

CAPITOL BUZZ



Georgia Tech Updates from the State Capitol
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Today marks the ninth legislative day.

House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees are currently reviewing the amended FY 2016 budget. It is expected to move forward in the House this week.

The General Assembly adopted an adjournment resolution last week setting the legislative calendar through day 40 for Sine Die on March 24th. To view the adjournment resolution, visit www.legis.ga.gov.

Capitol Jackets kick-off 2016 session



Georgia Tech alumni lawmakers visit campus with Georgia Tech Play-by-Play Voice, Brandon Gaudin. Left to Right: Rep. Dan Gasaway, Rep. Bert Reeves, Rep. Wes Cantrell, Brandon Gaudin, Rep. Buzz Brockway, Rep. Eddie Lumsden.

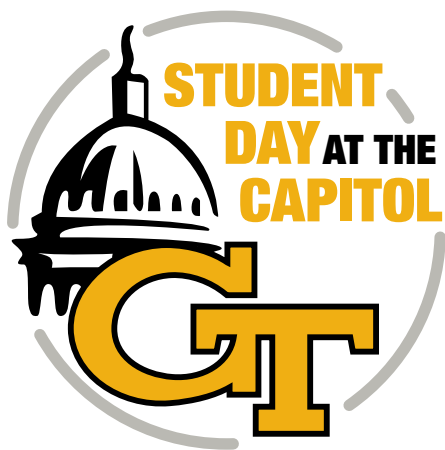


Governor Nathan Deal addresses a joint session of the Georgia General Assembly in his sixth State of the State address.

Georgia Tech project included in Governor's FY17 budget recommendation

On legislative day four, Governor Nathan Deal released his Fiscal Year 2017 budget recommendation including many Georgia Tech and University System of Georgia (USG) priorities. Governor Deal included \$47.4 million in bonds to construct phase one of the Georgia Tech Price Gilbert/Crosland Tower Library Renewal Project. The

Governor's budget also includes new Formula Funding and \$60 million in bonds for Major Repair and Rehabilitation funds for the USG. Chancellor Hank Huckaby presented the University System's budget to a Joint House and Senate Appropriations committee last week, and highlighted the importance of Governor Deal's recommendation for \$55.4 million for merit-based pay adjustments and employee recruitment and retention initiatives within the USG for FY17.



SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us in the South Atrium of the Capitol on February 1 for the annual Georgia Tech Student Day at the Capitol.

**GEORGIA TECH STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF
LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!**

Intern Spotlight



Evan Long is an International Affairs major from Lilburn, GA. This session Evan is working in the Office of the Senate Majority Whip Steve Gooch (R-51).

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

For a list of bills carried forward from the 2015 legislative session watch list, check the Sine Die issue of Capitol Buzz online at www.gov.gatech.edu/capitol-buzz-newsletter-archives. Updates on legislation from last year's watch list will be reported in this section of the 2016 Capitol Buzz newsletter.

Bills and Resolutions from our watch list:

- HB 745**.....Assigned to House Budget & Fiscal Affairs Oversight Committee
Renews provision allowing USG institutions to carry forward a small amount of funds from one fiscal year to the next.
- HB 750**.....Assigned to House Appropriations Committee
Amended Fiscal Year 2016 appropriations bill.
- HB 751**..... Assigned to House Appropriations Committee
General appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2017.
- HB 779** Assigned to House Judiciary Committee
Provides definitions and regulations related to the use of unmanned aircraft systems and images captured by such systems.
- HB 792**..... Assigned to House Public Safety Committee
Permits the carrying, possession, and use of electroshock weapons by students or employees at a public university.
- HB 801**..... Assigned to House Higher Education Committee
Revises current provisions regarding the HOPE scholarship to include certain STEM-related courses as optional rigor requirements.