

WELCOME BY GEORGIA TECH PRESIDENT G. WAYNE CLOUGH
Georgia Tech Alumni Association Gold & White Honors, March 16, 2006

- Pleased to join with Joe Irwin and Bill Goodhew in welcoming you to the 2006 Gold & White Honors.
- Georgia Tech has the most supportive group of alumni of any public university in the nation; and tonight we honor the best of the best.
- Peter Drucker: “Leadership is not magnetic personality – that can just as well be a glib tongue. It is not ‘making friends and influencing people’ – that is flattery. Leadership is lifting a person’s vision to higher sights, the raising of a person’s performance to a higher standard, the building of a personality beyond its normal limitations.”
- That is what we are trying to do with our students – to make them leaders by lifting their vision to a higher level, raising their performance to a higher standard, and building their personality beyond its normal limitations.
- You, our alumni, are an indication of how well we are succeeding at that task. Obvious that our alumni are leaders, movers, and shakers. Equally obvious that you have a deep commitment to service and to giving back to Georgia Tech and to your communities, your state, and this nation.
- It is said that a great university produces great leaders. Not only do we know that to be true; but can also add a corollary to it: At Georgia Tech, those great leaders, in turn, help to make the university even greater through their leadership and service.
- Tonight, we celebrate the great leaders Georgia Tech has produced, and we honor some of the most extraordinary of them with:
 - Outstanding Young Alumnus Award
 - Honorary Alumnus Award
 - Dean Griffin Community Service Award
 - Joseph Pettit Alumni Distinguished Service Award
- I look forward to extending my congratulations to the winners of these awards. Very proud of each one of them, and express my personal appreciation to them for their outstanding contributions to the Institute and the community.
- But also want to take this opportunity to thank each one of you as well for your ongoing support and commitment to Georgia Tech. Some of you are award winners from prior years; others of you will become award winners in the coming years. But all of you have helped to make Georgia Tech one of the top 10 public universities in the United States.

- We would never have come so far without your help, and with your continued support going forward, we will lift our institutional vision to higher sights, we will lift Georgia Tech's performance to a higher standard, and we will build the personality and reputation of this Institute we love beyond what others would consider our normal limitations.