentation showing that they are lawfully present in the United States. Failure to complete would prevent you from registering for courses at FASET. Completion of the FAFSA form may have satisfied this requirement. Students who need to provide additional documentation will be notified via email by the Office of Undergraduate Admission.
FASET Housing

Summer First-Year FASET

If you are living on campus for the summer 2015 semester, you can check in to your residence hall starting at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, June 16. For check-in locations, visit www.housing.gatech.edu. If you have questions regarding move-in, contact Georgia Tech Housing at 404.892.2470. All students are required to stay on campus during FASET. If you are not going to live on campus this summer, please indicate this when you register for FASET so we can arrange on-campus accommodations.

Sessions 1–5

Since Day 1 activities go until 11 p.m., all students attending FASET sessions 1–5 are required to stay in a residence hall. Housing is not available after FASET concludes on Day 2.

Early Arrivals

If you need to arrive the day before FASET, overnight housing is available for $85. You may check in from 1–7 p.m. in the East Campus Housing Office at 711 Techwood Drive in Field Residence Hall. You must indicate your intention to arrive early on your FASET registration.

Sessions 6–7

Students attending FASET sessions 6–7 who have a residence hall assignment for fall semester are expected to move in the day before their session. Check-in procedures are available starting mid-July at www.housing.gatech.edu. If you will not live on-campus fall semester, on-campus housing will not be available to you during session 6 or 7. For convenient accommodations, see hotel listings on page 14.
Just for International Students

New international first-year students are expected to attend FASET 6 (August 9-10) or FASET 7 (August 12-13). International Student and Scholar Services, within the Office of International Education (OIE), requires all new international students to check in with OIE prior to registering for classes. You will not be able to register for classes until OIE check-in has been completed, but you can complete several steps before arriving on campus.

The more you can complete before arriving on campus, the faster the OIE check-in process will go. For more information on OIE check-in, visit http://oie.gatech.edu/welcome/checkin.

Additional Programs

Additional programs will be offered before FASET sessions 6-7 that will further assist you in your transition to life in the U.S. while attending Tech (such as shopping trips to local stores and a cell phone and banking fair).

International Student Welcome Week

New international students are also encouraged to attend the International Welcome Series during the first few weeks of fall semester, a sequence of social events and informational sessions that include topics specific to Georgia Tech international students transitioning to the U.S.

F1/J1 Immigration Session

While many of the sessions and events are optional, all new F1/J1 students are required to attend an immigration session.

For more information on these programs, visit www.oie.gatech.edu/welcome.
FASET is not just for students; it’s for parents and guests as well. Even if you’ve been to Georgia Tech before, there is always something new to learn and someone new to meet. Because families continue to play an important role in their college student’s development and education (orientation offers information to assist both families and students in making the transition to Georgia Tech and helps create realistic expectations).

Parent and Guest Orientation runs concurrently with the student program and focuses on topics of interest to families of new students.

PARENT/GUEST COST

Parent/Guest Fee – $120
Includes all FASET materials, Parent Handbook, Parent Calendar, Day 1 lunch and dinner, and Day 2 breakfast.

Parent/Guest Bus Tour of Atlanta – $40

Register online @ www.nssp.gatech.edu
Participants will have the opportunity to:

• Attend presentations and break-out sessions on academic success, finances, housing, parking, campus safety, and more.

• Take care of important campus business (meal plans, tuition payments, books, etc.).

• Participate in a campus resource fair.

• Meet other families of first-year students attending FASET.

• Meet with key campus administrators during Parent Breakfast.

• Learn about opportunities available through the Parents Program.

We strongly believe that family participation during your student’s transition to college is invaluable and directly contributes to their success; we hope you will choose to attend FASET.

Housing and Parking

Due to space limitations, housing is not provided for parents and guests during FASET. Please see information on page 14 or visit www.nssp.gatech.edu for a list of local accommodations providing special rates.

Directions to campus, including from the airport and via public transportation, and parking information are available at www.nssp.gatech.edu.

Bus Tour of Atlanta

The program takes place on the first evening of each FASET session and includes many of Atlanta’s beautiful homes and historic sites. Please indicate on your student’s registration form if you plan to take the tour; we cannot accept walk-ups. The tour is only for parents and guests.

The $40 per-person cost will be added to your student’s bill. All cancellations must be made in writing at least 10 business days in advance of your session for a refund of the fee. To request a refund, email nssp@vpss.gatech.edu.
HOTELS NEAR CAMPUS

The Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center
800 Spring Street NW • Atlanta, GA 30308

Georgia Tech’s only on-campus hotel!
We are right across from the Barnes & Noble campus bookstore and on the Georgia Tech trolley route. Complimentary wireless Internet is included. Mention you are attending FASET to receive the Georgia Tech discounted rate.
404.838.2100 or 404.347.9440.
www.gatechhotel.com

Hampton Inn Georgia Tech
244 North Avenue NW • Atlanta, GA 30313

Closest hotel to the Student Center and Student Success Center; free hot breakfast/wireless Internet; complimentary shuttle service seven days a week throughout campus and within a two-mile radius of the hotel (call for hours of operation).
404.881.0881
www.hamptoninn.hilton.com
Parents Program

The Georgia Tech Parents Program helps parents stay connected to their student and support his or her educational experience. As part of the Division of Student Affairs, the Parents Program hosts events such as Family Weekend and Siblings Day, offers volunteer opportunities, and provides meaningful communication to parents and families. Coming to college is a big step in your student’s life. We look forward to partnering with you to make it successful.

Upcoming Parent Events

New Student Convocation and Parent Reception

*Sunday, August 16*

All incoming students and their families are invited to New Student Convocation. Just as Commencement symbolizes the conclusion of a college career, Convocation represents the beginning. Parents and guests are also invited to a special Parents and Guests Reception prior to Convocation where they can meet fellow parents, faculty, staff, and administrators.

[www.specialevents.gatech.edu/convocation](http://www.specialevents.gatech.edu/convocation)

Family Weekend

*October 2–4*

Join the Georgia Tech Parents Program for an exciting weekend of fun-filled activities. Visit [www.familyweekend.gatech.edu](http://www.familyweekend.gatech.edu) for more information. Online registration will open Monday, August 3.
Extended Orientation Experiences

The value and fun of FASET doesn’t have to start – or end – with your session. Additional programs – academic, fun-filled, and leadership-oriented – are available to help you learn even more about your new community, yourself, and the academic and co-curricular adventures that await you at Tech.*

WRECK CAMP

Now that you have decided to come to Tech, it’s time to be part of the tradition—Wreck Camp! Join us for this opportunity to bond with your new Georgia Tech family before you ever arrive on campus. For three days and two nights, you’ll join other incoming students and student leaders at Rock Eagle 4-H Camp in Eatonton, Georgia, to learn more about Georgia Tech, our traditions and your leadership. Filled with fun activities, Yellow Jacket insight, and new friendships, Wreck Camp is one event you do not want to miss! We hope to see you at Wreck Camp this summer and on campus this fall!

2015 Wreck Camp Directors

Wreck Camp (L to R): Conor Fitzpatrick (Director of Operations & Media), Sheila Leveille (Director of Outreach & Special Projects), Lindsey Eidson (Director of Staff Development), Sara Allen (Director of Participant Recruitment)
What is Wreck Camp?
You may know a lot about Georgia Tech — or very little. Either way, Wreck Camp is for you! This extended orientation experience brings together new and current students and is a great way for you to meet people, make new friends, and get to know more about campus culture and traditions.

Why should I come to Wreck Camp?

• **Community**
  Coming to camp gives you the opportunity to meet other new students in a fun environment. You will participate in everything from small groups led by two upperclassmen to color-themed teams to all-inclusive camp activities. While having a great time, you will create new bonds and friendships with a diverse group of students before ever arriving on campus.

• **Traditions**
  Georgia Tech has a rich history of traditions and a great story to tell. Coming to camp ensures you will learn all about these traditions, including singing the fight songs, pulling pranks with George P. Burdell, and practicing for the Freshmen Cake Race.

• **You**
  You will not only be better prepared to transition into Tech this fall, you will also learn more about yourself through insightful activities and interactions in small groups with our staff. We’ll help you identify your individual strengths and set goals that will help you succeed in college. We want you to have the best first year you can, and Wreck Camp is a great way to get ahead of the curve!

Go to [www.nssp.gatech.edu](http://www.nssp.gatech.edu) to sign up. Wreck Camp is one experience you will not want to miss!
SCHEDULE

Day 1
The first day of Wreck Camp is about making connections and learning Georgia Tech traditions through small group time, our annual Traditions Skit, trivia, and our themed social!

Day 2
During Day 2, we talk more about life at Georgia Tech, your leadership, and what it means to be a student here. Day 2 is also when we have our Wreck Camp Games (a field-day competition between color teams) and the Color War.

Day 3
Our final day of Wreck Camp is all about taking what you’ve learned and getting ready to head back to campus. We’ll have advice panels from our staff on a variety of topics, our awards ceremony (including announcing the winning color team), and one final small group.

COST

Registration for Wreck Camp begins May 1. Wreck Camp costs $200 per student. Need-based scholarships are available. If you would like to move into your fall residence hall prior to camp, you may do so for a fee of $160.

All Wreck Camp fees will be posted to your student account (www.bursar.gatech.edu).
R.A.T.S. on Ropes

This day-long pre-FASET event immerses participating students in a high-adventure interactive workshop at the Georgia Tech Leadership Challenge Course. This experience is designed to give students the tools they’ll need to take on leadership roles at Tech. Students will interact 40 feet in the air to solve problems and develop confidence, while building new relationships. www.nssp.gatech.edu

Tech Treks

NSSP and the Campus Recreation Center’s Outdoor Recreation Georgia Tech (ORGT) have joined forces to offer three optional adventure orientation experiences. All trips are beginner-friendly, no experience is needed, and all gear is provided, so start your Georgia Tech experience with one of these unique outdoor excursions. www.crc.gatech.edu/orgt

EngageATL

Sponsored by the Office of Leadership & Civic Engagement, EngageATL is a 4-day community-based service experience. Participants will learn about civic engagement at Georgia Tech as well as community needs within metro Atlanta. EngageATL will also help students build new relationships with their peers and strengthen their ties to the campus community. For more information, please visit leadandengage.gatech.edu or email engage@gatech.edu.

The Challenge Program

The Challenge Program, sponsored by the Office of Minority Educational Development (OMED), is a five-week on-campus summer program especially for African-American, Hispanic, and Native American students, but all first-years are welcome. The program provides a comprehensive snapshot of what is expected of first-semester students, both academically and socially. www.omed.gatech.edu/challenge
Tech Prep

Tech Prep, sponsored by the Center for Academic Success, School of Mathematics, and Georgia Tech Housing, is a non-credit, intensive, 10-day residential program that reviews fundamental calculus concepts as well as introduces strategies critical for academic success in calculus and other first-year courses. Tech Prep creates an active, social, relaxed environment with the goal of giving new students a head start on their success at Tech.

Participating students will move to campus early, gain academic experience, start building relationships, and explore Atlanta through social events. For more information, visit www.success.gatech.edu/programs/tech-prep or email techprep@gatech.edu.

*All programs have a fee for attendance. More information on costs and programming is available on each program’s website.
R.A.T.S. Week 2015

R.A.T.S. Week is the welcome week for all Recently Acquired Tech Students! The fun will start Thursday, August 13, and last through Sunday, August 23. R.A.T.S. Week is packed with activities, departmental receptions, campus information, chances to meet other students, and opportunities to learn about hundreds of ways to get involved on campus. Information will be posted at www.nssp.gatech.edu at the beginning of August.

Small Act BIG IMPACT

Join Georgia Tech’s Community Connections Program!

Did you know Georgia Tech’s motto is “Progress & Service”? We put these words into action at FASET. This summer, we will host a collection drive of small toiletries for the Atlanta Day Shelter for Women and Children, and we encourage all families and students attending FASET to participate. The project will culminate on Friday, August 14, when incoming students will work alongside upperclass students, faculty, and staff volunteers to package donations for delivery. Stay tuned for emails or visit www.leadandengage.gatech.edu.
New Student Convocation

Open to all incoming students and their families, New Student Convocation will be held Sunday, August 16. Just as Commencement marks the completion of a college career, Convocation signals the beginning, where new students and their families are officially welcomed to the academic community. [www.specialevents.gatech.edu/convocation](http://www.specialevents.gatech.edu/convocation)

Welcome Home Month

Welcome Home Month, coordinated by NSSP, starts with R.A.T.S. Week and continues with Engagement Week. It’s a great time to learn about academic opportunities, student organizations, and campus activities. You can view the schedule at [www.welcomehome.gatech.edu](http://www.welcomehome.gatech.edu) in August.
For More Information

New Student & Sophomore Programs is here to answer your questions. Email us at nssp@vpss.gatech.edu or call us at 404.894.6897 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (ET), Monday–Friday. If you get voicemail, please leave your name and number, and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

TECH TO DO

- Retrieve and Memorize Your GTID Number
- Register for FASET Orientation
- Pack and Prepare for Move-In
- Sign Up for Wreck Camp
- Sign Up for an Extended Orientation Experience
- Complete Dining Contract
- Submit Payment for Tuition and Fees
- Sign Up for Rave Guardian
- Complete Online Health Program
- Complete Immunization Requirements
- Follow New Student & Sophomore Programs on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter: #GT19, #FASET, #GTParent, #WreckCamp, and #RATSonRopes
- Join the Class of 2019 Facebook Group
- Participate in Project One