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Georgia Tech Updates from the State Capitol  
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The 155<sup>th</sup> Georgia General Assembly convenes today, January 9, 2017 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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## 2017 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### Georgia Tech Priorities

- » **Secure \$47.4 million for Price Gilbert Library/Crosland Tower renewal project**  
Initial phase construction funding of a comprehensive renewal project that will vastly increase core campus space for students. Project design is underway as a result of the \$1.7 million state allocation in FY15. Tech is dedicating a total of \$8.7 million in institutional funds to leverage state funding.
- » **Strengthen partnerships for advanced manufacturing initiatives in Georgia**  
Building partnerships among higher education institutions, government and industry to position Georgia as a competitive leader for 21st century manufacturing.

### University System Priorities

- » **Secure \$66.7 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 2016 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 of these visits. Additional photos are available online at [www.gtgr.smugmug.com](http://www.gtgr.smugmug.com).



Georgia Tech First Lady Val Peterson picks a peach at Dickey Farms in Musella, GA.



Alumnus Gary Lee, Executive Director of Development for the City of Warner Robins, with Tonja Simmons in Macon, GA.



Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle received the Intern Employer of the year Award with Georgia Tech student Alisha Goel.



President Peterson on campus with the Chair of the Georgia Tech Capitol Jackets, David Jackson, and his wife, Andrea.



Legislators from the Cobb County delegation meet with President Peterson in Marietta on the annual Georgia Tour.



Regent Larry Walker and family with Buzz on Georgia Tech's campus.

