Collaborative Artwork Makes a Splash on Campus

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Tech alumnus and senior designer at Professional Education, Bobby Strickland, has beautifully demonstrated that even at a technology powerhouse, art has a profound role to play. When confronted with tragedy, a grieving community found relief by creating a painting.

He came up with the idea for the Make a Splash collaborative art project following the death of Scout Schultz, a Tech student and campus leader. Strickland felt a strong need to do something meaningful for the community that has been central to his life for decades. With support from the Division of Student Life and Office of the Arts, he set up his paint and canvases and invited students and their families to create art on Oct. 28, 2017, during Family Weekend.

Participants were asked to dribble paint drops from squeeze bottles to cover the canvases “Jackson Pollock-style” with a rainbow of colors, each one making a unique splash. The paint thickness built up so quickly that it took three days to dry. Later, Strickland painted over the top of this background with transparent, colored glazes. To unify the piece, he painted overlapping water ripples. The final presentation is multiple canvases that fit together like a puzzle to make one canvas. It is now on display in the lobby of the Counseling Center.

“The Make a Splash collaborative art project provided a way for all of us to create together in the spirit of healing,” he explained. “We are demonstrating that we all fit together, that every individual makes a unique impact, and that impact has a ripple effect. Together, we can send ripples of love and acceptance in the face of tragedy and loss.”

Hundreds of people of all ages created the paintings. Some made random patterns, others drew hearts, peace signs, flowers, Georgia Tech logos, or signed their initials. “Even a person who is blind contributed to the artwork,” Strickland commented. “I made certain to preserve his portion and not let it get painted over.” The paint was so fluid that each design flowed into the next, which led to the abstract look when the work was completed.

Hanging the work of the People’s Choice award at the Faculty and Staff Art Exhibit in 2017, Strickland is a familiar face at the Office of the Arts. Its director, Madison Cario, pointed out that “Winning was easy. Governing’s harder.” It demonstrated that even at a technology powerhouse, art has a profound role to play. When confronted with tragedy, a grieving community found relief by creating a painting.

George Washington — at least, the version from the musical Hamilton — said that “Winning was easy. Governing’s harder.” It takes participation for governing to work, and that includes Faculty Governance at Georgia Tech.

The Faculty Senate is looking for new members for several of its committees, where participants will help make decisions that affect many aspects of campus life.
The Faculty Senate and Academic Faculty Senate convened Tuesday, Feb. 13, for their winter meeting. Leslie Sharp, associate vice provost for Graduate Education and Faculty Development, gave an overview of the results from the Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE) Survey, which was administered on campus last year. The faculty satisfaction effort was organized by the Harvard Graduate School of Education and administered nationwide.

Georgia Tech reported a response rate in line with the national average, which was administered on campus last year. The survey found no areas of dissatisfaction with the overall Institution. Of the respondents, 75 percent reported that their colleagues were satisfied with their job, 78 percent reported that they would recommend their Institution to others, and 75 percent reported that they felt accepted at their Institution.

The survey's results were broken out into categories: teaching, advising, research, and service. The results showed mixed responses. Faculty standing committees, for example, received high marks, with 86 percent of respondents saying they were satisfied with their committees.

According to Leslie Sharp, associate vice provost for Graduate Education and Faculty Development, the survey's results were positive, with 81 percent of respondents reporting that they felt accepted at their Institution. The survey also showed that 78 percent of respondents recommended their Institution to others, and 75 percent reported that they were satisfied with their teaching, advising, research, and service.

The survey included questions about the quality of the faculty's work, as well as their satisfaction with the Institution, and was administered on campus last year. The results showed that 86 percent of respondents were satisfied with their committees.

For more information, visit the COACHE website at www.coachecollege.org. The survey results are available for download and can be accessed through the link provided.
**Summer Tuition Will Be Charged Per Credit Hour**

CHRISTINA WAN  
**SUMMER SESSION INITIATIVES**

Students who plan to enroll in classes this summer may be able to look forward to saving money this academic term.

Summer Session Initiatives will implement new tuition rates for summer session courses, beginning this year. The new model represents a per-credit hour charge. These rates will allow students to pay only for the number of hours they take and reduce the cost of attending Georgia Tech during the summer. The former model charged for a range of hours.

Approved by the University System of Georgia’s Board of Regents in January, it marks “a significant change that will benefit many students, particularly those who only need to take one class,” said De Morris Walker, director of Summer Session Initiatives. “This tuition model reduces the per-class cost compared to previous summers, making summer school more accessible. In the past, Tech students were charged one of two flat rates based on whether they took six or more credit hours, or fewer than six credit hours. Tuition models for fall and spring semesters remain assessed at rates of above and below six credit hours.

Complete information about Summer 2018 tuition and fees is posted on the Bursar’s website in mid-February. For more information, stop by an information fair on Thursday, March 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Kessler Campanile area.

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**FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS**

Nelson C. Baker, dean of Professional Education, was voted president-elect of the University Professional and Continuing Education Association for 2018-19. He will serve as president for the organization the following year.

Sam Coogan, assistant professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, received the IEEE Transactions on Control of Network Systems Best Paper Award at the 56th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control, which took place in December 2017 in Melbourne, Australia.

Mark E. Hay, Regents Professor and Harry and Linda Teasley Chair in the School of Biological Sciences, is the recipient of the 2018 Gilbert Morgan Smith Medal of the American Chemical Society. The award recognizes excellence in published research on marine and freshwater algae.

Abdallah Ougazzaden, professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering and director of Georgia Tech-Lorraine, has been named to the National Academy of Metz as an honorary member.

Gabriel Alfonso Rincón-Mora, professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, has been named a Distinguished Lecturer for the IEEE Circuits and Systems Society for 2018-19. He will deliver lectures on the topics of energizing and powering microsystems and energy-harvesting power supplies.

Brennan Saltariformaggio, assistant professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, received the 2017 ACM SIGSAC Doctoral Dissertation Award at the ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security.

Anna Westerstahl Stenport, professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, was selected to receive the 2017 ACM SIGSAC Doctoral Dissertation Award at the ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security.

Gordon L. Stuber, Joseph M. Pettit Chair Professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, earned the 2017 IEEE Communications Society Radio Communications Committee Technical Recognition Award. The award was presented at the committee’s meeting in December 2017 in Singapore.

Susan Napier Thomas, assistant professor in the George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering, was selected to receive the 2018 Young Investigator Award from the Society for Biomaterials.

Jeff Wu, Coca-Cola Chair in Engineering Statistics and Professor in the H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering, has received the Brumbaugh Award from the American Society of Quality. The Brumbaugh Award recognizes the best paper from among the seven journals sponsored by ASQ. Wu also received the award in 1992.

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cosmos is clearer these days and months.

Although stars are distributed through the night sky evenly, there’s actually a clustering of the brightest stars during the winter," said Sowell.

Weather patterns are also a factor. “During the winter, the humidity is significantly lower, so the atmosphere — the sky — is very clear and transparent, so we can see fainter stars.”

The last reason may be more obvious than you think. “There are just so many hours of darkness,” Sowell said. “If you come home at seven o’clock and look up, you’re seeing stars. If it’s the summer, you’re going to see the sun.”

The Georgia Tech Observatory hosts its next public night this week on Thursday, Feb. 22, from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

Feb. 23  
**The Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) Program** hosts a faculty and staff information session over breakfast at Amelie’s French Bakery & Café on Marietta Street. Learn about the Leadership Fellows Program and how to become a leadership coach at the drop-in event from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
leadership.gatech.edu

Feb. 26  
**The Body Image Committee kicks off the Campaign for Everybody Body from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Healthy Space, Student Center.** See a full list of the week’s events at: bedyimage.gatech.edu

March 8  
**Serve-Learn-Sustain hosts a panel discussion to showcase case studies of course-based “living laboratory” projects on campus, and highlight exciting ways to put learning into practice moving forward.** The discussion will take place from 11 a.m. to noon in Clough Lounge, Room 205, Clough Commons.  
serve-learn-sustain.gatech.edu

March 9  
**The Institute for Leadership and Entrepreneurship hosts the regional finals of the Global Social Venture Competition, an international competition for student social entrepreneurs.** The event takes place from 2 to 6 p.m. in Room 300, Scheller College of Business.  
gsvc.gatech.edu

March 15  
**Techmasters, the campus Toastmasters chapter, will host a spring open house from Noon to 1:30 p.m. in Press Room A, Bill Moore Student Success Center.** Lunch and refreshments will be served at 11:30 a.m.  
techmasters.gatech.edu

For a more comprehensive listing of events, or to add your own, visit calendar.gatech.edu.
**VEHICLES**

For sale: 2010 Lincoln MKZ. Silver w/ leather interior, 99k miles, excellent condition inside and out. Well-maintained. Includes both keys, brand new spare tire. Lots of upgrades. $9,500. Call 706-878-6730.

**REAL ESTATE/ROOMMATES**

Room for short-term rental for students, co-ops, interns, and others. Within a 5-mile radius of campus, close to public transit. More information and photos: airbnb.com/rooms/14405672


For rent: Furnished, private bedroom and bath (w/ access to all living spaces) in Buckhead. $875/mo. Includes utilities, cable, Wi-Fi, parking. No smoking, pets, or children. Walking distance to food markets, restaurants, entertainment, shopping, public transit, churches. Request 12-month lease. Referrals upon request. Contact 404-514-7662, reba.darr@gmail.com.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Specialized Sirrus Elite Woman’s Bike - medium frame, black. Purchased brand new June 2017, only ridden a few times. Bike has lightweight, alloy/welded black frame. Rides smooth, great for speed and city street riding. Topcase Explorer Rack installed on back, two water bottle cages added. Axiom Kingston Commuter messenger bag also included. Contact karla.huie@gatech.edu, 706-587-5898.

Researchers in the School of Interactive Computing and Institute for People and Technology seeking parents of children ages 1 to 5 years old for a study using an e-book to track development. Learn more at c.gatech.edu/ebookstudy.

Free yellow jacket nest removal. Nests to be used for research in the School of Biology. Call 404-385-6311 or e-mail michael.goodisman@biology.gatech.edu.

**HIDDEN GEORGIA TECH ARCHITECTURAL DETAILS PART III**

With 400 acres and nearly 160 buildings, Georgia Tech’s main campus is filled with a range of architectural styles, from Collegiate Gothic when the university opened to recent additions in contemporary design.

Part III of the Architectural Details installments explores buildings around the perimeter of campus. See more photos at c.gatech.edu/archiii

(1) A section of the Molecular Science and Engineering Building is made of limestone.
(2) The binary skywalk bridge connects the Klaus Advanced Computing Building to the rest of the Information Technology Complex.
(3) A study/reading area inside the Barnes & Noble at Georgia Tech extends slightly into the Jenkins Courtyard of the Scheller College of Business.
(4) The Fulton County Medical Society dedicated the Academy of Medicine as its headquarters in 1941.
(5) The view from behind a screen on the front of the Marcus Nanotechnology Building.

Hidden Georgia Tech is a photo essay series highlighting places on campus that may largely go unnoticed but are sometimes hidden in plain sight. If you know of a place worth exploring, email editor@comm.gatech.edu. View more from the series at c.gatech.edu/hidden.