GOAL-DRIVEN GRADUATES

As Commencement approaches, learn more about some of the students (including some Tech employees) who will earn degrees this month. (Clockwise from top left) Jerry Lin, biomedical engineering major; Milton James, industrial and systems engineering major; Heather Johnston, public policy major; Ashley Riggs, events coordinator for Institute Diversity. Read their stories at c.gatech.edu/commencement.

Employee Earns Her Regalia

Michael Hagerty
Institute Communications

Graduating from college is typically a cause for celebration. Ashley Riggs was content to keep it low-key.

"I just wanted to quietly slide out with my degree," said the marketing and events coordinator for Institute Diversity. "But then I thought about my grandmother, my mother, and my daughter, and I decided it was too important [not to share the moment as a family]."

On Tuesday, May 9, grandmother Cecile, mother Natalie, aunt Khristine, and daughter Kylie will all get to see Riggs cross the stage at McCamish Pavilion to receive her undergraduate degree in political science from Georgia State University.

As the ceremony approaches, Riggs is feeling both pride and relief. After putting her college education on hold for more than a decade, completing her degree quiets a nagging voice in her psyche. Not having a college degree "was a
May 5

The Ph.D. Hooding ceremony takes place from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at McCammack Pavilion. Graduates are required to RSVP.

The President’s Graduation Celebration takes place from 3 to 5 p.m. on the Tech Tower Lawn.

The master’s and Ph.D. ceremony takes place from 7 to 9 p.m. at McCammack Pavilion.

May 6

The bachelor’s morning ceremony takes place from 9 a.m. to noon at McCammack Pavilion.

The bachelor’s afternoon ceremony takes place from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at McCammack Pavilion.

Tickets are required for all ceremonies. See more information at commencement.gatech.edu.

May 3

Human Resources hosts a Bi Weekly session on Caring for Aging Parents, from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 330, Student Center. Register at: ehc.gatech.edu/bewell

May 10

The Weil-Doehn Health Fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Campus Recreation Center and Stamps Health Services. Vendors from on campus and the Atlanta area will provide information about their programs and services.

hlw.gatech.edu

May 11

The President’s Campus Walk will take place from 4 to 5 p.m., starting at the Campus Recreation Center.

hlw.gatech.edu

May 9

Asbestos Awareness will cover background information on asbestos, health effects, worker protection, and operations and maintenance practices on Tech’s campus. The class takes place from 9 to 11 a.m. in Room 1133, Mason Building. A second class takes place May 11 from 3 to 5 p.m. in Room 123, East Architecture Building. Register at: training.asp.gatech.edu

SEMINARS & LECTURES

2017 FACULTY AND STAFF HONORS RECIPIENTS

Congratulations go out to the following members of the Tech community who were honored at the Faculty and Honors Luncheon on Friday, April 21. See photos at flickr.com/georgiatech.

OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTOR AWARDS

Shatakshee Dhongade
Assistant Professor, Economics

Flavio H. Fenton
Associate Professor, Physics

Seung Soon Jang
Associate Professor, Materials Science and Engineering

OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Myrtle Turner Harris
Principal Research Scientist, Georgia Tech Research Institute, Electronic Systems Laboratory

CLASS OF 1934 OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Mary Ann Weltmayer
Senior Associate Chair, Electrical and Computer Engineering

CLASS OF 1934 OUTSTANDING INTERDISCIPLINARY ACTIVITIES AWARD

Pamela T. Bhatti
Associate Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

CLASS OF 1934 OUTSTANDING INNOVATIVE USE OF EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Ashok K. Goel
Professor, Interactive Computing

CLASS OF 1940 ROANE BEARD OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

Mark A. Davenport
Associate Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

CLASS OF 1940 WILLIAM HOWARD ECTOR OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

Andrew Zangwill
Professor, Physics

Clifford B. Wood
Professor, Chemistry

CLASS OF 1934 DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AWARD

Gary B. Schuster
Regents Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry

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SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Faculty and staff members were recently honored for their years of loyal service to the Institute.

25 YEARS

Joseph Bislet Information Technology
Jay Bolter Information, Media, and Communication
Peter Breckle Ivan Allen College
Elizabeth Bryant Development
Loretta Buchanan Development
Leonid Busiromin Mathematics
Wayne Cherry Post Office
David Collard College of Sciences
Jerril Colvin Facilities Management
Edward Conrad Physics
Michelle Hardin Chemical and Biological Engineering
Kenneth Cunfair Mechanical Engineering
Shawn Draughn Library
Raymond Kangas GTRI
Steven French College of Design
Thomas Grice Library
David Harris GTRI
Gary May College of Engineering
Suresh Murthi Aerospace Engineering
Chaitali Mitchell Facilities Management
Scott Leyd GTRI
Haiping Huang Chemical and Environmental Sciences
Jing Liu Civil and Environmental Engineering
James Magee Administration and Finance
Bernaradine Melkorka Facilities Management
David Moulder Environmental Health and Safety
Jonathan Jeffers Haas School of Business
David Marks GTRI
Sadie Marshall Aerospace Engineering
Alex Mayberry John B. Fernandis and Company
Linda Johnson GTRI
Leona Jones Information Technology
Deborah Jones Undergraduate Admission
Irrfan Jawaid Aerospace Engineering
 Dominique Nze Facilities Management
Jeanne Meyers Facilities Management
Charles Harding GTRI
Tingating Harris Mechanical Engineering
Julie Hawkins Development
Katie Keath Professional Education
Katherine Keehn Information Technology
Elizabeth Kehoe University Relations
Charles Kemper Facilities Management
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Samantha Kim Physics
Kriti Khalid Turkmenistan Institute
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Karen Luster GTRI
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Vicki Hill Housing
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10 YEARS

Dellaha M. Hairr Housing
George Appurial GTRI
Randy Akin Information Technology
Tina Allen Student Life
Kristen Anderson Professional Education
Rose Arrigina Interactive Computing
David Augspurger Security and Privacy
Glen Beck Electronic and Computer Engineering
Rudie Bousle Interactive Computing
Nasiru Banu-Ghali Mechanical Engineering
Esiforainados Bemahl Biodiversity Management
Kimberly Bell Stamps Health Services
Alvika Benison Development
Kimberly Benjimen Poll Health
Kenneth Bernard Center for Advanced Communication Policy
Pamela Bivati Electrical and Computer Engineering
Selinda Biggers Athletic Association
Christian Birk Chemistry
Christian Birk Chemistry
Sharon Bishop Biology
Stephanie Budaj Modern Languages
Amalia Bracco Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
Beverly Brayner Human Development
Jennison Brinley Library
Mary Brown Public Policy
Kenneth Brown Chemistry and Biochemistry
Timothy Brown College of Computing
Mary Brownsey Student Life
Eric Buckhall Information Technology
Randall Burke Bilingual Computing Department
David Callahan Computer Science
David Callahan Computer Science
Ralph Carter Facilities Management
David Castro-Lacalle Building Construction
Clarence Chastain GTRI
Travis Chu’sen IT
Cheng Chen Institute for Electronics and Nanotechnology
Seung-Kwon Choi Mechanical Engineering
Daniel Coleman Physics
Myong-Gon Ghim Mechanical Engineering
Daniel Goldenman Physics
Ivy Gooding Facilities Management
Jill Gustin GTRI
Jennifer Graham Facilities Management
Jerry Green Facilities Management
Amanda Griben Information Technology
Angela Guin Civil and Environmental Engineering
Wendy Haggerty Chemistry and Biochemistry
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EVENTS

ARTS & CULTURE

May 6-7
The Tech in Joy exhibit features interactive works, computational music installations, and tech-augmented performances from the Tech Arts Practitioners in collaboration with Eyedrum and local artists. The exhibit takes place May 6 from 7 to 11 p.m. and May 7 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Eyedrum Art and Music Gallery, 88 Forysth Street. eyedrum.org

MISCELLANEOUS

May 5
Softball hosts Pittsburgh at 6 p.m. at Shriver Clements Morehead Field. ramblinwreck.com

May 7
The Staff Council hosts an Inform Georgia Tech spring campus on Campus Safety and Security with Georgia Tech Police Chief Rob Connolly, from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Clary Theatre, Student Success Center. staffcouncil.gatech.edu

May 9
The Scheller College of Business hosts an MBA Info Session from 6 to 8 p.m. in Room 200, Scheller College of Business. scheller.gatech.edu/mba

May 19
The Staff Council hosts a general meeting from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Crescent Room, Student Center. All staff members are invited to attend. RSVP to Leslie.hallb@gt.gatech.edu. staffcouncil.gatech.edu

June 2
Applications are due for the Center for Teaching and Learning’s 2017-18 Faculty Learning Communities. Learn more and apply at c.gatech.edu/steacherr.
BOR Sets Tuition Rates, Approves Campus Projects

KRISTEN BAILEY
INSTITUTE COMMUNICATIONS

The Board of Regents (BOR) of the University System of Georgia (USG) approved tuition rates for the 2017-18 academic year at its April 18 meeting at College of Coastal Georgia.

The BOR approved a 2 percent increase in Georgia Tech's undergraduate tuition for both residents and nonresidents. For graduate students, tuition will increase by 2.5 percent regardless of residency.

The BOR also approved a request from Georgia Tech to shift $100 per semester from the graduate student Special Institutional Fee to graduate student tuition.

As a professional and a professor, Riggs has more responsibility than she did during her first college experience, but she concedes a different mindset in her approach.

"I'm more appreciative of the opportunity this summer around," she said. "There's an added determination. I know what I'm capable of and, for me, it's not enough." Although she's still interested in her major, political science, her career aspirations have changed. She loves her current role in event planning and execution, and is eager to grow those skills instead. After a semester off, she will begin exploring her options for a master's degree.

"I know I want to go back to school," she said. "I've been bitten by the education bug."