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- Ben Franklin said there are three classes of people: Those who are immovable, those who can be moved, and those who do the moving. You are clearly in the third group.

- Georgia Tech graduates will have incredible opportunities for leadership:
  - Technology pervasive in all aspects of life.
  - Increasingly face major issues from global warming to terrorism that will require technological leadership to solve.
  - Growing need for leaders who understand and can manage technology.
  - Need for scientists and engineers who understand the larger social context and human dimensions of technology and can play a broader leadership role.
  - Need for leaders in business, public policy, and the humanities who understand technology.

- GT’s goal is to produce graduates who:
  - Understand how technology can be used to solve problems and achieve goals for the well-being of society.
  - Can visualize the potential dangers and abuses of technology as well as its constructive uses, and can think definitively about ethical issues.
  - Can work on teams and manage diversity.
  - Are continually learning. (“It is the learners who inherit the future.” Eric Hoffer)

- Commend you for taking the initiative to use the experiences GT provides to develop your leadership skills! A couple of things about leadership that are important to remember:
  - A lot of students think of leadership as something that looks good on their transcript or resume. They define leadership as making themselves look important. But leadership is not “hooray for me and the heck with you.” It is the exact opposite.
  - You don’t become a leader by looking for opportunities to lead. You become a leader by looking for opportunities to serve.
  - “The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between, the leader is a servant.” Max DePree in The Art of Leadership.
  - A leader by definition has followers, and if you turn around and no one is following you, then it’s not leadership; it’s an ego trip. People will follow a leader because they believe the leader is committed to serving their needs and interests.

- Of course, being a leader will bring you recognition, but it is important to remember, as former President Calvin Coolidge pointed out, that no one has ever been honored for what they received. We are honored for what we give.