Got Impact?

Auxiliary Services 2008-09 Scholarship Applications go live Jan. 18

It's that time of year when Auxiliary Services is looking for a few good men and women who have positively impacted the Georgia Tech community and want to apply for Impact Scholarships.

The Impact Scholarship application is entirely online and will be available on the Auxiliary Services web site, www.ImportantStuff.gatech.edu, Friday, January 18, 2008.

With the Holiday Break quickly approaching, students interested in the Impact Scholarship may start planning their essays and people to contact for recommendation letters.

In Spring Semester, Auxiliary Services awards 12 students Impact Scholarships; 10 students receive $3,000 scholarships based upon their positive "impacts" on the Georgia Tech community and two students who successfully balance school work and single parenting get $3,200.

Previous Impact Scholars have varied in their class status from sophomores to graduate students and PhD candidates but all have one thing in common - their ability to write two essays (250 words or less), explaining how they have influenced Georgia Tech and how the Impact Scholarship will affect their campus involvement and/or personal priorities.

"My involvement [for the Impact Scholarship] is much like it has been: peer leader, engineering seminar speaker, BCM (Baptist Collegiate Ministry) president, student," said Patrick Lynn, 2007 Impact Scholar (junior, Biomedical Engineering).

Janine Johnson (doctoral candidate, Mechanical Engineering) said her impact is with Georgia Tech women.

"I organize activities for graduate women in the Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering."

Both Patrick and Janine agreed the Impact Scholarship provides both money and time.

"I used my Impact Scholarship to help with some of the unexpected expenses of college life (a new laptop after my old one died)" Janine said.

"I'm now able to work with my freshmen more often and

The single parent application essays vary from the standard Impact Scholarship; one essay focuses on future goals and how a degree will support those goals and the other asks for specific challenges on successfully balancing parenting and school work.

You should apply?

"Do it!" said Roland Alberciak, 2007 Impact Scholar (senior, Computer Science).

"We'd love to encourage your success."

Parking & Transportation gets transportation grant

For the third consecutive year, Georgia Tech Parking & Transportation received a federally funded transportation grant managed by the Atlanta Regional Commission.

The congestion, mitigation and air quality grant subsidizes Parking’s carpool program and allows discounted monthly passes for Georgia Tech students, faculty and staff riding most public transportation.

This year’s grant gives a monthly $10 discount for passes to public transportation, including MARTA (Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority), GRTA XPress (Georgia Regional Transportation Authority), Cobb Community Transit (CCT) and Gwinnett County Transit.

The MARTA passes may be purchased at the Student Center Box Office or through payroll deduction for all four transportation systems. MARTA offers students a lower rate for monthly passes. After the $10 discount, student monthly MARTA passes are $30 and faculty/staff monthly passes are $39.50.

A current, valid Georgia Tech BuzzCard is required at time of purchase and there is a limit of one MARTA pass per person.

The other Transportation system passes may be purchased at the discount through payroll deduction on TechWorks.

For more information, visit www.parking.gatech.edu (MARTA Pass Information).

HOLIDAY PURCHASE DATES

The Student Center Box Office will begin selling December MARTA passes Monday, Nov. 26, and January MARTA passes will be available Monday, Dec. 17. The Box Office will also be open Monday, Dec. 31, for January MARTA passes and all other Box Office program sales.
Water conservation is one environmental program, and Auxiliary Services claims others in its daily activities.

Auxiliary Services is actively involved year-round in the planning and carrying out of Georgia Tech's Earth Day, educating people to make lifestyle changes that protect the Earth's resources.

Housing, with more than 7500 students living on campus, has many conservation programs. To name a few:

The entire Housing custodial and maintenance staff broadened its knowledge by attending a “what green means” training.

All renovation and construction projects are designed with sustainable practices in mind.

All landscape maintenance power tools must meet U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards.

Housing projects utilize lighting controls that automatically monitor room occupancy or time-out system controls that monitor building temperatures, controlling energy used to heat and cool. They also install only low flow water units as standard replacement fixtures for renovations, including low-flow showerheads, toilets and sink faucets.

Carpeting materials are specified for their sustainable compliance so that carpeting removed from a building can be recycled by the manufacturer.

All paint products are specified to be low to no volatile organic compounds; the majority are now specified as water based and environmentally safe.

Housing’s specifications require all newly purchased furniture be made with wood from sustainable forests.

Housing uses Integrated Pest Management Programs that require only U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration and EPA, approved pesticides and the biocides used for the cooling tower treatment must be acceptable by EPA.

Stay informed with Auxiliary Services’ sustainability programs and other news at www.ImportantStuff.gatech.edu
Moving on up to the Eastside
The North Avenue Apartments

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Ever since Georgia Tech acquired the North Avenue Apartments earlier this year, a large number of staff from various departments has been working very hard to get the apartments ready for the fall opening.

With painting, cleaning and landscaping, it was quite a busy summer on the eastside.

While the BuzzCard Center worked on installing a system of proximity (prox) cards for access to the residents - a first for Georgia Tech Housing (other residence halls have key entry), Parking kept busy pressure-washing the two parking decks, installing new parking control equipment, painting, relamping (lighting) and re-striping the 783 parking spaces.

Transportation modified its Stinger routes, including a stop in the North Avenue Apartments’ turn-around drive.

And GT Dining opened the EastSide Market to fulfill the residents’ basic grocery needs.

This new Georgia Tech Housing complex is the home to nearly 2000 students and three hall directors, who are full-time masters’ degree professionals.

The North Avenue Apartments are also a vibrant Housing community.

“These apartments are self contained and are a community within themselves while at the same time very much a part of campus,” said Konteint Redmond, assistant director, Residence Life.

With the natural quad between the four buildings, where almost always students are playing with Frisbees, having cookouts or just hanging out chatting with each other, the North Avenue Apartments are a great place to live.

“The apartments are a little bigger and it’s just different from living in a dorm,” said Lisa Desai, a senior in ECE (Electrical and Computer Engineering) and one of the community advisors.

“The view is spectacular, especially on the higher floors; you can see across the city.”

And sophomores, juniors, seniors, some freshmen and even a sprinkling of graduate students live at North Avenue.

With events like “Destination Home” held for returning sophomores the last weekend before the start of fall semester, the North Avenue Housing staff focuses on making the students feel welcome and encouraged.

“It is often thought that sophomores have it all figured out,” Redmond said.

“While in truth, they still need support and guidance and so it’s a great help to also have graduate students with a little bit more experience living right here available for guidance and advice,” said Redmond.

Where are these apartments?

“They are a little bigger and it’s just different from living in a dorm,” said Desai.

“They are just across the road and in fact more convenient for students who have classes on east campus.”

Indeed, as some people may know, when the apartments were originally built for the 1996 Olympics, Georgia Tech students lived in them prior to the Olympics.

And as the Georgia Tech campus continues to grow, the North Avenue Apartments are merely allowing students to “move on up to the Eastside” of campus.

Lisa Desai (above), senior, Electrical and Computer Engineering, enjoys a “spectacular” view in her North Avenue Apartment. Lisa is one of the Community Advisors at the North Avenue Apartment Complex.

Dental Clinic Specials

Even Buzz is taking advantage of the Dental Clinic’s Specials (photo at left). The Dental Clinic is making appointments now for two new special packages.

The “Bright Smile Package” includes a dental examination, cleaning, x-rays, fluoride treatment and whitening (trays and solution) all for $299, a savings of $90.

The “Buzz Package” is $180 (a savings of $30) and includes a dental examination, cleaning, x-rays and fluoride treatment.

The Dental Clinic is a full-service clinic for Georgia Tech students and spouses who have paid the health fee. Students, call today (404-385-5147) for one of these packages or other dental services. Located on the second floor of Stamps Health Services, 740 Ferst Drive, it is open Tuesday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Health Services can also assist with filing dental insurance claims. For more information, read www.health.gatech.edu.

Pictured with Buzz and his whitened teeth are dentist, Dr. Katrina Mitchell (left) and Dental Assistant Margo Reid.

photo credit Jon Baker, Health Services
It's a great time to start shopping for holiday presents if you are a Georgia Tech student, faculty or staff. Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech begins its annual Campus Appreciation Sale, Sunday, Dec. 2, continuing through Saturday, Dec. 15.

All Georgia Tech students, faculty and staff will receive a 20 percent discount on most store items at both Burdell's in the Student Center Commons and the Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech at Technology Square (48 5th Street).

In order to receive the discount, people must show their BuzzCards before making their purchases.

Items excluded from the sale are textbooks, computer hardware and software, calculators, class rings, iPods, graduation and convenience store items.

But Georgia Tech spirit items, like sweatshirts, polos and T-shirts as well as the Georgia Tech holiday items are all part of the sale.

So, sharpen those pencils and start making gift lists for family, friends, co-workers and maybe even the boss!

Georgia Tech full-time employees may also take advantage of the online Dell Member Purchase Program.

Because Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech is a member of the program and full-time Georgia Tech employees are classified as affiliates of Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech, these employees may receive online discounts on Dell merchandise.

These orders are strictly between the customer (Georgia Tech employee) and Dell. Neither Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech nor Auxiliary Services promotes nor services these purchases or offers but are passed along as a courtesy to Georgia Tech employees.

Interested persons should e-mail Melissa Moore, director of communications, Auxiliary Services, melissa.moore@gatech.edu, for more information.

Health Promotion gives students healthy choices

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Students who think they must be sick to visit Health Services need to think again.

Step onto the second floor of Stamps Health Services and discover Health Promotion to find out why.

With a newly formed team of four health educators, this organization seeks to promote healthy behavior changes and increase the awareness of health resources at Georgia Tech. The four staff members include Vladimir Oge, director, Health Promotion; Tammy Turner, coordinator, Alcohol & Other Drug Prevention; Ricky Livingston, coordinator, Sexual Assault/Violence Prevention and Michelle Cohen, health educator.

"Since we're all relatively new to Georgia Tech, we want to learn as much as we can about the campus culture by interacting with students, faculty, and staff. We also plan to attend and/or participate in some of the traditional campus events held throughout the year," said Vladimir Oge, director, Health Promotion.

Health Promotion also wants to leverage technology to impart health education to the tech savvy student community at Georgia Tech. An example of this plan is AlcoholEdu, an online alcohol education and prevention course that all freshmen are advised to take.

From a long-term perspective, Health Promotion at Georgia Tech endeavors to structure a comprehensive program around health awareness, to consistently measure behavioral changes, to continue to provide services and programs contributing to students' academic success and to become visible as a place on campus where students can learn about health issues and healthier living options.

"We would like to be known as a place where Tech students can come for support and advice on any issue that affects their wellbeing or performance at school, including stress, nutrition, relationship issues, dating violence prevention and alcohol, to name a few," said Oge.

The first 50 Georgia Tech students, faculty or staff to e-mail Melissa Moore (melissa.moore@gatech.edu) the answer to the following computation win Auxiliary Services T-shirts. The number of 2008 Impact Scholars + the discount amount for public transportation through the Parking grant + the number of gallons of water going “trayless” saves each day + the cost of a Buzz Package.

Health Promotion staff with Buzz (l-r) Ricky Livingston, Michelle Cohen, [Buzz], Tammy Turner and Vladimir Oge.

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