$7.8 million represents the largest dollar amount ever raised by any Roll Call. It was given by the largest number of donors ever to participate in Roll Call.

Roll Call supports a wide variety of programs on our campus: scholarships for outstanding students, recruitment efforts to bring in top faculty, developing new academic programs.

These unrestricted funds are extremely important, because they fill in the gaps around designated gifts, enabling us to be more well-rounded in our initiatives and more strategic in our directions.

This year's Roll Call donations also count toward the Campaign for Georgia Tech. We are now in the bell lap of the campaign, and we are driving hard to cross that $600 million mark before year-end. We could have just kept the goal at $500 million and coasted through this final stretch, but that is not the mark of an institution on the fast track. So, even as the campaign draws to a close, we are still working hard and reaching for new heights.

The support of our alumni, friends, faculty, staff, students, and parents is what puts Georgia Tech on the fast track, enabling us to reach for higher levels of excellence and to compete with universities that are larger and wealthier than we are.

Touching all of those bases... reminding all alumni and friends that we need their help to realize our potential as a world-class university... takes a tremendous amount of time and effort.

The 53rd Roll Call could never have reached this record-breaking total of $7.8 million without your time and effort. You made it happen, and tonight we thank you for your effort and pay tribute to your accomplishment.