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Georgia Tech Updates from the State Capitol  
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The 156<sup>th</sup> Georgia General Assembly convenes today, January 8, 2018 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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## 2018 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### Georgia Tech Priorities

» **Secure \$30.6 million for Price Gilbert Library/Crosland Tower renewal project**

Second phase construction funding for a comprehensive renewal project that will vastly increase core campus space for students. Phase I construction is underway as a result of the \$47.4 million state allocation in FY18. Tech is dedicating a total of \$9.1 million in institutional funds to leverage state funding.

» **Secure \$5 million for the Georgia Advanced Biomanufacturing Center**

The Georgia Advanced Biomanufacturing Center is a joint institute supporting collaborations between Georgia's universities and industry to translate next-generation therapies. A request for \$5 million will provide the Georgia Tech-led research team funding for dedicated equipment.

### University System Priorities

» **Secure \$51.1 million in new Formula Funds for enrollment growth 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 important deferred maintenance needs.

Follow the progress of these priorities, legislation and other Georgia Tech related updates from the State Capitol in future issues of *Capitol Buzz*.



# YEAR IN REVIEW



Following the 2017 legislative session, Georgia Tech hit the road to visit community leaders across the state, and hosted external partners to campus.

Here are a few highlights from these visits. Additional photos are available online at [www.gtgcr.smugmug.com](http://www.gtgcr.smugmug.com).



President Peterson announces the Georgia Tech Scholars Program at Gilmer County High School with House Speaker David Ralston (middle), Rick Clark (R) and local school officials.



President Peterson harvests peanuts planted this summer at the Georgia Peanut Commission in Tifton, GA. Pictured with Dene Sheheane (R), and GTRI Agriculture Technology experts, Gary McMurray and Doug Britton.



Georgia Tech Student Government Leaders, Evan Gillon, Sujay Peramanu and Leanne Francis, meet with U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson on campus.



President Peterson meets with the President of Panama, Juan Carlos Varela (L), and Lt. Governor Casey Cagle (R) to discuss statewide logistics support.



State legislators from the House and Senate Higher Education Committees visit campus for a Georgia Tech briefing at EBB and stinger bus tour.



First Lady Val Peterson visits with Capitol Jackets member, Dale Provenzano, in Jekyll Island.