

TALKING POINTS FOR GEORGIA TECH PRESIDENT G. WAYNE CLOUGH

**Atlanta Chamber Rooftop Reception**

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- May not think of Atlanta as a college town, but has one of the nation's largest clusters of institutions of higher education, including nationally ranked GT and Emory. GT's contribution: Atlanta second in the nation in producing engineers.
- Atlanta also site of cutting-edge research
  - GT among top 10 nationally in industry-driven research
  - Emory – neurosciences center, CDC, biotech with GT
- Atlanta also working to become an IT center
  - From this rooftop, 3 gigapop sites: GT, Ga State, TBS
  - GCATT
  - Underground fiber
- State gov't/Governor investing in higher ed and research
  - GRA
  - Yamacraw
  - ICAPP initiative to double GT computing majors
- Strategic partnerships, among universities, between government, higher education and private sector, including Chamber.
  - Industries of the Mind to educate and attract talent, high-tech firms