Learn the Ropes of Policing at Tech

Applications Now Open for Spring Citizens Police Academy; Begins March 7

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INSTITUTE COMMUNICATIONS

Georgia Tech’s Citizens Police Academy is a five-week program designed to educate and inform the Tech community about issues related to law enforcement efforts on campus and how the Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) operates. The Academy, which is accepting applications for spring, is open to all Tech faculty, staff, and students.

“If you have questions about the operations of the department, the type of training the officers receive, the day-to-day function of the department, or if you just want to have a better understanding of law enforcement — this academy is for you,” said Georgia Tech Police Officer Jessica Howard, Academy coordinator.

The training, which begins March 7, includes classes on investigations, Clery Act, K-9, law enforcement technology, firearms, emergency preparedness, and crime prevention. All classes are held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The program is free, but participants must commit to attend all sessions. Class size is limited to 12, and there are only a few slots remaining.

Applicants must submit an application at: c.gatech.edu/nie

Bringing the World to North Avenue

Allison Noffsinger is the assistant director of On-Campus Internationalization in the Office of International Education (OIE), a role she seemed destined to fill.

She was born in Virginia, moved to Colorado, then grew up mostly in Kentucky University, where she double-majored in public relations and Spanish, and double-minored in international business and Latin American studies.

While in college, Noffsinger studied abroad in Seville, Spain, for a semester and also used her summer vacations to independently backpack around Europe and the Americas, visiting more than 25 countries before graduating. After graduation, she moved to Tel Aviv-Jaffa, Israel, for a year as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, where she took classes at Tel Aviv University, interned at an Arab-Jewish community center, and toured the country speaking to rotary clubs. Upon returning to the United States, she began working in international education full time for a few years before attending graduate school at Florida International University in Miami to study international relations. After completing her degree, she worked as an international student recruiter for Hult International Business School. She was based in Miami, but worked most of the time in Colombia. In 2015, while in a coffee shop in Cali, Colombia, she received...
EVENTS

ARTS AND CULTURE

Feb. 21
The School of Music’s Laptop Orchestra performs, as part of the yearlong celebration of the Periodic Table, from 11 a.m. to noon in the atrium of the Klaus Advanced Computing Building.
periodictable.gatech.edu

Feb. 21
The Georgia Tech Symphony Orchestra presents the fifth annual Romantic Masters concert, presenting Brahms’ First Symphony and works by Rossini and Verdi, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Ferst Center for the Arts.
music.gatech.edu

Feb. 28
The Georgia Tech Concert Band and Symphonic Band present their first concert of the spring semester from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Ferst Center for the Arts.
music.gatech.edu

Through March 1
The Robert C. Williams Museum of Papermaking hosts an exhibit called Formation, showcasing the many directions this theme can take in biology, craftsmanship, ideas, geographies, personal narratives, and histories. The museum is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
paper.gatech.edu

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From the Committee on Real Estate and Facilities, the Board heard information on the proposal of a multiyear door access control hardware upgrade program that would involve replacing access control hardware on more than 2,200 doors across campus. The project would improve the ability to manage the assignment and revocation of access privileges and enhance the overall security of campus facilities. This work would be completed over a four-year period.

The Board approved authorization of the Cobb County Research Facility — Special Access Program Facility Expansion, which will renovate, update, and increase space used by the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI). The project will be paid for through GTRI grant funds.

Lastly, the Board approved the Ground Lease and Revitalization Agreement for the Campus Center Student Center Expansion/Renovation. This is the next step in the ongoing Campus Center project, which includes the renovation and expansion of a student center complex that will total approximately 275,000 square feet, to be completed in two phases.

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Finalists Selected for Next Dean in Computing, Sciences
Four finalists have been selected in the search for the next dean of the College of Computing, and three have been selected as finalists for the next College of Sciences dean.

All finalists will make presentations in the coming months that are open to the entire campus community. Search updates will continue to be shared at provost.gatech.edu.

Computing

• Charles Isbell, professor and executive associate dean for the College of Computing at Georgia Tech Tuesday, Feb. 19, 11 a.m., Room 152, Clough Commons

• Kathleen Fisher, chair of the Computer Science Department at Tufts University Thursday, Feb. 21, 11 a.m., Room 152, Clough Commons

• Radha Poovendran, professor and chair of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department at the University of Washington Tuesday, Feb. 26, 11 a.m., Room 152, Clough Commons

• Ellen Zegura, Flemming Professor in the School of Computer Science and executive faculty co-director of the Center for Serve-Learn-Sustain at Georgia Tech Thursday, Feb. 28, 11 a.m., Room 152, Clough Commons

Sciences

• M. Susan Lozier, distinguished professor of ocean sciences at Duke University and president-elect of the American Geophysical Union Monday, March 4, 11 a.m. Room 236, Global Learning Center

• Rodolfo H. Torres, University Distinguished Professor of Mathematics at the University of Kansas and co-chair of the Human Resources Advisory Committee of the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute, Berkeley Wednesday, March 6, 11 a.m. Room 236, Global Learning Center

• Kevin Pitts, professor of physics and vice provost for Undergraduate Education at the University of Illinois Monday, March 11, 11 a.m. Room 236, Global Learning Center
a job alert for a global internship advisor position at Georgia Tech. "I was fascinated by it," Noffsinger said. "The job looked interesting, and I was impressed that a university had the resources to dedicate to global internships." In addition to being interested in the job, she had already been thinking about moving to the Southeastern U.S. to be near her father. Months prior, she had also met her now husband, Ben Reed, at the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Natal, Brazil, and he had just happened to live in Atlanta.

"So, all of the forces combined, and I applied for the job," Noffsinger said. "She worked as the global internship advisor in OIE for a couple of years, then transitioned to her current position in November 2017. She is responsible for the On-Campus Internationalization workgroup in OIE, which oversees: the Global Leadership Living Learning Community of 118 first-year, degree-seeking students; International House (or I-House), a living learning community for 46 students comprised of 50 percent exchange students and 50 percent degree-seeking students; and the International Plan, a globally focused degree designation program that develops students' global competence within the context of their majors. She and her team are also responsible for International Education Week, TECHsplore, TECHsplore Summer, and additional intercultural learning opportunities.

“We focus on international opportunities that occur right here on campus. We bridge the gap between incoming international students and education abroad,” Noffsinger said. “There’s a lot of variety, and it’s exciting. There’s always something new. In one of the realms, something big is happening at any given time.”

Noffsinger said the most rewarding part of her job is seeing students evolve while at Tech. She likes seeing how much the students grow even within their first year, and seeing the choices they make regarding their major or what emphasis they will put on their careers.

The most challenging part of her job is seeing students evolve while at Tech. She likes seeing how much the students grow even within their first year, and seeing the sessions that the next leader will have. Two forums will be for faculty and staff, and one will be for students. The schedule and locations are as follows:

- **Wednesday, Feb. 20, 4 p.m.**
  - Faculty and Staff Forum, Student Center Theater
- **Wednesday, Feb. 20, 5:30 p.m.**
  - Student Forum hosted by the Student Government Association, Student Center Theater
- **Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2 p.m.**
  - Faculty and Staff Forum, Clary Theater, Bill Moore Student Success Center

For more information, visit the presidential search website at president.gatech.edu/presidential-search-2019.

Noffsinger in Perry Residence Hall with scarves from two of her soccer allegiances, American Outlaws and Resurgence.

She and her husband are on the board for Resurgence, an official supporter group for Atlanta United, and they are also in leadership roles for the American Outlaws – Atlanta Chapter, a supporter group for U.S. Soccer. Through Resurgence, she has worked with local organizations such as Trees Atlanta, Meals on Wheels, and Soccer in the Streets, among others, to give back to the Atlanta community. Recently, she helped raise over $8,000 for Soccer in the Streets, through the second annual Resurgence Supporters Invitational, a soccer tournament held at the MARTA soccer stadium field in Atlanta’s West End Community.

“We’re expecting our first child in April, so we’re stepping down from the board of Resurgence. But we’ll still be very involved,” Noffsinger said.

She and her husband are already thinking about how they will travel to the next World Cup in Qatar in 2022 — with their baby in tow.

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

Valerie Thomas, assistant to the executive in the Office of the President, has a view of Tech Lawn from her office on the top floor of the Carnegie Building. The only office on the upper floor, the “bird’s nest” has been Thomas’ office since May 2015. Her favorite thing about the space is its abundance of natural light. “Some days, it is so bright I can turn off the lights and work quite comfortably with the sun as my only source. How’s that for sustainability?” she said. The Carnegie Building was renovated in 2016. See other interesting spaces where Tech employees get down to business at news.gatech.edu/features/office-space.

REAL ESTATE/ROOMMATES

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A signed application, official transcript, and a short essay are due by Friday, March 1. There is no minimum GPA requirement to apply.

Visit gtfwcv.gatech.edu or email the GTFWC Scholarship Chair, Sylvia Mallarino, at sylviamallarino@atlantafinewithomes.com for an application.

MISCELLANEOUS

Classifieds

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Seeking roommate for Loring Heights home (1642 Loring Drive NW). $1,250/mo, $500 off first month’s rent. Updated 2BR w/ cathedral ceilings, ceiling fans, spacious open floor plan. Fully furnished, great backyard. Private furnished bedroom w/ shared bathroom (share w/ one late-20s male). Seeking housemate who is respectful, friendly, clean. Contact Jason, jmosley@gmail.com.

4BR/2BA peaceful, furnished waterfront cottage with a view located along the southern Outer Banks, near Morehead City, North Carolina. Wi-Fi, A/C, WD, several hammocks, 400’ dock, boat slip. No smoking or pets. More info: https://www.vrbo.com/571844. juli.ready@gatech.edu.

For rent: 4BR/2BA Grant Park home, renovated w/ modern interior, approximately 5 miles from Tech campus. Quiet, safe neighborhood, close to Southeast BeltLine. Ideal for family w/ young kids. Can be rented w/ or w/o furniture. Contact dharari3@gatech.edu.

For sale: 2BR/1BA condo/apartment near Lindbergh Center MARTA Station, ideal for Georgia Tech personnel. 1,010 sq. ft. $186,500. 425 Lindbergh Drive NE, Apt. E4, Atlanta GA 30305. Contact Cary Lyle, 404-724-8823.

Room available in furnished 2BR Virginia-Highland apt. 1.5 miles from campus. $750/mo. includes utilities (gas, electric, water), cable TV, Wi-Fi) and use of laundry facilities. Contact carol.cotistale@lmc.gatech.edu.

For rent: Retired professor’s 3BR/2BA hilltop home overlooking Atlanta Memorial Park in Buckhead. Close to jogging paths, playground, golf, tennis, Northwest BeltLine, and Mobb Brandon Elementary. 5.5 mi. from Tech campus. $3,200/mo. Contact sbdharouth@bellsouth.net.

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Light beige dining room table w/ extra leaf, 6 chairs, china hutch. $400 for all. Must pick up from Powder Springs. Pictures available. Contact sbdharouth@bellsouth.net.

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Microwave for sale: 1.3 cu. ft. Panasonic, stainless steel, 1 year old, barely used. $95 OBO. Contact John, 404-983-5390.

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