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# Women's Resource Center

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# WRC Mission Statement

To enhance the academic performance and personal development of the women at Georgia Tech by striving to create a more inclusive and supportive campus environment for women, and by promoting understanding among Georgia Tech's diverse community of men and women.

In order to achieve these goals, the WRC will provide:

## **Information**

To act as a resource for women seeking information on women's issues including health issues, academic opportunities, safety concerns, and career options; to provide a library collection that supports the academic interests of women.

## **Support**

To provide a comfortable gathering place for women, with diverse needs and interests, at Georgia Tech; to assist student groups developing and implementing programming that fosters a greater sense of understanding and responsiveness to women's issues on campus.

## **Advocacy**

To act as a crisis intervention resource that aids students in locating and utilizing campus and community services; to advocate for changes in campus policies and practices that impact women's educational experiences and opportunities as well as those that affect the campus climate for women.

## **Training**

To provide women with opportunities to build skills that will prepare them for life following graduation, especially through developing leadership.

## **Services**

To aid the development of campus services that cater to the diverse needs of women at Georgia Tech.

## **Community**

To foster a sense of community among the diverse groups of women and men at Georgia Tech.

# The Women's Resource Center

The Women's Resource Center was formed out of the vision and persistence of many Georgia Tech women — students, faculty and staff. Jennifer Orr and Vicky Pickens, two Tech students, pursued the idea of giving Georgia Tech a unified voice for the women on campus. The first invention of this pursuit was the Women's Student Union, an organization that could create a community of, and represent the women at,



Georgia Tech. Soon after the Union formed, the group decided that there were some political issues they wanted to address that might not represent all women on campus. From this decision came the idea of the Women's Resource Center. In 1997, after several years of discussion with the Tech administration, the idea caught the attention and support of Dean Stephanie Ray, the then newly appointed Associate Dean of Students. With the support of Dean Ray as well as Dean of Students Gail DiSabatino and Student Affairs Vice President Lee Wilcox, the proposal for the Center was approved and funded by Georgia Tech President G. Wayne Clough. The Center officially opened Spring Quarter 1998 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 23. The Women's Resource Center continues to actively pursue the goals and aims of our founders and to support and maintain the community of Georgia Tech women.

The Women's Resource Center is located on the second floor of the Charles A. Smithgall Student Services Building, affectionately known as the "Flag Building."

## The Advisory Board

This 25-member board was appointed during the spring 1998 quarter to advise and support the Women's Resource Center. The board meets each term and consists of faculty, staff, students and community leaders. Each of the Institute's colleges is represented as well as campus and community organizations.

## Resources & Events

The Center boasts a continually growing collection of books, magazines and videos that students, staff and faculty are welcome to check out for up to one month at a time. The Center also has resource files on topics ranging from graduate school to women's health issues; these files can be used in the Center and may be checked out for a week at a time. Files provide information that could be used as a resource for an assignment or as a means of acquiring helpful personal knowledge.

Over the course of the academic year, the Women's Resource Center sponsors countless activities; many of which are student initiated. Annual events include the Women's Leadership Conference, Women's Awareness Month, and Take Our Daughters to Work Day. For more information or to become involved in any of the Center's activities, please contact the Center at (404) 385-0230 or visit our website at [www.womenscenter.gatech.edu](http://www.womenscenter.gatech.edu).

## Women's Awareness Month

### *Mission*

"To raise awareness of women's issues in order to foster an inclusive community at the Georgia Institute of Technology."

### *History*

The observance of Georgia Tech's very own Women's Awareness Week began in the spring quarter of 1997 as a student initiative. With a perceived need for education concerning women's issues on a predominately male

campus, students requested the help of then newly appointed Associate Dean of Students and Director of Diversity Issues, Stephanie Ray.

The success of the week marked a new era in the progressive history of Georgia Tech and, as Women's Awareness Week persisted and grew, a week just became too short a time period. In 2000, Georgia

Tech saw the inaugural Women's Awareness Month. Georgia Tech now boasts a month filled with programming to celebrate women's history month.



### *Annual Events*

#### Take Back the Night Candlelight Vigil

Sexual assault is an issue of critical importance for college women. Unfortunately, it is not safe for a woman to walk alone at night even on our campus. This event provides an opportunity for Tech women to reclaim the right to walk safely at

night by marching in mass through campus. The event began nationally as a protest against sexual violence in the 1970s and is observed in cities and on college campuses all over the country. Georgia Tech is proud to be part of defending a woman's right to be fearless.

#### The Clothesline Project

During Women's Awareness Month, Tech students take the staggering statistics on violence against women and turn them into a provocative educational and healing tool by hosting the Clothesline Project. Inspired by the AIDS quilt, a small group of women came up with the idea of using shirts hanging on a clothesline to represent victims of sexual assault. T-shirts are decorated by the survivor of sexual assault or by the supporter of a survivor and then hung on a clothesline for public display. The project allows each woman to tell her own story, and hang it out for all to see; the clothesline is a way of airing society's dirty laundry.

## Women's Leadership Conference

### *Mission*

"To inspire and prepare the women of Georgia Tech to become equal partners in the leadership of our professions, communities, and society."

### *A Brief History*

The Georgia Tech Women's Leadership Conference had its inaugural appearance winter quarter of 1998, with presentations by women such as Beverly J. Harvard, the Atlanta chief of police, and Shirley Mewborn, one of the first female graduates of Georgia Tech. Under the leadership of Tech student Jennifer Stokes and the WLC Advisory Board, a tradition was born. They began planning in the summer of 1997 with the following goals in mind: "to develop emerging leaders on campus, to strengthen relationships between women of diverse backgrounds, to educate the community on women's issues, to recognize the achievements of Georgia Tech women and to provide women with the necessary resources to assume leadership roles beyond Georgia Tech." The weekend-long event consists of workshops, speakers and discussions aimed at the building of female leaders on the Georgia Tech campus and the Atlanta community. Over the years, the conference has grown, attracting more and more women from campus and the community. The Women's Leadership Conference continues to be a highlight of the Women's Resource Center programming.



## Women in the Wilderness

Women in the Wilderness (WIW), sponsored by the Women's Resource Center and Outdoor Recreation at Georgia Tech (ORGT), is a program that encourages camaraderie among Tech women while providing a supportive and empowering atmosphere in which to experience outdoor adventure. Events and outings take place in a non-competitive environment and have included activities such as rock climbing, canoeing, horseback riding, hiking and camping in beautiful settings, such as the mountains of north Georgia,



South Carolina or Alabama. The trips promise to be laid back enough to enjoy the surroundings, yet challenging enough to teach women something new about outdoor adventure. Relax, learn and appreciate the outdoors in good company. Visit [www.orgt.gatech.edu/wiw](http://www.orgt.gatech.edu/wiw) for more information.

## Take Our Daughters to Work Day

Every April the WRC coordinates a day-long program for 50 6th to 8th grade girls from a local middle school and the Tech community to encourage girls to remain strong and confident during these developmentally challenging years. The young women participate in hands-on activities that encourage interest in science and engineering fields, and they meet individually with women in careers of interest to them. For more information about this national day, visit [www.takeourdaughtersstowork.org](http://www.takeourdaughtersstowork.org) or the WRC web site.

# Programs for Women

## Speaker's Bureau

Georgia Tech is world renowned for the technical prowess of its students, faculty, and academic/research staff. What is less well known is the large range of interests and areas of expertise that members of the Georgia Tech community hold. The WRC has created the WRC Speaker's Bureau to provide the campus and community with access to speakers covering a wide range of topic areas. For more information or to schedule a speaker, please call (404) 385-0230, allowing four to six weeks before the needed meeting date. Topics are listed on the WRC website.

## Other Resources

For students with daycare needs, the Women's Resource Center can help in providing information, including a list of local daycare centers available. There is also a daycare facility currently under development by Georgia Tech and the Home Park community. This facility is designed for 120 children with 80 percent of the spaces reserved for the Tech community and the rest for Home Park residents. To find out more about local day care centers and other information for students who are parents, stop by the Women's Resource Center or visit the WRC website.



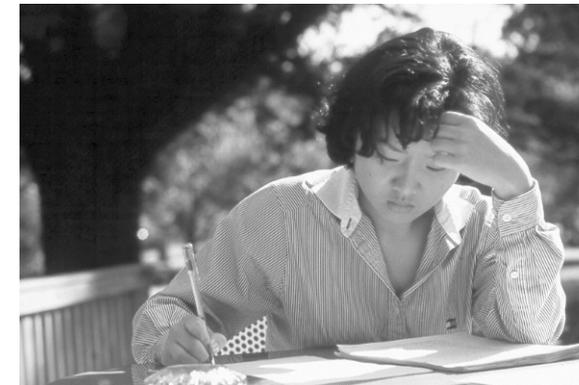
The Women's Resource Center also provides information and resources on issues such as pregnancy, sexual assault/harassment and domestic/dating violence. If you are not sure where to go on campus or in the community for information or assistance, please visit or call the Center and we'll help you find the resources to assist you.

## Women in Engineering

Founded in 1994, the Women of Engineering (WIE) Program strives to recruit and retain top women students by providing the best learning experience and dynamic environment for professional growth. WIE also tries to ensure that all citizens—women and men alike—can enter, succeed, and progress in engineering.

WIE provides a variety of programs to reach these goals, including the M&M Mentoring Program, MentorNet, and the Excellence Awards Banquet. **M&M Mentoring** matches students into pairs (freshmen with juniors and sophomores with seniors) and teams according to major. Teams then participate in activities organized by WIE, which are social and informative and focused on topics pertinent to each major. In addition, WIE participates in the national **MentorNet**, which pairs women studying engineering and related sciences with professionals in the industry for a year-long, structured mentoring relationship conducted via e-mail. WIE also celebrates the success and achievements of the female engineering students with the annual **Excellence Awards Banquet**. In addition

to their academic achievements, these students have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities on and off campus.



For more information, contact Dr. Mahera "Mimi" Philobos at [mahera.philobos@ce.gatech.edu](mailto:mahera.philobos@ce.gatech.edu) or visit [www.coe.gatech.edu/wie/](http://www.coe.gatech.edu/wie/).

## Women, Science & Technology (WST) Programs

The **Center for the Study of Women, Science, and Technology** (WST Center) brings together faculty and students, linking issues in the study of science and technology with those of the gender, culture and society in research and programmatic initiatives.

Supported by Ivan Allen College, the College of Engineering, the College of Science, and the College of Computing, the interdisciplinary WST Center is cooperative in partnerships with students and collaborative across Georgia Tech colleges and Atlanta-area colleges and universities.

Jointly sponsored by the departments of History, Technology and Society (HTS) and Literature, Communication and Culture (LCC), the **Women, Science and Technology Minor** prepares Tech students to live and work in an increasingly diverse world. WST courses encourage students to think about values associated with scientific culture, to reflect upon the diverse human side of science and technology, and to deal with social factors affecting participation and performance in scientific and technical occupations and institutions. The WST minor prepares students to understand factors such as current work and professional environments, to become equipped to deal with them, and to assume leadership roles toward improved participation among women and men in science and technology.

The **Women, Science and Technology Learning Community** is an innovative joint venture of the WST Center and the Georgia Tech Department of Housing. The learning community enhances the academic and professional development of Georgia Tech undergraduates by creating

networks for students and for student-faculty interaction. In addition to providing faculty mentors and research opportunities, the WST Learning Community offers monthly evening programs addressing personal and professional issues for women students entering scientific and technological fields, such as measuring individual success, monitoring female self-esteem in a mostly male environment, and career prospects. Female undergraduates from any major interested in living in the WST Learning Community are eligible to apply in spring for housing.



WST Center and WST Learning Community events are open to all on campus. For information about WST programs, see [www.wst.gatech.edu](http://www.wst.gatech.edu), or contact Dr. Mary Frank Fox at [mary.fox@hts.gatech.edu](mailto:mary.fox@hts.gatech.edu) or Dr. Carol Colatrella at [carol.colatrella@lcc.gatech.edu](mailto:carol.colatrella@lcc.gatech.edu).

# Services for Women

## Women's Clinic

The Georgia Tech Women's Clinic is located in the Student Health Center. The Women's Clinic provides a range of affordable services including routine exams, pap smears, sexually transmitted infection screening, breast exams, pregnancy testing, contraception and vaginitis treatment services provided by a certified Women's Health Nurse Practitioner. A Gynecology Consultation clinic is a referral clinic offered twice a month for women needing special care such as a colposcopy or biopsy. Resident physicians in gynecology provide this care through collaboration with Georgia Baptist Medical Center and Student Health Services on a fee-for-services basis. For an appointment or more information, call (404) 894-1434 or visit online at [www.health.gatech.edu](http://www.health.gatech.edu).

## Counseling Center

The Georgia Tech Counseling Center provides counseling and psychotherapy to individuals, couples, and groups about issues related to academic performance, relationships, life choices, emotional concerns such as stress and depression as well as other issues relevant to students. Workshops are also offered throughout the year on a broad range of topics, such as time management, body image issues, motivational strategies and others. In addition to individual counseling, students have the option of participating in groups specific to their needs, such as the Women of Color Group, Eating Disorder/Body Image Group and the Women's Group. All encounters with students are held in confidence (with the rare exception of when a student is a danger to self or others). To

schedule an appointment with a counselor at the Counseling Center, please call (404) 894-2575 or stop by between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Counseling Center is located on the second floor of the Student Services building. For more information, visit [www.counseling.gatech.edu](http://www.counseling.gatech.edu).

## The Wellness Center

The Georgia Tech Wellness Center provides a variety of health education services to help students make informed decisions about their health behaviors. Stop by to find out more about free services that include computerized nutritional assessments, fitness testing, individual consultations on health issues, free condoms, brochures and other information. Group presentations by staff and peer educators are also available on a wide range of topics including substance abuse, sexuality, fitness and nutrition, sexual assault, body image and wellness. The Wellness Center is located in the Student Health Services Building and can be contacted at (404) 894-9980. For more information, visit [www.wellness.gatech.edu](http://www.wellness.gatech.edu).

# Women's Organizations at GT

## Women in Business

As a member of the National Graduate Women in Business network, the Georgia Tech chapter is committed to supporting and enhancing the academic and professional growth of individuals, particularly women, interested in the field of business. The chapter is actively seeking to increase its membership of both graduate and undergraduate students. They sponsor speakers, hold seminars, welcome new students to the College of Management and participate in recruiting events and campus-wide activities that seek to encourage the development of students, particularly women. For more information about the group, please contact the DuPree College of Management at (404) 894-8722 or visit [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/wib](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/wib).

## Women's Student Union



The mission of the Women's Student Union (WSU) is to challenge the traditional roles of men and women in our society, to uphold the right of privacy and defend women's rights to decisions about birth control, abortion and sexuality and to end social, economic and political discrimination at Georgia Tech and beyond. From theoretical topic discussions to practical, hands-on training

(including a wide variety of issues of concern to women), WSU meetings reflect the diversity of the Women's Student Union membership. Founded in spring of 1994, the club has gained distinction and support on Georgia Tech's predominately male campus. WSU played a prominent role in the establishment of the Women's Resource Center, Women's Awareness Month and the Women's Leadership Conference. Find out more about the WSU at [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/wsu](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/wsu).

## Society of Women Engineers

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) is an organization primarily devoted to education. SWE's mission statement reminds members and officers to increase community and campus awareness of the opportunities in science and engineering, especially for young women.

In order to reach the community, SWE relies on outreach programs including two for high school students, 9th/10th Grade and 11th/12th Grade Outreach, and two for younger children, the Middle School Outreach and Girl Scouts. Campus awareness is achieved with informative weekly meetings open to all and involvement with such campus events as Engineers Week, the Women's Leadership Conference and Women's Awareness Month. For more information, visit [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/swe](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/swe).

## Campus Girl Scouts

Campus Girl Scouts (CGS) of Georgia Tech works to bring the campus, community and local council together. While there are no badges or required uniforms, Campus Girl Scouts mentor middle- and high-school girls, enjoy outdoor activities such as camping and rockclimbing and

sell cookies in the Spring. CGS has members from councils across the country and a few who are new to scouting. For more information, contact CGS at [gt\\_cgs@hotmail.com](mailto:gt_cgs@hotmail.com).

### **Omega Phi Alpha**

Omega Phi Alpha, national service sorority, was founded at Georgia Tech in 1988. The chapter believes in building sisterhood through service. They are a diverse group of women that includes leaders all over campus. The three cardinal principals of OPA are friendship, leadership and service. OPA holds its Rush both fall and spring semesters. They encourage any woman who is serious about service and having fun her college years to join. For more information, visit [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/opa](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/opa).



### **Pride Alliance**

The mission of the Pride Alliance is “to provide a source of information, promote a positive self-awareness and social outlet for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning people and their allies within the Georgia Tech Community.” The Pride Alliance hosts business meetings, social dinners, and contributes to awareness events such as the “Coming Out Week” in October. For more information, email [pride@gatech.edu](mailto:pride@gatech.edu) or visit [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/pride](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/pride).

### **Additional Organizations**

More than 300 student organizations exist at Georgia Tech. For a list of these organizations, ranging from the African American Student Union to Ultimate Frisbee, visit [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu)



# Trailblazers & Torchbearers: Women at Georgia Tech



1919

1919 Annie T. Wise receives Bachelor of Commercial Studies from Georgia Tech's Evening School of Commerce.

1933

1933 The Georgia Code Section 32-123 codifies an exclusionary policy: "All the branch colleges of the University of Georgia, except Georgia Tech and the Negro colleges," would be open to white females.

1952

1952 April 9: The Board of Regents, in an historic vote, resolves to admit women into the Georgia Institute of Technology. Elizabeth Herndon and Barbara Diane Michel enroll for the fall quarter, becoming the first female students at Tech.

1954

1954 Alpha Xi Delta is chartered as Georgia Tech's first sorority.

1956

1956 Shirley Clements Mewborn and Diane Michel become the first women to receive degrees from Tech. The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) opens a student chapter at Tech. The Women's Student Association is formed.

1958

1958 Thera Holland Richter becomes the first woman to receive a Master's degree from Tech in the architecture department.

1968 Women are eligible to enter all the degree programs.

1960

1960 Dr. Mary K. Cabell joins the School of Mathematics and becomes Tech's first female professor.

1961

1961 African-American women are eligible to enroll at Tech for the first time.

1968

1969 Fulmer Hall opens as the first dormitory for women.

1969

1970 Mary Ann Jackson Wright earns a Ph.D. from the School of Aerospace Engineering.

1973

1973 Clemmie Whatley, a math major, becomes the first African-American Woman to receive a Master's degree at Tech.

1974

1974 Women's Athletics began at Georgia Tech with the first women's basketball team. Donna Jean Smith, a chemical engineering major, becomes the first African-American woman to receive a Bachelor's degree at Tech.

1978

1978 Amy Wepking becomes the first woman elected president of the Student Government Association.

1981

1981 Women's basketball becomes the first woman's sport to be a funded intercollegiate sport.

1982

1982 Ronda Ragsdale, Denise Ellis & Lisa Johnson elected to Tech's Student Government as President, Vice President and Secretary. Helen Gould becomes the first female president of ANAK, Tech's highest honor society.

1990

1990 Shirley Clements Mewborn becomes the first woman to become president of the GT Alumni Association.

1994

1997 Georgia Tech sponsors its first Women's Awareness Week.

1995

1995 Women, Science & Technology minor initiated by the School of History, Technology & Society and the School of Literature, Communication & Culture.

1997

1999 Dr. Sue Rosser & Dr. Terry Blum become the first female academic deans at Tech. The Center for the Study of Women, Science, and Technology established.

1998

1998 Women's Resource Center opens. Tech students organize first Women's Leadership Conference.

2000

2000 Women's Awareness Week morphs into Women's Awareness Month. WST Learning Community established. Women comprise 50% of the new class of President's Scholars, the highest percentage ever.

2002

2002 50th anniversary of women officially enrolling as day students at Georgia Tech. First African-American Student Government President, Tiffany Massey, is elected.



# Women in Sports

## Sports Clubs

Georgia Tech offers a wide range of sports clubs and intramural teams for all interests. For a full list of sports clubs, visit [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu).

## Gymnastics

Founded in Fall 2001, the Women's Gymnastics team already has 20 active members. The team practices three times a week (Tuesday and Thursday evening and Saturday morning). While not mandatory, practices are a great opportunity to learn new skills while perfecting old ones. The team has competed against Emory and at Nationals against all other collegiate club gymnastics teams. For more information, visit [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu).

## Equestrian



The GT Equestrian Club is open to anyone interested in horses, no experience needed. Activities include going on trail rides, taking lessons, competing with other colleges and cheering in the stands. Lessons can usually be scheduled any time during the week. The competitive team

competes with 11 other schools in the Southeastern region. All competitions are free, and depending on the level of experience, a rider may compete anywhere from a walk-trot to an advanced jumping class. For more information, visit [cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/equus](http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/equus) or email [equus@gatech.edu](mailto:equus@gatech.edu).



## Ultimate

Calling themselves "Atari," the women's ultimate frisbee team is a mix of former and current soccer, volleyball, basketball and softball players, track runners, sailors — and people who have never played an organized sport before. They compete with teams from all over the nation. Don't know how to play? They'll teach you. Practices are twice a week throughout the school year. Interested? Visit [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/ultimate/womens](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/ultimate/womens) or email Crystal Hsu at [gtg672d@prism.gatech.edu](mailto:gtg672d@prism.gatech.edu).

## Soccer

The Georgia Tech Women's Soccer Club is a student-run sports club that provides an opportunity for Tech women to play soccer. Made up of experienced players and relative newcomers to the sport, the team is intercollegiate, playing schools primarily from the Southeast including UGA, FSU, Clemson, Florida, Tennessee, and South Carolina. The club can be reached through e-mail at [dsadmwsc@prism.gatech.edu](mailto:dsadmwsc@prism.gatech.edu) or on the web at [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/wsoccer/](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/wsoccer/).

## Crew

The Georgia Tech Women's Crew Team is a part of the Rowing Club and one of the fastest growing sports at Tech, as well as one of the most competitive. Since 1994, the team has moved up steadily through the ranks of regional crews to become one of the top women's teams in the region. GT Crew women's team has brought home three medals from nationals. Since the addition of women's rowing to the list of NCAA-sanctioned sports, many of the ACC schools have granted varsity status to women's teams and GT Crew hopes Tech will follow. Find out more about the club on the web at [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/crew](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/crew).

## Lacrosse

The Women's Lacrosse team, consisting of about 20 women, practices two to three times a week during the fall season and participates in some weekend tournaments. Spring is the lacrosse team's main season, during which the team practices three times a week in addition to the games and tournaments as far away as Tennessee. The team plans to play more away games and travel farther in the future. Also, the lacrosse team has become full members of SWLL (Southeastern Women's Lacrosse League), which means more games and a tougher schedule. For more information, for information visit their website at [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/lax/women/w\\_index.html](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/lax/women/w_index.html).

## Varsity Sports

Having school spirit is about more than attending football games. Cheering on varsity women is another way to demonstrate Tech pride. Since 1981, when basketball became the first funded intercollegiate women's sport at Tech, the varsity opportunities for women have grown to the eight Division I teams listed below. For detailed information about these talented women and for schedules, results and rosters, visit [www.ramblinwreck.com](http://www.ramblinwreck.com). For ticket information, call (404) 894-5447.



## Basketball

Led to wins over top-10 teams by Coach Agnus Berenato, Women's Basketball is Georgia Tech's oldest varsity sport for women. The team competes from November through March in the Alexander Memorial Coliseum. Younger basketball fans can cheer on the team as part of Berenato's Bunch with front-row seats at all the games.

## Cross-Country/Track & Field

The Women's Cross-Country team competes September through November in the ACC, and the Women's Indoor Track team competes January through March. While Cross Country and Indoor Track do not have home meets, Women's Outdoor Track, competing April through June, can typically be seen at two home meets in May at the Griffin Track Complex.

## Softball

A varsity sport since 1987, Georgia Tech (Fast Pitch) Softball won its first-ever ACC championship in 2002. Other honors include: All-American ('97, '02), ACC Rookie of the Year ('92, '94, '97, '02), ACC Player of the Year ('97), and ACC Coach of the Year ('95, '02). The women compete February through June at Glenn Field, just off 14th Street on Mecaslin Street.



## Swimming & Diving

Tech's newest women's sport was established in 2001. The swim team competes October through March. Currently, the team practices at the Student Athletic Complex with plans to compete in the redesigned Aquatic Center.

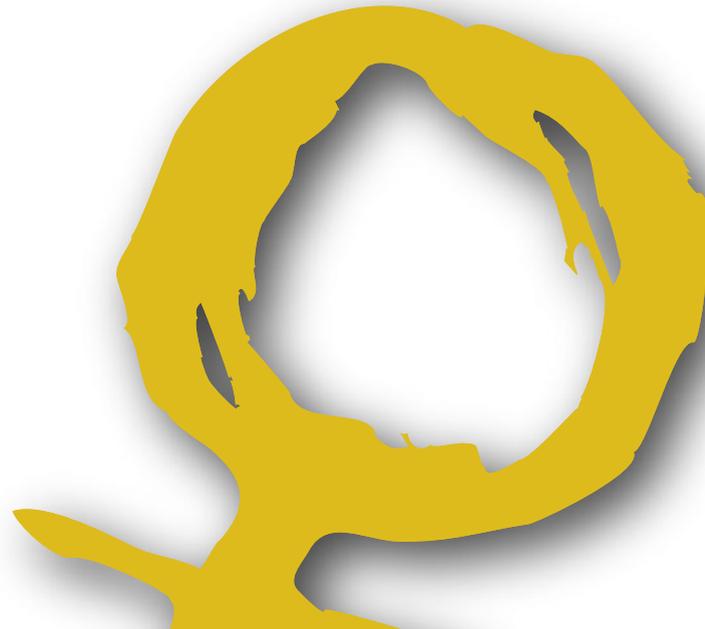
## Tennis

Earning three consecutive NCAA Tournaments bids in 2000, 2001, and 2002, the women's tennis team competes in the ACC January through May at the Bill Moore Athletic Complex. Matches are free.



## Volleyball

Boasting the largest and rowdiest crowd in the ACC, Georgia Tech Women's Volleyball has moved up steadily through the ranks of the ACC and the region to become one of the top nationally respected women's teams in the nation. The team competes August through December in the O'Keefe Gym.



# Sororities

## National Pan-Hellenic Council

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is the unifying and governing body of the historically African-American sororities and fraternities on campus. The goal of the organization is to help to preserve the ideals of the organizations while integrating them into the larger Greek system on campus. NPHC continuously works with Panhellenic and the Interfraternity Council to strengthen the Greek system by developing programming that unites the entire Greek community.

## Alpha Kappa Alpha

Founded in 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is the oldest Greek-letter organization established in America by Black college women. Through a network of more than 140,000 women in more than 860 chapters, AKA cultivates and encourages high scholastic and ethical standards and promotes unity and friendship among college women students. On April



14, 1979, Alpha Kappa Alpha chartered the Nu Beta Chapter at Georgia Tech. AKA participates in many programs to provide a positive support for the community, which have included serving the homeless at St. Francis Soup Kitchen, raising awareness about the AIDS Walk, and volunteering at a women & children's shelter. For more information, visit [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/aka](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/aka).

## Delta Sigma Theta

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded January 13, 1913 by 22 women at Howard University in Washington, DC. From the beginning, Deltas worked on local, regional and national levels



to help serve mankind while promoting high scholarship and leadership standards among its members. On March 4, 1978 at 12:29 p.m., the nine founders of the Georgia Tech chapter were initiated. Women in this chapter have served Tech and the metro community through programming and

volunteering with organizations such as Hands on Atlanta and Project Open Hand. For more information, visit [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/deltasigmatheta](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/deltasigmatheta).

### **Zeta Phi Beta**

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority was founded January 16, 1920 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, DC by five co-eds. These women dared to depart from the traditional coalitions for Black women and sought to establish a new organization predicated on the precepts of Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood and Finer Womanhood. The Georgia Tech chapter, Gamma Rho, was founded to maintain these ideals on February 26, 2000. The Gamma Rho chapter continues to strengthen these ideals through their work in the community, which includes volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club.

### **Panhellenic Council**

The Panhellenic Council is the unifying, coordinating, overseeing body of the eight sororities on campus. The council is composed of women from each sorority brought together by common interests, talents, and skills to successfully run the Panhellenic system. Panhellenic strengthens the Greek system by working with the IFC and NPHC on

Homecoming, Greek Week, and the Greek Retreat. Panhellenic also sponsors sorority rush and a number of service projects and campus programs.

The Panhellenic Council is responsible for promoting the scholarship, philanthropy, and safety of each sorority and the Greek community as a whole. The success of the Panhellenic Council requires the support of each sorority and, therefore, develops unity between the individual organizations. This unity strengthens the Council and provides a common interest for all women involved. For more information, visit [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/panhellenic](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/panhellenic).



### **Alpha Chi Omega**

Alpha Chi Omega was founded October 15, 1885 at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana. The Epsilon Phi chapter was founded at Georgia Tech February 22, 1975. Alpha Chi sisters are extremely active in leadership roles on campus, sports intramural teams and community service projects. Alpha Chi supports the interests of each woman as an individual and promotes high scholastic achievement and personal development. The chapter's national philanthropy is for Victims of Domestic Violence. Alpha Chi Omega's symbol and badge is the gold lyre and their colors are scarlet and olive green. For more information, visit [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/axo](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/axo).

### **Alpha Delta Pi**

Alpha Delta Pi was founded in 1851, at Wesleyan College in Macon Ga., as the first sorority. They strive for the highest morals and personal standards. At Tech, ADPi stresses scholarship, leadership, and philanthropy among



their members. The main philanthropy of all Alpha Delta Pi chapters is Ronald McDonald House. Alpha Delta Pi cooks weekly meals for them and collects needed items for their residents. The chapter's motto, "We live for each other" sums up the spirit of sisterhood in ADPi. For more information, visit [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/alphadeltapi](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/alphadeltapi).

### **Alpha Gamma Delta**

Alpha Gamma Delta was founded on May 30, 1904 at Syracuse University. Established on Georgia Tech campus in 1972, the chapter has more than 100 sisters at Tech. Alpha Gamma Delta is an international sorority with chapters from the Pacific Islands to Canada. Their main philanthropy is the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation for Juvenile Diabetes. The chapter's symbol are the 14 Pearls and their mascot is the squirrel. For more information, visit [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/agd](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/agd).

### **Alpha Xi Delta**

Alpha Xi Delta was established nationally at Lombard College on April 17, 1893. Alpha Xi Delta became the first sorority on Tech's campus on April 24, 1954. As an Alpha Xi Delta herself, Ella Wall Van Leer, the President's wife was the major facilitator of the sorority's establishment. The first woman to graduate from Georgia Tech was also one of the first Alpha Xi Deltas and to this day remains extremely active in the chapter. Alpha Xi Delta's philanthropy is Choose Children, and their major philanthropic activity is an annual golf tournament held each spring with proceeds benefitting the Atlanta Children's Shelter. For more



information, visit [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/alphaxidelta](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/alphaxidelta).

### **Chi Omega Tau**

Chi Omega Tau, a local sorority founded in April 2001, is based on individuality and diversity to bind the sisters together. Coyotes (as sisters are called) grow through learning from one another while encouraging strong academics and participating in events such as Homecoming Week and Greek Week. The chapter plans social and philanthropic events, including the Annual Kickball Tournament, which benefits Sheltering Arms, a local children's daycare facility.

### **Lambda Theta Alpha**

Founded as a local sorority at Georgia Tech in Fall 2001 and awaiting recognition from their Nationals, Lambda Theta Alpha was established based on unity, love and respect. Their primary goals are to achieve scholarly excellence, support and maintain minority unity, and promote cultural and political awareness. Although the chapter's roots are Latin, it is not exclusive to Latinas; sisters represent a variety of nationalities. The chapter participates in philanthropic activities such as the AIDS Walk, March of Dimes, and the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse.

### **Phi Mu**

Originally founded in 1852 at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia, Phi Mu was established on three ideals: love, honor, and truth. Founded at Georgia Tech in 1989, Phi Mu has established itself as an integral part of the Georgia Tech community. The sisters of Phi Mu are active, not

only within the Greek community, but also in other organizations at Georgia Tech. Sisters participate in many philanthropic activities, especially those to help the two national philanthropies of Phi Mu, Children's Miracle Network and Project HOPE. Phi Mu also places a high priority on scholarship. Phi Mu encourages individuality in its members, yet also provides them with the chance for lifelong friendships and a strong sense of sisterhood. For more information, visit [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/phimu](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/phimu).



### Zeta Tau Alpha

Zeta Tau Alpha was founded in 1898 at Longwood College. On May 19, 1984, the chapter at Georgia Tech became Iota Theta of Zeta Tau Alpha. The chapter's philanthropy is the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation for breast cancer awareness and education. Their colors are turquoise blue and steel gray. Zeta Tau Alpha believes in their motto, "seek the noblest." While the sorority has a social aspect, there is a profound commitment to academic excellence. The sorority helps to motivate, inspire, and offer assistance to every sister. For more information, visit [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/zeta](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/zeta).

## Crisis Information

The Georgia Tech Student Policy on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Misconduct states that the Institute prohibits sexual harassment and sexual misconduct. Actions, which result in charges of sexual harassment or sexual misconduct under this policy, do not preclude civil and/or criminal liability under state law. The full policy may be found in the general catalog or linked from the WRC web site.

every 3 minutes a woman is beaten  
 every five minutes a woman is raped  
 every ten minutes a little girl is molested  
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 every three minutes  
 every five minutes  
 every ten minutes  
 every day  
 —ntozake shange

### What is Rape?

Rape is the act of sexual intercourse without the consent of one of the parties involved.

### What is Sexual Assault?

Sexual misconduct is defined as sexual contact without consent by an acquaintance or a stranger and includes but is not limited to: intentional touching without consent, either of the victim or when the victim is forced to touch, directly or through clothing, another person's genitals, breasts, groin, thighs, or buttocks. For more information about sexual assault, please visit [www.sexualassault.gatech.edu](http://www.sexualassault.gatech.edu) or the Women's Resource Center.

### What is Sexual Harassment?

Sexual harassment is unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Both men and women may be the initiators or victims of sexual harassment.

### What should you do if you were raped TODAY?

- **Don't bathe or douche.** Bathing or douching might be the first thing you want to do, but you should wait. You might wash away hair or semen that could be used as evidence.
- **Save your clothing.** You can change your clothes, but save what you were wearing. If you decide to prosecute, your clothing could be used as evidence. Do not place clothing in a plastic bag.
- **Get medical attention immediately.** You could be injured externally or internally. You could become pregnant or contract a sexually transmitted disease. Beyond your physical health, a medical examination could provide important evidence if you decide to prosecute.
- **Report to the police.** You have the decision to report a rape or not and whether you prosecute your assailant or not. You may report your rape without prosecuting. If you do report, you can decide later on if you want prosecute your attacker.
- **Don't deal with it alone.** There are many resources available for you to use. One example is the Grady Health System Rape Crisis Center 24-hour telephone number: (404) 616-4861. The Crisis Center provides counselors to help answer the medical and emotional questions you may have at any hour, in complete confidence. The Georgia Tech Counseling Center also provides services for coping with rape.

*\*\*Material provided by the Grady Rape Crisis Center*

Sexual harassment can occur in many different contexts, and sometimes it is difficult for students to determine if the “uncomfortable situation” they are currently in or have experienced is an incident of sexual harassment. If you think you are being sexually harassed, the Women’s Resource Center can provide confidential assistance to help address the situation and serve as an advocate if you choose to report the harassment.

### How do I file a complaint?

Rape, sexual assault and sexual harassment are in violation with the Georgia Tech Student Policy on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Misconduct. You may choose to talk confidentially with the Office of the Dean of Students for detailed information about the process of reporting before making a decision to report the assault or harassment. At your request, the Women’s Resource Center will provide an advocate to assist and support you during the process. A WRC advocate is also willing to accompany you to report the crime to the Georgia Tech Police Department.

### What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence and emotional abuse are behaviors used by one person in a relationship to control the other. Partners may be roommates, dating, living together, or separated; married or unmarried; heterosexual, gay, or lesbian. Violence can be criminal and includes physical assault (hitting, pushing, shoving, etc.), sexual abuse (unwanted or forced sexual activity) and stalking. Emotional, psychological and financial abuse are other forms of domestic violence and can lead to criminal violence.

Examples of domestic violence include: Your partner or roommate constantly keeps track of your time, acts jealous and possessive, discourages your relationships with family and friends,

prevents or discourages you from working, interacting with friends or attending school, constantly criticizes or belittles you, humiliates you in front of others, destroys or takes your personal property/sentimental items, threatens to hurt you or your children, pushes, hits, slaps, punches, kicks or bites you, or sexually assaults you.

### What should I do if I have been abused?

- **First, make sure you're safe.** If the person has physically attacked you, get medical attention or call the police immediately. Assault is illegal, and so is rape—even if someone you are dating does it.
- **Avoid the tendency to isolate yourself from your friends and family.** You might feel like you have nowhere to turn, or embarrassed about what's been going on, but this is the time when you need support most. People like counselors, professors, family, and friends will want to help you, so let them. The Counseling Center, Police Department, Women's Resource Center and the National Domestic Violence Hotline are some helpful sources you can contact. Contact information for these resources is listed on page 35.
- **Don't rely on yourself alone to get out of the situation;** the people who love and care about you can help you break away. It's important to know that asking for help isn't a sign of weakness - it actually shows that you have a lot of courage and are willing to stand up for yourself. If you can't love someone without feeling afraid, it's time to get out of the relationship fast. Abuse is **never** deserved. You're worth being treated with respect and you **can** get help.

## Important Phone Numbers

### On-Campus Resources:

Police:	(404) 894-2500
Counseling Center	(404) 894-2575
Dean of Students:	(404) 894-6367
Stingerette:	(404) 894-9649
Wellness Center:	(404) 894-9980
Women's Clinic:	(404) 894-1434
Women's Resource Center:	(404) 385-0230
Sexual Assault Information Line:	(404) 894-9000

### Community Resources:

Battered Women Crisis Line:	(770) 963-9799
Clayton County Rape Crisis Center:	(770) 477-2177
Dekalb County Rape Crisis Center:	(404) 377-1428
Feminist Women's Health Center:	(404) 874-7551 (800) 877-6013
Grady Rape Crisis Center:	(404) 616-4861
Gwinnett Sexual Assault Center:	(770) 476-7407
National Domestic Violence Hotline:	(800) 799-SAFE
National Sexual Assault Hotline:	(800) 656-HOPE