• Privileged to serve as President of one of the top 10 public universities in the United States.
  o Genuinely international university – Metz, Singapore.
  o Nation’s largest producer of engineers, including women and African American engineers
  o Also offer a wide range of non-engineering programs
  o $425 million in research expenditures this year
  o Campus here in Savannah

• Georgia Tech part of University System of Georgia
  o One of largest system in nation with nearly 250,000 students at 34 colleges and universities.
  o Annual economic impact on the state over $8 billion.

• Home to 3 nationally ranked research universities:
  o Georgia Tech #10 and UGA #20 among publics
  o Emory University in top 20 privates

• More than $1 billion in research conducted at Georgia’s colleges and universities each year

• Georgia’s national rankings as high-tech state:
  o 5th in telecommunications
  o 6th in software publication
  o 9th in biotechnology (Centers for Disease Control)
  o 11th in high-tech employment (suffered less erosion than the national average during recent economic downturn)
  o 14th in high-tech exports ($2.5 billion per year)

• Georgia 7th among the 50 states in the infrastructure required by high-tech start-ups, including venture capital
  o Nearly $200 million in venture capital in Georgia just in first quarter of 2004 (PricewaterhouseCoopers)

• Introduce fellow panelists:
  o Thomas E. Noonan: President and CEO of Atlanta-based Internet Security Systems, Inc. Georgia Tech alumnus who started ISS in 1984 with another GT alum – Chris Klaus, who developed the technology in his Georgia Tech dorm room. Tom also worked for Dun and Bradstreet Software.
  o Joanne Walter: president of WalterPan LLC, which provides solutions to self-service industry. Also founded EcoInvest, equity fund company based on tech solutions for environmental reclamation and building materials. Before she
became an entrepreneur, was VP with NCR and developed self-service retail check-out technology. Fluent in German and Russian.

- Brian Martin: president, CEO and co-founder of Nanoventions. Has 20 years high-level management experience in small start-ups and in large corporations like WorldCom. Member of the board of Technology Executive Roundtable; serves on national board of directors of AeA.