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Georgia Tech Updates from the State Capitol  
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## Georgia Tech Announces Priorities for 2015 Legislative Session

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### *Georgia Tech Priorities*

» **Secure \$1.9 million to expand startup incubator ATDC**

Funding would provide build out of existing space and staff to support new companies in clean energy, nanotechnology and advanced computing.

» **Secure \$5 million for the modernization and expansion of the Holland Plant**

Replacement equipment and additional capacity to provide air conditioning to 75 campus buildings and address future demands.

» **Strengthen support for Georgia Tech “B-Units.”**

Maintains ability to leverage state funds and attract significant external funding through Enterprise Innovation Institute (EI2) and Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI).

### *University System Priorities*

» **Secure \$44.4 million in new Formula Funds to be shared among all USG institutions.**

Funding supports critical day-to-day operations and is essential to maintaining academic quality.

» **Secure \$60 million in Major Repair and Rehabilitation Funds to repair aging facilities across the System.**

Georgia Tech’s allocation will be directed toward more than \$100 million in deferred maintenance needs.

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*The 153rd Georgia General Assembly convenes today, January 12, 2015 at 10:00AM. The bi-weekly publication of Capitol Buzz will continue throughout the legislative session and conclude with the Sine Die issue.*

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## Students Invited to Swarm State Capitol on Jan. 13



Thank you State of Georgia!

On Jan. 13, Marlana Creed, a master's student in the School of Economics, won't be working in the lab—she'll be showing her support for Georgia Tech at the State Capitol. Both of the Braselton, Ga., native's parents are public school-teachers, so Creed grew up with an appreciation for public service. "But as an aspiring economist," she said, "I have developed a strong interest in the growth and development in our state." She is excited for the opportunity to connect with decision makers and represent Georgia Tech's vibrant community.

This year marks the fifth annual Georgia Tech Student Day at the Capitol, an event organized by the Student Government Association and the Office of Government and Community Relations. The event rallies the Georgia Tech community to experience the legislative process and show appreciation for state support that sustains the university's standing among the best

in the world. "Supporting Georgia Tech and higher education in Georgia helps to not only keep our state competitive, but to also help our citizens advance their careers and lives in service to others," said Representative Carl Rogers, Chairman of the House Higher Education Committee. "As a legislator, I see higher education support as a key part of our role in moving Georgia forward."

"I love Student Day because it gives us an opportunity to demonstrate that legislative and budgetary decisions affecting Georgia Tech matter greatly to the students," said Georgia Tech junior Rachel Kirksey. An International Affairs and Modern Languages major from Woodstock, Ga., Kirksey has long been interested in policy issues and will be working as an intern at the Capitol during the spring semester as part of the Georgia Legislative Internship Program.

The State of Georgia has played a central role in the growth of Georgia Tech since the founding of the university more than 120 years ago. During Student Day at the Capitol, the Georgia Tech group will showcase student and faculty work, as well as four recent capital projects made possible through the support of our state lawmakers. Without the partnership of the state, these buildings and the teaching, learning, and idea creation that happens inside their walls would not be possible.

*Buildings on Georgia Tech's campus made possible by state support were featured in last year's issues of Capitol Buzz.*

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