I’m pleased to welcome all of you to this special luncheon opening the Ivan Allen College’s 10th Anniversary Symposium on “The Future of Education in America.”

The Ivan Allen College is uniquely positioned to consider the future of education in America, because as a liberal arts college at a technological university, it lives at the interface between technology and the arts and humanities.

Some years ago a report by the Association of American Colleges entitled *Integrity in the College Curriculum* pointed out that “we have become a people unable to comprehend the technology we invent.” As technology becomes ubiquitous in all aspects of our lives, there is both a growing need for a broader understanding of it by all of us and a growing need for engineers who are prepared to serve as leaders in a broader social context.

The Ivan Allen College represents the place where both of those things happen... the place where we explore the ability of technology to enrich education and the liberal arts, and the place where we respond to the increasing need to imbue engineers with the human skills and perspective that the humanities offer. These are exciting interactions that will increasingly characterize education in the future, and this symposium is a special opportunity to consider their ramifications.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize and thank Dean Sue Rosser, Associate Dean Ken Knoespel, the planning committee for the symposium, and the faculty and staff of the Ivan Allen College for their hard work in putting together an outstanding day.

I also want to express my appreciation to Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Dr. Shirley Malcolm and Dr. Jim Duderstadt for coming and participating in this symposium. Each one of these renowned scholars honors us by being here, and welcoming all three of them to our campus on the same day is truly a highlight for Georgia Tech.

We look forward to meaningful insights and discussion this afternoon, then to the gala banquet this evening at the Egyptian Ballroom of the Fox Theatre, when Senator and former Governor Zell Miller will join us for the first presentation of the Ivan Allen Prize.

We are glad to have all of you here, and we hope you enjoy your lunch, the symposium, and the festivities to follow.