More Than 15 Construction Projects Underway This Summer

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In spite of this spring’s erratic — and at times volatile — weather, construction projects have continued apace across campus.

It’s the time of year when the Design and Construction teams in Facilities Management scramble to get projects completed and the campus refreshed. With no fewer than 15 major projects in the works, here is a summary of those that are nearing completion, underway, and coming soon.

ACTIVE SITES
Boggs First Floor Renovation  
Renovation of the first floor of the Gilbert H. Boggs Chemistry Building continues. The latest phase of work will provide undergraduate instructional laboratory spaces for the School of Biology and the School of Physics. This project includes HVAC reconfiguration, electrical reconfiguration, upgrades to the fire protection system, and replacement and repurposing of laboratory casework. Work began in February and should be completed in November.

Football Locker Room Renovation  
The players’ locker room, coaches’ locker room, equipment spaces, and circulation spaces in Bobby Dodd Stadium are getting a renovation and refresh. Updates include building systems upgrades such as the HVAC and plumbing in the toilet, shower, and hydrotherapy areas. Enhanced ventilation throughout the renovated areas, as well as ventilated lockers and improved audiovisual equipment, are also in the plans. The project will be finished in early July for use in the 2018 football season.

Outdoor Films Return for Summer
The Flicks @ Tech summer movie series will show three movies this year: Ready Player One on June 22, The Greatest Showman on July 6, and Black Panther on July 20. More information will be available in the coming weeks at: studentcenter.gatech.edu

Research Finalist Presentations Begin This Week
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INSTITUTE COMMUNICATIONS

Four finalists have been chosen in the search for the next executive vice president for research (EVPR).

As part of the final selection process, each candidate will visit campus and give a presentation addressing their broad vision for leading Georgia Tech’s research enterprise. The hour-long seminars are open to all students, faculty, and staff. Interested individuals can attend in person, watch real-time via live stream, or watch a post-event video of each candidate.

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HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Do you find yourself creating a culture of health, well-being, and caring in your department or organization? Do you believe in walking meetings, office yoga, or team meditation? Health Initiatives is looking for employees to be part of the next cohort of Well-Being Activators.

Well-Being Activator applications are open for employees through Thursday, June 7. Activators serve as well-being role models by hosting programs, leading healthy challenges, and integrating well-being into their group or department. Activators gain skills related to leadership, well-being, and fostering healthy behavior change.

Numerous activators are already spreading this message across campus to their respective departments and organizations. I became an activator to cultivate a community of health, well-being, and caring on a practical level,” said Yolonda Cameron from Legal Affairs and Risk Management. “It means not only sharing various health and wellness tips and initiatives at Georgia Tech, but also facilitating health and wellness activities.” Some of her proposed ideas include herbal tea breaks, walking tours, and reflection hours.

Each activator is encouraged to take a personal approach to the way they share the well-being message. Byron Stokes, customer service manager and well-being activator for the BuzzCard Office, implemented a weekly mindful meditation session in his office. Nakisia Green from the Scheller College of Business created a box outside of her office filled with chocolates and random acts of kindness notes. Student Amy Pollman created a well-being competition in her Honors Program residence hall to encourage healthy habits such as drinking water, getting eight hours of sleep, and exercising.

Activators attend one half-day training led by the Health Initiatives Department, followed by monthly meetings. The training is designed to help individuals develop leadership skills and learn core concepts related to health and well-being, and to teach participants how to best infuse a culture of health, well-being, and caring into their department.

Employees interested in learning more about the program or applying for the next cohort should visit c.gatech.edu/activator.

Health Initiatives’ goal is to eventually have one Well-Being Activator represent every community group on campus, from student organizations to residence halls to employee departments. Student applications will be available in the fall.

BOARD OF REGENTS UPDATES

The Board of Regents convened for its last meeting of the academic year on Tuesday, May 15. Items of interest to Georgia Tech include:

- The Committee on Finance and Business Operations approved the establishment of a Campus Center Faculty fee of $85 per semester beginning Fall 2020. This fee was first approved by Georgia Tech students in 2016 as part of the long-term plan to build a new facility in place of the existing Student Center complex. The Committee on Real Estate and Facilities also approved the authorization of the Campus Center project during the May meeting. (See the Campus Center update in the campus construction article on page 3.)
- The Committee on Real Estate and Facilities authorized the Eco-Commons Living Building Challenge Sector Project, which will remove surface parking and install stormwater management infrastructure, landscaping, and an area referred to as “the glade.” This is part of the larger Eco-Commons project that spans 80 acres of campus. (See the Eco-Commons update in the campus construction article on page 3.)
- The Board approved a request to the State of Georgia for the FY19 Bond Sale, including $30.6 million for the Library Renewal, and $5 million for the Georgia Advanced Manufacturing Center at Georgia Tech.

At its April meeting, which took place at the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center April 17–18, the Board approved the following items related to Georgia Tech:
- Establishment of a Master of Science in Applied Languages and Intercultural Studies at Georgia Tech.
- Establishment of the Brundt-Fitz Chair for the Dean of Students and the appointment of John M. Stein.
- Establishment of the Sam Nunn School Chair in the Nunn School of International Affairs.

For complete meeting minutes and upcoming agenda, visit usg.edu/regents/meetings.

FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Raymond C. Hill, senior research technologist at Georgia Tech’s National Electric Energy Testing Research and Applications Center, received two awards at the IEEE Power and Energy Society Protective Devices Committee meeting, which took place from April 30 to May 3 in Clearwater, Florida.

Glenn Hopkins, an administrator and instructor in the defense technology portfolio in Professional Education and principal research engineer with the Georgia Tech Research Institute, won the IEEE Atlanta Section Outstanding Educator of the Year award in acknowledgment of his non-traditional teaching accomplishments.

Josh Kacher, assistant professor in the School of Materials Science and Engineering, has been selected to receive the 2018 ASM Bradley Stoughton Award for Young Teachers at the ASM Awards Dinner in October.

George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering Assistant Professor Seung Woo Lee has received the Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Award from the National Science Foundation.

James (“Jim”) Pete, deputy chief information officer for Campus Services, received the 2018 Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Campus Card Users.

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The finalists and seminar schedules are outlined below. More information on each candidate is available at president.gatech.edu/EVPR-search. Questions for each candidate may be submitted in advance or during their respective seminars via email to provostoffice@gatech.edu.

EVPR Finalist Presentations

All presentations will take place in Room 152, Clough Commons.

Chauoki Abdallah
Current Position: Provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs at the University of New Mexico
Presentation: Wednesday, May 30, 11 a.m.

Dimitris Lagoudas
Current Position: Associate vice chancellor and senior associate dean for engineering research at Texas A&M University
Presentation: Monday, June 4, 11 a.m.

Rashid Bashir
Current Position: Executive associate dean and chief diversity officer in the Carle Illinois College of Medicine at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Presentation: Wednesday, June 6, 11 a.m.

Albert Pisano
Current Position: Professor and dean of the Jacobs School of Engineering at the University of California-San Diego
Presentation: Tuesday, June 12, 11 a.m.
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remaining classrooms will be reconfigured for problem-based learning formats, and public areas will be improved to provide breakout learning space. Mechanical systems will also be replaced.

The renovation of the Instructional Center’s Tenenbaum Auditorium includes a new sprinkler system, refreshment of the aisles to meet current code, and expanding the room’s capacity to 300. Construction started in May and will be completed in October.

Library Renewal

The library complex is getting a complete renovation including site utilities, interior and exterior construction, steam tunnel work, and sanitary sewer drainage systems. Much of the tower’s exterior has been replaced on the north and south sides to provide natural light and views. The interior is being reconfigured to provide ample study and collaboration space. Work on Phase 1, the tower portion, started in August 2017 and wraps up this winter. Phase II will begin in January, which will focus on the Price Gilbert portion, and is projected to be finished in Spring 2020.

Dalney Building

The Dalney Building project features a new parking deck that will house 800 spaces and an adjacent 34,300-square-foot office building. A photovoltaic array is planned for future implementation on the top level of the parking deck. Further, space for a blackwater reclamation system will be added at the lower level of the office building. Construction begins this month, to be completed in August 2019.

The Kendeda Building

The Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design, which will be located at the corner of State Street and Ferst Drive, has officially been under construction since March. The beginnings of the foundation have been poured, and work is expected to be complete in Summer 2019, at which point the building will undergo the Living Building Challenge certification process, which is anticipated to be complete in Fall 2020. Follow the progress via webcam at livingbuilding.gatech.edu.

Campus Safety Facility

Construction began in February on the 30,000-square-foot building at the corner of Tenth Street and Hemphill Avenue. The new building will house the Georgia Tech Police Department and provide a new campus-focused element in the Northeast sector of campus. The facility will also be Georgia Tech’s first WELL Certified building, a certification program that promotes health and well-being in buildings.

Howey Physics Building

This project began in February and includes a complete overhaul of Howey’s lecture hall spaces as well as restroom improvements. The two-phase project will complete its first phase in August 2019, with a full completion date of August 2020.

Coda Building

After months of digging, several floors of the Coda Building are now visible above ground at the corner of Spring Street and Armorel Place. Coda will include 645,000 square feet of offices and retail space programmed around the goal to serve as the core of collaboration and the pinnacle of innovation in Midtown Atlanta. Georgia Tech will be the anchor tenant, occupying 288,771 square feet of space. The building is under construction by DPR with an anticipated completion date of February 2019. Construction of Georgia Tech’s space will begin in September, with the project scheduled for completion in Spring 2019. Follow the construction at codatechsquare.com/building.

NEARING COMPLETION

Nanotechnology:

Cell Manufacturing

Construction is nearly complete on the new 2,930-square-foot cleanroom facility for the Marcus Center for Therapeutic Cell Characterization and Manufacturing. This project also includes extending the building’s common corridor by 2,000 square feet to provide access, egress, equipment moving paths, and educational viewing opportunities into the new cleanroom space. The project should be finished this month.

Savant: Ivan Allen College

Renovation of the first floor of the Savant Building will be completed this month. The renovated first floor will accommodate the dean’s office for the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts. Work included paint, flooring, repairing historic plaster, installing new light fixtures, replacing the entry doors, and replacing all of the building’s fenestration to restore its historical external appearance.

Atlantic Promenade Phase III

Phase I of this project replaced a steam line from the Bunge-Henry Building to Ferst Drive; phases II and III provided extensive streetscape and landscape improvements. The landscape along the Atlantic Drive corridor from Tech Green to Ferst Drive now includes multiple bioswales and drought-tolerant plant species. Improvements in the area also include new outdoor study areas, such as the Seven Bridges Plaza, inspired by Leonard Euler’s solution to the Seven Bridges of Königsberg, a solution that laid the foundations of graph theory. Additional upgrades include improved walkways, more than 100 new bike racks, and underground stormwater retention. The area is fully open to pedestrians, and finishing touches should be in place this week.

Van Leer Interdisciplinary Design Commons

Renovation continues for the two 2-story modules to create space for a new Interdisciplinary Design Commons, which will provide interdisciplinary education, collaboration, research, and makerspace for student design and invention. Windows have been installed and landscaping is underway. The project is scheduled to be finished in June.

JUST GETTING STARTED

Eco-Commons Sector

The overall Eco-Commons concept encompasses approximately 80 acres. The portion of the Eco-Commons currently under active planning consists of eight acres and includes a performance landscape, which will have sustainable infrastructure components, as well as green space for community use. The project will incorporate urban agriculture and a stream channel to mimic historic water flow while capturing stormwater for reuse. This water capture is in support of Georgia Tech’s sustainability goal to reduce stormwater runoff by 50 percent. A network of stormwater utilities and reclaimed water utilities will be installed as a part of this project. Also included in the footprint of the project is the construction of the Kendeda Building and Campus Safety Facility.

DESIGN PLANNING

Campus Center

The Campus Center project will provide a comprehensive renovation of Georgia Tech’s Student Center complex, transforming the current facility into a broadly focused center to better serve the needs of the entire campus. The goal is for the Campus Center to become the place to support social interaction, relaxation, and creative expression within the diverse community.

ACC Network Production Center

In June, demolition and construction will commence to convert the building at 955 Fowler Street NW into a High Definition production facility for the launch of ESPN’s Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Network. The facility will meet the ACC’s requirement to have production facilities on-site and include control rooms, a small production studio, support spaces, and offices.

MISCELLANEOUS

June 5

The Georgia Tech Staff Council hosts a meet and greet event from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Piedmont Room, Student Center. Members of Staff Council will be available to say hello and answer questions about the council or Georgia Tech. staffcouncil.gatech.edu

June 13

Emergency Preparedness 101 is a free training covering the basics in preparing for and responding to emergency situations on campus. The session will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Alumni House Ballroom. Register at: trains.gatech.edu

June 14

The Digital Design Mini Symposium, Part II, will cover digital design, documentation, and fabrication technologies. The event will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Digital Fabrication Lab. c.gatech.edu/digitaldesign2

June 16

Workplace Learning and Professional Development hosts a session on The POWER of Writing from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Room 149, Global Learning Center. trains.gatech.edu

For a more comprehensive listing of events, or to add your own, visit calendar.gatech.edu.
HIDDEN GEORGIA TECH
THE LOCKSHOP

If you are not a building manager or a construction contractor with Georgia Tech, you probably haven’t been to the Lockshop, located in the O’Keefe Building on Sixth Street.

The Lockshop, with a team of four people led by foreperson Sonny Cody, holds the keys to all Georgia Tech facilities, excluding Housing. Take a look inside. See more photos at c.gatech.edu/lockshop.

(1) The Lockshop stores extra lock cores for each campus building. This close-up shows reusable cores and extra keys for each building. (2) A view of the Lockshop through security bars of the service window. (3) Locksmith Kelly Belton prepares to cut a key. (4) These small springs are a must-have in each lock barrel. (5) The Lockshop entrance is located in the O’Keefe Building on Sixth Street. (6) Pin segments, used in lock cores, are stored and labeled in small bins.

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REAL ESTATE/ROOMMATES

For sale: 3BR/2BA, 3.9k sq. ft. home in Sandy Springs. A-sided brick, traditional situated on level cul-de-sac lot in sought-after neighborhood. Contact (404) 285-1532. View listing at news.gatech.edu/whistle/classifieds.

For rent: 2BR/1BA basement apartment in Johns Creek, North Fulton County. Exceptional neighborhood, close to GA-400, I-85, I-285. $950/mo. rent only or $1,100/mo. rent and utilities (except AT&T internet). Contact jstarnes3@gatech.edu.

One or two rooms for rent in East Cobb. Each w/ its own bathroom. Shared kitchen facilities. $450 for one room or $600 for both. Email bdespy@hotmail.com.

For rent: 1BR/1BA apartment in Home Park, duplex residence. Amenities include: washer/dryer, off-street parking, security system, A/C, ample storage. $925/mo. Contact 404-512-4618.


Don’t wait any longer to plan your beach vacation. Custom designed beach house in beautiful Seagrove Beach, Florida, along Scenic 30A. Sleeps 8; no pets; no smoking; convenient to everything; Georgia Tech discount. See listing at: www.VRBO.com/581301.

VEHICLES


For sale: Simmons Beautyrest “Firm” full mattress and Tempur-Ergo Premiere Adjustable Frame (frame w/ warranty). 18 months old. Orig. $3,600, selling for $1,800 OBO. Contact pamaviga@outlook.com.

Looking for a carpool partner for the daily commute from East Cobb to Tech campus. Email bdespy@hotmail.com.

MISCELLANEOUS

Items for sale: Twin-sized medium-firm mattress, excellent condition, used less than one year, in original plastic cover, $100. Medium-sized writing desk w/3 side drawers, $10. Large drawer, dark wood, used less than one year, excellent condition, $40. Living furniture: TV stand w/ shelf, quality dark wood, excellent condition, $20; 2 ottomans w/ storage space, $10 each; office chair w/ wheels, $20. Cash payment, buyer must pick up by June 22. Contact Moumanti, 404-804-1441, moumantip3@gmail.com.


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