Remember these numbers:

- $712 million
- 54 endowed chairs
- 233 endowed scholarships
- 11 facilities
- 100 percent of our goals met
- 46,000 donors from
- 57 different countries

The Campaign for Georgia Tech is counted in dollars and numbers, but it is measured in people. And tonight we are going to illustrate the impact of the campaign by putting faces on the numbers and showing you what the campaign and your contributions mean in the lives of members of the Georgia Tech community.

Georgia Tech’s goal is to define the technological university of the 21st century. We are striving to create a new paradigm for excellence in undergraduate education that gives our students the best of both worlds – the attention to quality teaching that is usually found only at a liberal arts college, and the opportunity to participate in a world-class research enterprise.

Every year, the pool of applicants to study at Georgia Tech gets both larger and deeper. And thanks to you, we will be able to give them both the quality educational experience and the scholarships they deserve. The value of a Georgia Tech degree will continue to increase, and the contribution of our graduates to society will continue to grow.

The Campaign for Georgia Tech endowed 233 undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships, including a $10 million endowment for the President’s Scholarship Program, our top undergraduate merit scholarship. And I would like you to meet one of our President’s Scholars right now.

Jessica Dickerson is an industrial engineering major and a member of the Georgia Tech volleyball team. Her President’s Scholarship will help her become an excellent engineer who can develop winning business strategies. And she is just one of many student-
athletes who will benefit from the increased caliber of athletic programs made possible by the campaign.

Defining the technological university of the 21\textsuperscript{st} century also requires top-quality faculty who are recognized international leaders in dynamic research fields. We want to attract the best talent in our areas of emphasis, and give our faculty the support and encouragement they need to take their discoveries and innovations into the marketplace where they can make a difference in people’s lives.

Endowed chairs have proven to be the most powerful tool a university can have to establish pre-eminence in particular fields of expertise. The campaign has taken Georgia Tech a quantum leap forward in our ability to attract eminent professors by generating 54 endowed chairs – more than twice the number that had been created in 110 years of Tech history prior to the campaign.

I’d like you to meet Dr. Terry Blum, who in addition to being our newest academic dean at Georgia Tech, is an expert in entrepreneurism. She gives the DuPree College of Management a leading edge in this important new economic arena. Terry holds the Tedd Munchak Chair in Entrepreneurship, which is one of the 54 faculty chairs endowed by the campaign.

Terry Blum will take her leadership and expertise in entrepreneurism across the expressway and into the heart of Midtown’s growing high-tech business sector when the College of Management moves into Technology Square. Technology Square, which will be built along Fifth Street between the downtown connector and the renovated Biltmore, is one of 11 facilities support by the campaign to give Georgia Tech’s education and research programs the first-rate facilities they need to achieve excellence.

The campaign is also creating a new academic heart of campus with an advanced computing technology building on the south side of Ferst Drive, and across the street a four-building interdisciplinary science and engineering complex. The first building in this complex and in the campaign is the Bioengineering and Bioscience Building, which was recognized in the international journal Nature for its innovative design. It provides a state-of-the-art interdisciplinary research environment, not only for faculty but also for students like Jeremy Farris.

Jeremy is a President’s Scholar who was already conducting serious scientific research while he was still in high school, and by the age of 18 had developed a potent new fungus that kills kudzu. Here at Tech, he wants to focus his research efforts on
bioengineering with medical applications, and the Bioengineering and Bioscience Building will be just the place.

Jeremy Farris, Jessica Dickerson, and Dean Terry Blum are just three of the thousands of students, faculty, and staff whose lives are already being touched, as this massive and wildly successful campaign lifts Georgia Tech to a higher level of excellence.

The campaign was a collaborative effort. The Alumni Association, the Athletic Association, the Development staff, and the Office of the President worked shoulder to shoulder in a coordinated effort to share our vision for Georgia Tech with all of you.

And your investment in that vision through the campaign is what will enable Georgia Tech to achieve its potential.

Your gifts give us the extra resources, beyond state appropriations and tuition, that will allow us to seize our opportunities and rise above the level of a good, solid school to become the standard by which others measure themselves. This evening, we express our appreciation to each one of you for your loyalty, your faith, and your willingness to give back to Georgia Tech.

In addition to thanking all of you for your participation, I also want to recognize some of the many people who worked very hard to make the campaign so successful. The Campaign for Georgia Tech was an incredible team effort, guided by a National Steering Committee with 24 members. Pete Silas served as chair, and Tom Gossage and Larry Gellerstedt were the able vice-chairmen. I’d like any members of the National Steering Committee who are here this evening to stand and be recognized.

Beyond the National Steering Committee, the campaign involved an incredible number of volunteers, and I’d like to ask all campaign volunteers to stand.

Campaign volunteers worked together with administrators, faculty and staff to put on more than 40 regional roll out events that took us from Seattle to San Juan, from the Golden Gate Bridge to London’s Tower Bridge, all within a time span of about 18 months. The “A-team” of putting up with all of that travel and stress was really their spouses, led by my own wife, Anne, who also hosted upwards of a hundred dinners, lunches and special events in support of the campaign. I never would have made it without her.

I’d also like to thank the many members of our campus community who worked so hard to make the campaign an incredible success:
• Deans, school chairs, and vice presidents
• Development staff under the direction of Barrett Carson
• Alumni Association staff
• Georgia Tech Foundation staff
• Staff in my own office, Institute Communications, and so many units across campus
  who provided materials and logistical support behind the scenes.

We have tried to capture the spirit and meaning of the Campaign for Georgia Tech in a
video that is being shown at campaign celebration events, both here in Atlanta and in 11
other cities around the nation. We think it’s pretty exceptional, and that assessment was
confirmed when it won a Telly Award in competition with more than 11,000 other
entries. So we are going to conclude our program this evening by showing the
campaign celebration video.