Georgia Tech has a long tradition of enrolling Hispanic students dating back to about 1908 when students began coming to our campus from Cuba. Today we are one of the largest producers of Hispanic engineers in the world, but the unfortunate reality is we can achieve that distinction with a pretty small number of Hispanic students – only 2 to 3 percent of our student body. We are working to change that, and we are grateful to have the help of the Goizueta Foundation in support of our efforts.

During the recent Campaign for Georgia Tech, the Goizueta Foundation paid tribute to its founder’s career as a chemical engineer by endowing the Roberto C. Goizueta Chair for Excellence in Chemical Engineering. That chair is held by Dr. William J. Koros. He holds six patents, has published over 200 articles, is one of the world’s leading experts on membranes, and is the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Membrane Science*. He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering, and the recipient of numerous awards for teaching and research. Dr. Koros is here and I am pleased to recognize and acknowledge him.

More recently, the Goizueta Foundation turned its efforts toward Hispanic students and faculty at Georgia Tech through a multi-faceted gift that supports the recruiting of Hispanic students, provides scholarships for undergraduate students and fellowships for graduate students, and endows two faculty positions. The faculty and most of the students who are the beneficiaries of this gift are here, and you will meet them shortly.

In just a few moments our Provost, Dr. Jean-Lou Chameau will tell you more about the impact of these wonderful gifts on Georgia Tech’s academic community. But before he does that, I want to personally thank and recognize the Goizueta Foundation for their generosity and support of Georgia Tech.

The heart of Georgia Tech’s historic academic campus is called “The Hill,” and the Hill Society was created to thank and honor those individuals and organizations who have given more than a million dollars to Georgia Tech. That exclusive group includes the Goizueta Foundation, and we are proud to honor Mrs. Goizueta and the Foundation today.