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## Spotlight on Georgia Tech student innovation

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Georgia Tech students from the Startup Summer program presented details on their newly created companies to the Senate Science and Technology Committee last week. Pictured with students Frederick Grimm, John Gattuso, and Rachel Ford, are Senators Seay, Parent, and Beach.

@CapitolJackets:  
Proud to see freshman lawmaker and GT alum, Bert Reeves, present his first bill to the House of Reps for a vote! @bertreeves34

@CapitolJackets:  
Georgia Tech SGA president @DillonRoseen met with his State Rep. Matt Ramsey at the GA State Capitol this week. #GoJackets @GTStudents

## ADVOCATE

### for GeorgiaTech

The House and Senate have agreed to the amended FY15 budget and Governor Deal signed the bill into law last week. The House Appropriations Committee plans to vote on the FY16 general budget this Wednesday, sending it to the House floor for a vote following the committee's approval.

President G.P. "Bud" Peterson continues to highlight the importance of Georgia Tech's funding requests during his meetings in the State Capitol with Appropriations Committee Chairmen and legislative leaders.

Thank you to Capitol Jacket, Jake Reese, for sharing Georgia Tech's priorities with his State Representative.



## Priorities:

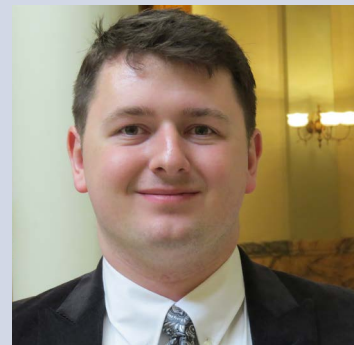
### Georgia Tech's strengths help to foster start-up companies in Georgia

The Advanced Technology Development Center (ATDC), managed by Georgia Tech, is the State of Georgia's organization to help technology entrepreneurs launch and build successful companies. ATDC is the oldest, largest, and one of the most successful university-affiliated incubators in the United States. The incubator helps to foster innovation and economic development in Georgia by serving over 500 technology startups with capital activity of over \$200 million last year. Since 1999, ATDC companies have attracted over \$2 billion in investment capital. In FY13, Georgia Tech reallocated



\$1.42 million in Institutional resources to leverage positive momentum and support the strategic expansion of ATDC. Georgia Tech's FY16 request for increased funding for ATDC would help to support new companies in advanced computing, clean energy, and nanotechnology. Increased funding would allow ATDC to hire additional staff dedicated to catalyzing new startup in these strategic industries.

## Intern Spotlight



Andrew Wirt is a senior International Affairs student from Grayson, GA. This session he is working for Representatives Matt Ramsey and Matt Hatchett in the House Majority Caucus office.

Andrew was recently awarded a selective scholarship to study in Oslo, Norway this summer through the Georgia Rotary Student Program!

## Meet the Georgia Tech Caucus

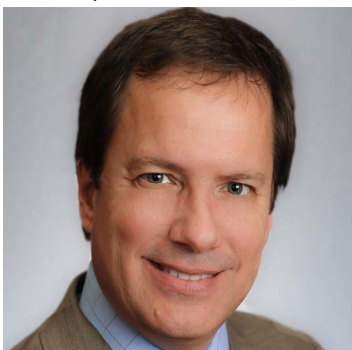
Georgia Tech is proud to welcome three new alumni legislators to the General Assembly this session. This feature will highlight these members and recognize our current Georgia Tech state lawmakers.

### Representative Wes Cantrell

Wes Cantrell represents House District 22 and resides in Woodstock, GA. Cantrell graduated from Georgia Tech in 1982 with an Industrial Management degree. Representative Cantrell and his wife, Jane, have three children and have lived in the Woodstock community for 22 years.

Representative Cantrell currently serves as the Young Adult Pastor at Woodstock First Baptist and has deep roots in education, previously teaching in the Cobb County School System. Representative

Cantrell now serves on the House Education, Juvenile Justice, and Small Business Development Committees.



## Legislative Roundup

### Updated Bills and Resolutions from our Watchlist

There has been no movement on the following bills from recent issues of Capitol Buzz: SB 2, HB 3, HB 5, SB 37, HB 44, HB 76, HB 107, HB 157, HB 186

- HB 18** ..... Passed House Regulated Industries Committee  
*Exempts defense, aviation, space, and aerospace companies from regulations relating to professional engineers and land surveyors.*
- HB 57** ..... Passed House; Assigned to Senate Regulated Industries Committee  
*Provides financing for and allows the use of solar technology in the generation of electric energy.*
- SB 58** ..... Passed Senate; Assigned to House Higher Education Committee  
*Creates the "Georgia Leadership and Service Admission Act" allowing the recognition of students applying to postsecondary institutions with ROTC programs.*
- HB 75** ..... Passed; Signed by the Governor  
*Amended Fiscal Year 2015 appropriations bill.*
- SB 113** ..... Passed Senate Science and Technology Committee  
*Creates definitions for autonomous vehicles and regulations for the operation of autonomous vehicles on public roads for testing.*
- HB 237** ..... Assigned to House Ways and Means Committee  
*Extends the angel investor tax credit for five years.*
- HB 259** ..... Assigned to House State Properties Committee  
*Creates the "Georgia Business Act" providing for an exemption for state purchasing from competitive bidding procedures.*
- SR 35** ..... Senate Read and Adopted  
*Recognizing former Georgia Tech quarterback, Joe Hamilton, for his induction into the College Football Hall of Fame. Joe will be recognized at the Capitol on March 11.*
- SR 188** ..... Senate Read and Adopted  
*Recognizing Georgia Tech Student Maggie Bridges on her accomplishments as Miss Georgia. Maggie will be recognized at the Capitol on March 4.*
- HR 283** ..... House Read and Adopted  
*Recognizing Georgia Tech Football Coach Paul Johnson on being named 2014 ACC Coach of the Year. Coach Johnson will be recognized at the Capitol on March 11.*
- HB 287** ..... Assigned to the House Judiciary Committee  
*Limits scientific research with regard to certain genetic material.*
- HB 320** ..... Passed House  
*Establishes specific personal records that must be held confidential by the Georgia Student Finance Commission.*