**Nominate Students to Coach Peers**

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While faculty and staff can be solid mentors to students, some situations call for peer-to-peer support and understanding.

The Counseling Center’s Peer Coaching Program fills that need: Well-trained peers with whom students can talk about what they’re going through and get direction on helpful campus resources.

The program began in 2015 as a way for students to get more involved in campus mental health initiatives. Now, the Counseling Center is looking for students to apply as coaches for Fall 2018 and is seeking recommendations from faculty and staff members.

“Students who serve as peer coaches are trained to assist others in identifying and accomplishing specific academic, social, or personal goals related to concerns commonly faced by college students,” said Irene Daboin, postdoctoral fellow with the Counseling Center and manager of the program.

Some topics may include adjusting to college or campus culture, academic difficulties, stress, relationship concerns, uncertainty about a major or career.

**SPRING IS SPRINGING**

Despite a recent cold snap, it’s planting season on campus. Above, Joe Laneve, horticulturist with Facilities Management, fertilizes pansies and violas on Tech Lawn in late February.

**Georgia Tech Launches Global Change Program**

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INSTITUTE COMMUNICATIONS

A new Georgia Tech initiative is underway that will coordinate and grow educational and research activities focused on providing solutions and creating economic opportunities at the intersection of global change, climate change, and energy.

The launch follows a year of deliberations by an executive committee of campus stakeholders brought together under a joint charge from the Office of the Provost and Office of the Executive Vice President for Research.

Executive Vice President for Research. The 22-member committee was led by President Emeritus G. Wayne Clough and represented all six colleges.

“The work of the committee highlighted the many ongoing and exciting efforts in the global change space happening in schools, units, and}

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**More Applications Than Ever**

Regular Decision admission notifications went out March 10. In all, more than 35,600 students applied for admission in Fall 2018. The overall admit rate this year was 22 percent. Learn more at: c.gatech.edu/admits

**Donate Clothing, Office Supplies for Earth Day**

The annual Earth Day Festival, which will take place April 20, includes an office supply exchange and clothing swap. Clothes should be donated by April 2, and pickups can be scheduled for office supply donations. Learn more at: earthday.gatech.edu

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A Q.L.F. Fit Clinic will focus on Becoming Confident in the Fitness Center from noon to 1 p.m. The session will provide an overview of the Campus Recreation Center’s fitness floor and how to use equipment crc.gatech.edu

March 29
Atlanta’s Dance Canvas and ArtsTech explore the bridges between movement, technology, science, and life at 8 p.m. at the Ferst Center for the Arts. arts.gatech.edu

March 29
Available Zombies on Campus will discuss how college students are affected by housing and food insecurity, and what we can do to address it. The event is part of Diversity and Inclusion Month. diversityprograms.gatech.edu

March 23
Workplace Learning and Professional Development hosts a session on Managing Your Performance the Development hosts a session on March 23.

March 29
The Center for the Study of Women, Science, and Technology hosts its annual distinguished lecture with Rafael L. Bras, provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs. "Bringing these groups together in a coordinated, collaborative, and multidisciplinary way will amplify Georgia Tech’s thought leadership and expertise, expand academic programs, and strengthen key partnerships with industry and peer institutions."

The program will be directed by Kim Cobb, ADVANCE professor and Georgia Power Chair in the School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences. Early program activities include curriculum design for undergraduates, including creation of an "Energy and Climate" minor and a climate solutions lab. The program will also host speakers and roundtable events to showcase Georgia Tech’s contributions to global change-related subjects including energy, food and water supply, air quality, ocean health, public policy, and economics. Objectives include possible expansion of academic programs to graduate students, and growth of new partnerships both within Georgia Tech and with public and private partners.

The initial thrust of the Global Change Program will focus on undergraduate education and the creation of critical connections among our research and academic faculty," said Cobb. “Our students want exposure and real-world hands-on experience with these topics as they enter the workforce. Growth of current programs like the Carbon Reduction Challenge and development of new programs will allow future generations of learners to understand issues of global change from the vantage point of their own discipline.”

The Global Change Program is initially supported by seed funds from the Office of the Provost and the Executive Vice President for Research, and through a $500,000 gift from the Ray C. Anderson Foundation. The gift builds upon the successful expansion of Cobb’s Carbon Reduction Challenge to co-op and internship agreements that partner with their employer to design and implement a carbon reduction project that delivers cost savings. The co-curricular initiative is a partnership between Cobb and Beril Tokeray, professor in the Scheller College of Business and faculty director of the Ray C. Anderson Center for Sustainable Business.

“We believe this is a critical time to support an initiative as exciting as the Global Change Program,” said John A. Lanzet, executive director of the Ray C. Anderson Foundation. “With its focus on solutions to our pressing global challenges, in particular the challenge of climate change, the program will make Georgia Tech a leader in creating positive change.”

are grateful to President Peterson, Dr. Cobb, President Emeritus Clough, and the entire administration for their commitment to this important work.

Two councils will be established in support of the program. A faculty advisory council has been established to help shape program activities and ongoing strategic objectives. Chaired by Clough, the council is an extension of the initial executive committee. An external advisory board will also be established.

“The implications of global change are economic, environmental, and cultural,” said Clough. “The work is happening all over campus, and Georgia Tech has a tremendous opportunity to influence the scholarship and policy solutions that address issues of global change and ready students for the careers of the future.”

Global Change Initiative Launch
Program launch activities are planned for Tuesday, March 27.

• 3 p.m. — Campuswide keynote lecture “My Climate Change” from author and journalist Andrew Revkin, East Architecture Auditorium. A reception will immediately follow.

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More information is available at globalchange.gatech.edu.

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Burton also advises that in families with several siblings you should “figure out what each sibling does best and tap into that. If you have multiple siblings, speak to that one particular area where each one can give you a reprieve.”

As our loved ones grow older and their health deteriorates, it is sometimes hard to continue seeing them as the strong and capable person they once were. However, Burton suggests that they continue to be included in the conversation regardless of their cognitive status. “Figure out the things of importance in the words that they are using and continue a dialogue.”

The EAP can help answer questions regarding Medicare, Medicaid, and long-term care. These areas sometimes experience changes regarding eligibility requirements, so it’s important to speak with a counselor who keeps abreast of the changes. The EAP also provides complimentary attorney services for advance directives. This includes creating living wills and durable power of attorney for health care, and regular wills.

To contact the EAP for no-cost counseling, referrals, or other services, call 444-A28-3241 or request services online at espry.com. To log in, the password is well-being.

A Father-Daughter Dance of Caregiving

Birgit Smith Burton’s father, Charles Smith, was a take-charge kind of man. He retired as a lieutenant colonel after having joined the U.S. Air Force upon graduation from Tuskegee University with an engineering degree. He later worked as a civil engineer for the state of New York before retiring and moving with his wife from Buffalo, New York to the small town of Covert, Michigan. He became her wife’s caregiver after she suffered a few strokes. But within a year of her mother’s death, Burton noticed signs that her father’s health was also declining.

“He wasn’t making the best decisions, but he didn’t want to be questioned about it,” said Burton. Georgia Tech’s executive director of Foundation Relations. So, she posed that question, she got her dad’s life started, she started making calls on her father’s behalf.

“I didn’t have power of attorney, so I couldn’t call about Medicare because they wouldn’t talk to me,” she said. “And he was telling me that he didn’t need anybody, and he just wanted to go home.” Burton decided to reach out to friends and colleagues for advice.

“The best thing that I did was to call people. Every step of the way I got help because people would connect me with someone who had been through this and could advise me,” she said.

One example was when she wanted to celebrate her father’s 90th birthday in Michigan, she wondered if he could live on his own. “That was my first time thinking that maybe he needs someone to come in every day,” she said. “He didn’t need a full-time person to watch him all of the time. Sometimes it’s more convenient – just someone to check on him.”

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Optimal Aging Colloquium Series

The Optimal Aging Initiative of the School of Psychology translates research on the effects of aging into evidence-based ways to support the quality of life and competence of older adults.

A spring colloquium series showcases discussions on this subject. All presentations will take place from 3:30 to 5 p.m., with a catered reception following the talk.

For more information, contact Christopher Hertzog (christopher.hertzog@psych.gatech.edu) or Ann Pearman (pearman6@mail.gatech.edu).

Imageing in “Healthy” Aging and Dementia: A Bigger Sandbox

Bruce Crosson

Departments of Neurology and Radiology, Emory University, and Atlanta Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Wednesday, March 28

Peachtree Room, Student Center

Predictors of Cognitive Decline and Resilience: Insights from the Baltimore Longitudinal Study of Aging

Susan Resnick

Laboratory of Behavioral Neuroscience, National Institutes of Health

Wednesday, April 18

Peachtree Room, Student Center

Optimizing Everyday Function in Older Adults: Translating the Evidence

George W. Rebok

Department of Mental Health, Johns Hopkins University

Wednesday, May 2

Peachtree Room, Student Center

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

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Faculty Members Earn Promotions, Tenure

Georgia Tech congratulates those faculty members who were promoted or earned tenure this year.

Promotion from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor with Tenure

- Jennifer Jordan, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs
- Yui Jin Kim, Scheller College of Business
- Lauren Klein, School of Literature, Media, and Communication
- Ryan Lively, School of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering
- Peter Loutzenhiser, George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering
- Patrick McGrath, School of Biological Sciences
- Nepomuk Otte, School of Computer Science
- Kamran Paynabar, H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering
- Joseph Rabino, School of Mathematics
- Jonathan Rogers, George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering
- Martin Short, School of Mathematics
- Xu Sun, H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering
- Brian Swider, Scheller College of Business
- Susan Thomas, George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering
- Matthew Torres, School of Biological Sciences
- Hua Wang, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Kirsten Wickelgren, School of Mathematics
- Ronghu Wu, School of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Promotion from Associate Professor to Professor

- Atlaya Atasu, Scheller College of Business
- Kaitelynn Do, George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering
- Flavio Fenton, School of Physics
- Nadi Ghebreel, H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering
- Daniel Goldman, School of Physics
- Michael Hunter, School of Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Plamen Iliev, School of Mathematics
- Konstantinos Konstantinidis, School of Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Michael Leamy, George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering
- Anton Leykin, School of Mathematics
- Raquel Lieberman, School of Chemistry and Biochemistry
- Zhou Lin, School of Mathematics
- Brian Magerko, School of Literature, Media, and Communication
- Moinuddin Qureshi, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Christopher Rosell, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Nicolina Serban, H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering
- Shyh-Chiang Shen, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Joel Sokol, H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering
- Francesco Storici, School of Biological Sciences
- Mark Wheeler, School of Psychology

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path, or dealing with grief or loss. Candidates should have strong leadership skills, social skills, communication skills, the ability to work well on a team, the ability to accept feedback, maturity, assertiveness, sound judgment, and commitment.

Daboin hopes they can recruit more graduate students to take part in the program. “We know that graduate students face different issues than undergraduates, so we would love to have more representation from that group,” she said.

Students who become peer coaches are asked to commit about five hours per week to their responsibilities, which include meeting with their consultants, meeting with Daboin, and other related tasks.

“Our Counseling Center does so much, so being a student liaison of sorts is a privilege,” said Grace Kehoe, an industrial and systems engineering major and peer coach. “Whether it’s meeting with a consultant or having a simple day-to-day conversation, it’s invaluable knowing how to effectively communicate so your peers can reap all the benefits of your training, even unknowingly.”

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