Some time back, an investment firm had a commercial that claimed, “We make money the old-fashioned way; we earn it.” Those words embody Bill Moore. Nobody ever gave him anything, and he never expected them to.

In a world where many are hoping to make a quick buck, his success as a business entrepreneur has been based on hard work, honesty, determination, and a commitment to quality. Those values are just as important for Georgia Tech students to learn today as they were for Bill when he was a student here 50 years ago.

Our students are bright, eager and enthusiastic. And we want to give them more than just the technical skills they need for the workplace. We want them to be Total Persons, prepared in every way for a successful, rewarding, fulfilling life of continuous learning.

Today we honor Bill Moore for his role in making that possible. Bill knows how to take a vision and turn it into reality. He has done it with a paint-manufacturing company, an insurance company and a Montana ranch. And through his friendship and partnership with Homer Rice and Bud Parker, he has turned a vision into reality for the students of Georgia Tech.

His generosity provided an outstanding athletic facility that lifted our tennis program to new heights. He created the Bill Moore Student Success Center, and he supports the instruction and guidance that enable Georgia Tech students to learn the values, the discipline and the focus that equip a Total Person for success.

Bill Moore’s generosity has changed the lives of many of Georgia Tech’s students and alumni, and on their behalf I simply want to say, thank you.