Auxiliary Services announces 12 scholarships

2007 Impact Scholarship applications on-line 1-19-07

Auxiliary Services is looking for 12 men and women who can demonstrate they have made positive impacts on the Georgia Tech community and two of which are single parents successfully balancing school and parenting. These 12 students will receive scholarships for the 2007-08 school year.

Funded by Auxiliary Services BuzzFunds (moneys received from the sale of licensed Georgia Tech merchandise), 10 scholarships of $3,000 and two $3,200 scholarships for single parents will be awarded. The scholarship applications are entirely on-line and will be available Friday, January 19, at www.ImportantStuff.gatech.edu.

Why announce the scholarships and dates now?

“ar all in the planning,” said Rosalind R. Meyers, associate vice president, Auxiliary Services.

“We want as many eligible students as possible to apply for these scholarships. Some students may want to plan their essays during winter break.”

Two Scholarships for Single Parents

In its second year, the Auxiliary Services scholarships designated for single parents recognize two Georgia Tech students who are continuing their education while raising a family.

“We know it can be difficult attending classes, studying and parenting,” Meyers said.

“We want to remove part of the financial challenge.”

Eligibility Requirements

- Single parent with at least one qualifying child [see box].
- Must be currently enrolled at Georgia Tech (undergraduate or graduate) or a co-op student on work term.
- Must plan to be enrolled at least part-time or on co-op for the 2007-08 academic year.
- Must be in good academic standing.
- Must fulfill all deadlines and references reflect that.

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- Must be in good academic standing.
- Must provide all information requested.

10 Scholarships

“Students who have made a positive impact on the Georgia Tech community and who can tell us how they did it make up the second group of students we are seeking,” Meyers said.

Alison (Allie) Murray (senior, Applied Biology), a 2006 Impact Scholar, gave these tips on applying for an Impact Scholarship, “If you think you’ve made an impact on campus, then you probably have.

“Be sure to let your application and references reflect that. There is a difference between being modest and keeping all of your activities hidden. The committee members aren’t mind readers.”

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a full-time student with at least sophomore status (based on hours earned and anticipated at the end of Spring Semester 2007).
- Must be currently enrolled at Georgia Tech or a co-op Georgia Tech student on work semester.
- Must plan to be enrolled at Georgia Tech for the 2007-08 academic year (at least two academic terms from summer 2007 through spring 2008).
- Must be in good academic standing with at least a 2.5 overall grade point average.
- Must fulfill all deadlines and provide all information requested on-line.

The on-line application requires three letters of recommendation (only one may be a peer) and two essays of 250 words or less, (1) explaining how you positively impacted the Georgia Tech community and (2) how the Impact Scholarship will change your campus involvement and/or personal priorities.

“The questions that are asked, if you answer them in the right way, actually help you do some introspection,” said Michael Casner (senior, Management), 2006 Impact Scholar.

“These kinds of questions have also come up in other interviews or applications, so having the time to prepare them really gave me an upper-hand in those situations.”

*Single Parent Qualifying Child

The child must satisfy the following four tests:
- Relationship: Must be the applicant’s child or stepchild (whether by blood or adoption), foster child, sibling, or stepsibling, or a descendant of these.
- Residence: Must have the same principal residence as the applicant for more than half the tax year.
- Age: Must be less than 19 years of age at the end of the tax year, or less than the age of 24 if a full-time student for at least five months of the year, or be permanently and totally disabled at any time of the year.
- Support: Did not provide more than one-half of his/her own support for the year.

*Based on definition and exceptions listed on the Internal Revenue Service web site.

NEW HEALTH PROMOTION DIRECTOR AT HEALTH SERVICES

Vladimir Oge joined Georgia Tech Health Services, Monday, Oct. 23. With a master’s degree in Public Health (University of Florida) and as a certified health education specialist (National Commission for Health Education Credentialing), Oge is ready to share his knowledge with Georgia Tech students. Read more on page 2.
News Bulletin

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It will come as no surprise to some students that Georgia Tech Housing is more than 100 percent filled this semester.

Because of excellent recruitment, this year’s freshman class was larger than expected and Housing and other departments became creative in their response.

Housing

To accommodate all the freshmen and rising sophomores who were guaranteed housing, some of the double rooms were changed to triples.

Now, however, with students planning to co-op and other springtime occurrences, Housing is giving those students involved a choice to un-triple and move to double occupancy. If all three roommates want to remain together, the rooms will stay tripled.

Housing is giving students an option.

To assist in the untripling, Housing also will not take any residence halls off-line for renovation this fiscal year.

Campus Appreciation

Our bookstore, Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech, announced the dates for its annual Campus Appreciation sale. On Monday, Dec. 11 through Friday, Dec. 22, everyone with a valid Georgia Tech BuzzCard can receive a 20 percent discount on most items in the store.

There are some exclusions, like textbooks and computer hardware and software, but for many holiday gifts, the Georgia Tech community can save. For a complete list of exclusions and for gift ideas, ranging from less than $25 to $100, visit www.ImportantStuff.gatech.edu.

Flexcar

Parking & Transportation began a new alternative transportation program this semester and it’s called Flexcar.

It’s a membership-based, car-sharing program that is open to Georgia Tech faculty, staff and students (must be at least 18 years of age and meet membership requirements).

Flexcars are parked on campus and members may use them as needed and available.

For people who use mass transit, carpool and anyone without a car on campus needing to travel, it is a good way to get around.

New Staff at Auxiliary Services

Health Promotion and Student Center welcome new employees

Students looking for stress management techniques, fitness, nutrition, sexual health and a myriad of other healthy lifestyle programs will see a new face when they visit Health Promotion - Vladimir Oge (pronounced Oh-gee), director, Health Promotion.

Likewise, students attending one of the more than 100 annual events produced by the Student Center Programs Council, like *Midnight Breakfast, will see two new faces, Jeremiah Lawson and Ebony Ramsey, associate program directors, Student Center.

Oge started his Georgia Tech career in October and Lawson and Ebony both began during summer semester (Lawson July and Ramsey August).

All three have years of experience in student programming.

Health Promotion

Arriving in Atlanta from the University of Florida (Gainesville, Fla.), Oge has worked with students as a health educator and more recently as the Director of Health Promotion at the University of Florida.

He is both passionate about healthy living and about educating students on healthy lifestyles.

“There’s a uniqueness about college health that’s different from the outside community,” Oge said.

“Students deal with the same colds, flu and other health conditions, but they also deal with relationship issues, time and stress management, things that can affect their academic success.”

Students’ academic success is one of the goals Oge considers important for Health Promotion and will implement in his planning.

“Strategic planning is one of the first items on my To Do List,” Oge said.

“There’s already history here. I want to look at what’s been done, see what works and continue with that. I also want to come up with a fresh start and become even more involved and integrated with the campus lifestyle.”

Oge’s experience in healthy campus lifestyles includes Healthy Campus 2010 coalition at the University of Florida.

“I chaired a subcommittee of health care professionals, faculty and staff based on the Health Campus 2010 document, drafted by the

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*Midnight Breakfast is served in the Student Center Food Court, Tuesday, Dec. 12, 10 a.m.-midnight. Students get hot and cold breakfast items, like scrambled eggs, bacon, and cereal, served to them by faculty/staff. Pick up a time ticket at the Student Center Administration Office now to avoid a wait at the Breakfast.

Addition: Please note that the current website for the University of Florida is www.ufl.edu. The address for the University of Florida’s Health Campus 2010 coalition is www.healthcampus2010.org.

Students can also check out all the Flexcar membership requirements at the Parking & Transportation web site, www.parking.gatech.edu.

Contact Auxiliary Services and let us know your ideas about our programs, services and facilities and in the meantime read about us on-line at www.ImportantStuff.gatech.edu.
American College Health Association. It was a perpetual program aimed at making the campus more healthy.”

Oge sees a healthy campus as one that promotes good health in fun ways and gets information to students.

“Sometimes there are barriers to health promotion and access to health education information,” Oge said. “I want to remove those barriers.”

A barrier might be as simple as walking to Health Promotion to get information or resources.

Oge envisions getting the information to students where they are whether in the form of a health fair in residence halls or making sure students know where to get resources.

“Everyone thinks about their health to some degree,” Oge said. “Our job at Health Promotion is to have the correct information and make sure students know where to get it.”

In addition to knowing where to go for Health Promotion, students also need to know where to go for co-curricular activities. And that place is the Student Center.

**Student Center**

Both Student Center Associate Program Directors Jeremiah Lawson and Ebony Ramsey “hit the ground running” when they joined Georgia Tech.

Flicks on 5th, the summer-time, outdoor movie series at Technology Square was in full swing when Lawson started in July. In fact, the three July Wednesday night Flicks brought in almost 4,000 people on 5th Street.

Being Campus Activities Assistant Director for Northwest Missouri State University, Lawson was ready for programs with thousands of students and smaller events too.

“All [colleges] are really trying to provide small and large scale campus programs to increase student involvement outside of the classroom,” Lawson said.

“This is a growing trend. Overall, colleges are beginning to understand and appreciate that programming contributes to the overall college student’s experience and helps to make more well-rounded students.”

Bringing events to campus that Georgia Tech students will attend and enjoy is a challenge and a process.

“All events are envisioned, planned, organized, coordinated and executed by students in collaboration with the Student Center staff and both internal and external sponsors,” said Ebony Ramsey, the second new Student Center Associate Program Director.

Having worked as associate director of Orientation and First Year Experience at North Carolina A&T State University and two years programming at the Memorial Student Union, Ramsey knows students.

Working with the students in the Georgia Tech Student Center Programs Council includes three officers, 10 committee chairs and a number of committee members. These students are continually setting annual event and program goals.

“Our biggest goal this term [2006] was to improve the overall quality of student life at Georgia Tech by bringing significant programs to campus,” said Matt Roe, president, Student Center.

“Significant acts aren’t just popular, big-name events but programs that really make an impact because they benefit students. I think that by leveraging our collaboration and evaluation resources our committees have done an outstanding job in reaching this goal.”

“This term [2006] our committees brought big names like Big Boi, Mythbusters, and Paul Rusesabagina to campus and successfully pulled-off large events that did a great deal towards improving student life at Tech.”

**What’s next?**

At both Health Promotion and the Student Center look for events that broaden students’ knowledge in entertaining ways.

Mark your calendars for Feb. 20 when actress Jodie Sweetin comes to the Student Center to tell her story from being Stephanie Tanner on the sitcom Full House to self-confessed drug addict to sober.
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DISCOUNT COUPONS
Auxiliary Services added a new menu item to www.ImportantStuff.gatech.edu - Coupons & More. The site changes monthly with newly introduced items and discount coupons. Coupons may be printed directly from the site or instructions are given on where to pick up the coupons. Current coupons include College Optical, St. Charles Deli, STA Travel, Ray’s NY Pizza & Cedars Mediterranean and Junior’s Grill.

BUZZ BAGS
The Student Center is adding a delivery service to on-campus residents called Buzz Bags. Campus departments and organizations announcing programs, events, job openings, etc., to Georgia Tech residents need go no further than Buzz Bags.

The bright yellow 7.5” x 10” bags are delivered biweekly to the approximately 6,500 students living on campus.

Students reading the Buzz Bag news items will have chances to win contests.

Buzz Bag items may be created by the Student Center or from the originating department or group. All items must fit, without folding, inside the Buzz Bags.

The first Buzz Bags are scheduled for delivery Jan. 8. For a complete list of Buzz Bag prices, policies and schedules, read www.StudentCenter.gatech.edu/buzzbags.

BUZZCARD & FERST PLACE
Customers using their BuzzCards to pay for their Ferst Place meals on Mondays receive a 20 percent discount. Ferst Place fall specials include:
- Monday - 20% off w/Buzz Card
- Tuesday - Theme Day (i.e. Italian, Southwestern)
- Wednesday - Quesadilla Day
- Thursday - Southern Cuisine
- Friday - Free Dessert

GEORGIA TECH WOMEN’S BASKETBALL, ZETA TAU ALPHA AND GT DINING teamed up to fight breast cancer. Yoplait (yogurt) and General Mills began its 9th annual Save Lids to Save Lives drive Sept. 1, raising money for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Yoplait donates 10 cents to the Foundation for every yogurt lid it receives, up to $1.5 million. This year’s drive encouraged competition between schools, including Georgia Tech and NC State. At presstime, Georgia Tech led 2520 to NC State’s 1616 and while points were still being tallied, news traveled that Georgia Tech had an additional 2,000 lids slammed dunked in the basket. Go Jackets!

The first 50 readers to correctly identify the five events in the above collage win Auxiliary Services T-shirts. E-mail melissa.moore@gatech.edu the events and win. Hint: Read www.ImportantStuff.gatech.edu.

ZETA TAU ALPHA members (l-r) with Casey Mullaney, Shequita Barnes, Scott Cole (manager, Food Court), Haley Blair, Savannah Solomon, Jessica Luza, Rachel Smith, Katie Hamilton, Megan Reich and Sam Maida.

Women’s Basketball Challenge
Students, Faculty Alumni, You can help!

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