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Greetings From the Chair



Georgia Tech Staff,

I am happy and honored to serve as the 2021 Staff Council Chair. My previous years on Staff Council have afforded me the great opportunity to become more connected to Georgia Tech and the amazing people who work here. I look forward to the rewarding and enriching work that will continue for our staff.

On behalf of the Georgia Tech Staff Council, I'd like to send you a warm welcome to a new year! As we enter into 2021 at Georgia Tech, always remember that Staff Council is here with you along the way to *engage, advocate, and inform* on your behalf. We're looking forward to serving you in 2021 and stand ready to connect and build, welcoming both your participation and ideas.

Please don't hesitate to share, reach out, and connect with any of our members. We are in this TOGETHER, to build an even stronger place to work, grow, and serve. Please connect with us on our website for updates, events, and information for the coming year!

Quinaé A. Ford

Chair, Georgia Tech Staff Council

News & Updates

2021 Staff Council Leadership



Staff Council Mission

1. **Engage** - we focus on building a collaborative environment where staff can develop, grow, and participate in the Georgia Tech community.
2. **Advocate** - we focus on being the voice of the staff by bridging the gap between executive leadership and staff.
3. **Inform** - we focus on becoming the avenue in which staff receive information concerning Institute priorities and initiatives.

Staff Council General Meetings

Regular meetings of the Staff Council occur **every third Thursday of each month at 2 p.m.** All staff members of the Institute may attend the Council's regular meetings. **Use this link to attend: <https://bluejeans.com/179407816>.**

What's Ahead

We're excited to put forth some new initiatives and touch points this year that will provide more opportunities for you to engage, interact, and share your feedback with us on a regular basis. More details to come soon!

[Learn More](#)

Staff Council Office Hours

Georgia Tech Staff Council has a dedicated monthly office hour for staff to speak with a Staff Council member and to share ideas or concerns. These office hours are held virtually on BlueJeans and are offered **every first Monday of the month from noon - 1 p.m. at: <https://bluejeans.com/869705786>.**

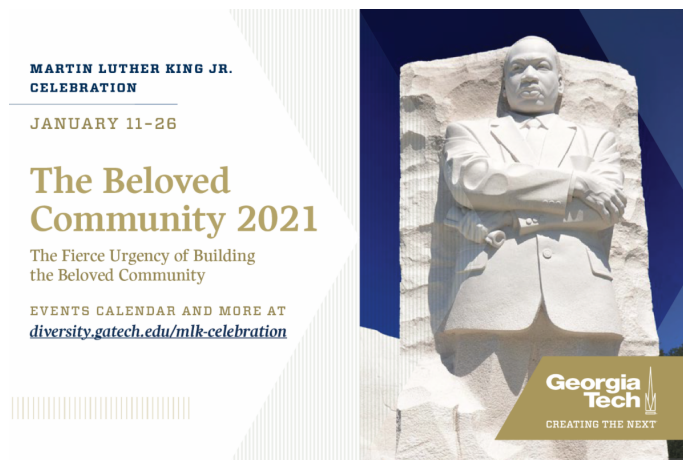
If you're interested in speaking with a Staff Council member, feel free to drop in anytime on BlueJeans to say hello, ask questions, learn more about ongoing priorities, or share

any concerns you have.

If these dates or times aren't convenient for you, simply reach out to us at staffcouncil@gatech.edu to set up a private appointment.

[BlueJeans Link](#)

Campus MLK Commemorative Events



The campus community is invited to more than a dozen virtual events as part of the 2021 Georgia Tech Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Event Series, including the campus' annual Day of Service.

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Organizational Effectiveness Conference



Georgia Tech staff members are invited to attend the **Third Annual Organizational Effectiveness Conference** on **Jan. 22, 2021**. Part 1 of this virtual conference series is focused on “**Strategy and Culture: Inspiring people to build and thrive in their communities.**” This half-day experience will feature a heartfelt keynote address, engaging breakout sessions, and interactive networking consisting of both higher-ed and industry professionals attending from across the country.

Georgia Tech employees can leverage the discount code (**GTEMP_2021**) to receive 40% off the registration fee. For any further questions, email conference@consulting.gatech.edu. Register today to get a jump start in 2021!

[Learn More](#)

Same Pass. Lower Price.



Parking and Transportation Services (PTS) is reducing all metro transit pass prices by \$5, effective Feb. 1, 2021. PTS offers monthly passes for MARTA for students, faculty, and staff and for Xpress, Gwinnett County Transit, and CobbLinc for employees. Prices will be adjusted automatically for employees currently enrolled in payroll deduction.

[Learn More](#)

Spring Semester Testing Sites



Georgia Tech's asymptomatic testing surveillance program is back to full operational hours for the semester. (And, you no longer need your BuzzCard at testing sites!)

[Get Tested Today](#)

Happy New Year



Staff Council wishes you a happy and prosperous New Year! We look forward to serving you in 2021.

Staff Council Website