

CAPITOL BUZZ



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Georgia Tech student recognized as Miss Georgia

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Georgia Tech Business Administration student, Maggie Bridges, was recognized last week by the State Senate and House of Representatives as the reigning Miss Georgia. Maggie is from Brinson, Georgia, and is pictured above with her State Representatives Darlene Taylor, Jay Powell, and Speaker David Ralston.

President Peterson joined Lt Gov @CaseyCagle at the Capitol announcing a \$1 million gift from @Worldpay_US for a #GaFinTech incubator @ATDC at GT

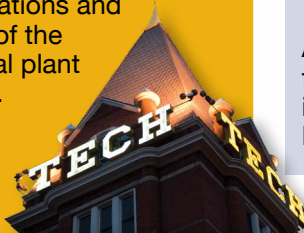


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Senate Appropriations subcommittees have already begun meeting to consider the House version of the FY16 budget and will begin to vote on recommendations soon.

Please take a moment to share the importance of Georgia Tech's only bond request with your State Senator. Full funding for the \$5 million bond request would ensure continued operations and modernization of the Holland physical plant on our campus.



Priorities:

House approves budget including Georgia Tech priorities

Last week the House of Representatives passed its version of the FY16 general budget, including several items for Georgia Tech and the University System. A few of the priorities included are listed below thanks to the generous support of House members.

A very special thank you to the following Capitol Jackets for sharing their appreciation with their House members for supporting

these budget items: David Jackson, Jim Elliott, Stan Anderson, Judy and Richard Freeman, Per Holtze, Tom Gurley, Bob Mason, and Jake Reese.

House Budget items:

- Added \$4.135 million in bonds for the Holland Plant modernization and expansion
- Increased Governor's budget recommendation of \$415,900 for the expansion of ATDC to a new total of \$729,600
- Maintained new formula funding for the University System and \$60 million in bonds for major repair and rehabilitation funds

Meet the Georgia Tech Caucus

Including the three new alumni legislators featured in past issues, Georgia Tech is proud to recognize the ten alumni legislators in the State Senate and House of Representatives.

- Representative Buzz Brockway**
(District 102, Lawrenceville)
- Representative Wes Cantrell**
(District 22, Woodstock)
- Representative Mike Dudgeon**
(District 25, Johns Creek)
- Representative Geoff Duncan**
(District 26, Cumming)
- Representative Dan Gasaway**
(District 28, Homer)
- Representative Eddie Lumsden**
(District 12, Armuchee)
- Representative Ronnie Mabra**
(District 63, Fayetteville)
- Representative Bert Reeves**
(District 34, Marietta)

- Senator Mike Crane**
(District 28, Newnan)
- Senator P.K. Martin**
(District 9, Lawrenceville)



There has been no movement on the following bills from recent issues of Capitol Buzz: HB 5, HB 44, HB 57, HB 75, HB 107, HB 157, HB 186, HB 287, SB 37, SB 58, SB 113



Rachel Kirksey is a junior International Affairs student from Woodstock, GA. This session she is working for Senator Steve Gooch, the Senate Majority Whip.



Meredith Christianson is a junior Business Administration student from Macon, GA. This session she is working for Representative Wendell Willard, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

Legislative Roundup

Updated Bills and Resolutions from our Watchlist

- SB 2** Passed House Education Committee
Allows high school students to enroll in a post-secondary institution and work towards an associate degree, technology diploma, or industry certification, while counting that coursework towards high school graduation requirements.
- HB 3** Passed House Higher Education Committee
Provides sanctions for persons that enter into or solicit transactions with student-athletes that result in sanctions to the student.
- HB 18** Passed House; Assigned to Senate Regulated Industries Committee
Exempts defense, aviation, space, and aerospace companies from regulations relating to professional engineers and land surveyors.
- HB 76** Passed House; Assigned to the Senate Appropriations Committee
General appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2016.
- HB 237** Passed House Ways and Means Committee
Extends the angel investor tax credit for five years.
- HB 255** Passed House State Properties Committee
Requires equal credits be given to certain forestry certification systems when using green building standards in state construction projects.
- HB 259** Passed House State Properties Committee
Creates the "Georgia Business Act" providing for an exemption for certain state purchasing from competitive bidding procedures.
- HB 320** Passed House; Assigned to Senate Higher Education Committee
Establishes specific personal records that must be held confidential by the Georgia Student Finance Commission.
- HB 544** Assigned to the House Public Safety Committee
Changes current provisions relating to the carrying of weapons on college campuses.
- HR 473** Passed House Science and Technology Committee
Creates the Joint Study Committee on Cyber Security.
- HR 539** House Read and Adopted
Recognizing Georgia Tech Baseball Coach Danny Hall and the 2014 baseball team for winning the ACC Championship.
- SR 401** Senate Read and Adopted
Recognizing George P. Burdell for his accomplishments at Georgia Tech, across the nation, and worldwide.