

CAPITOL BUZZ



Georgia Tech Updates from the State Capitol
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FOLLOW

Tomorrow marks the twenty-third legislative day.

Last week the Senate passed the amended FY 2018 budget. To view the amended budget, visit: www.senate.ga.gov/sbeo

House Appropriations Subcommittees began meeting on the FY 2019 budget last week.

To view the full legislative calendar online, visit: www.legis.ga.gov.



Georgia Tech Smart Cities presentation at the State Capitol



On Tuesday, February 13, Senate Science and Technology Committee Chairman Bruce Thompson invited Debra Lam, Managing Director for Smart Cities and Inclusive Innovation at Georgia Tech, to present on her work in Atlanta and across the state. Debra presented on efforts to achieve smart community development at Georgia Tech, and explained how the campus serves as a “living lab” smart community. On-going partnerships with the City of Atlanta and local governments across the state are leading the way for this strategic initiative. *Debra Lam presents to the committee pictured left and speaks with Senator Brandon Beach pictured right.*

Students will swarm the Capitol for second annual Research Institutions Day

The State Capitol will be buzzing tomorrow as Georgia Tech students join their counterparts from Georgia’s four research institutions for the second annual joint event. Student Government leaders will meet with legislators and state officials to learn more about the legislative process and show their support for higher education in the state. President Peterson will join the House and Senate to receive a resolution honoring the schools.



SAVE THE DATE!

Please join Georgia’s four public research institutions in the South Atrium on February 20 for a combined day at the Capitol

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



Intern Spotlight



Christi Nakajima is a Public Policy major from Marietta, GA. This session she is working for the Senate Natural Resources and Environment Committee Chair Tyler Harper (R-7).



Cory Pope is a History, Technology & Society major from Valdosta, GA. This session he is working for Senate Ethics Committee Chair Dean Burke (R-11).



Jenny Guzdial is an Economics major from Decatur, GA. This session she is working for Senate Banking Committee Chair William Ligon (R-3).



Joshua Forbes is a Physics major from Atlanta, GA. This session he is working for House Rules Committee Chair John Meadows (R-5).



Emily Finger is an International Affairs major from Newnan, GA. This session she is working for House Ways & Means Committee Chair Jay Powell (R-171).



Kelsey Freshour is a Business Administration major from Marietta, GA. This session she is working for Senate Transportation Committee Chair Brandon Beach (R-21).

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Updates on bills and Resolutions from our watch list:

- SB 357** **Passed Senate Health & Human Services**
Establishes the Health Coordination and Innovation Council.
- SB 405** **Passed Senate Higher Education**
Provides criteria for grants for certain eligible students with demonstrated financial need who are enrolled in an institution of the University System of Georgia.
- HB 683** **Passed Senate**
Amended Fiscal Year 2018 appropriations bill.
- HB 684** **Assigned to House Appropriations**
General appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2019.
- HB 700** **Passed House; Assigned to Senate Higher Education**
Expands current service cancelable educational loans to include graduate degree programs.
- HB 951** **Assigned to House Small Business Development**
Establishes the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation at the University System of Georgia.