• Very pleased to welcome you to campus and welcome your sons and daughters to our student body.

• Your child has chosen one of the nation’s top universities – ranked 7th among public universities in the recent *U.S. News & World Report*, with a long list of other top rankings for particular programs and achievements.

• This class is among the brightest we have ever welcomed to Georgia Tech. However, Tech is also one of the most academically rigorous universities in the nation. Want to assure you that we believe your sons and daughters can succeed, and that we have all kinds of academic support systems in place to help them do it. So, if they call home and complain about the tough academics, encourage them to get help by from their academic advisor, or a tutor, or a study group of their peers. We stand ready to help them succeed.

• Many exciting opportunities for undergraduates:
  o Study abroad (over a third of undergrads)
  o Undergraduate research (over 40% of undergrads)
  o Leadership program, community service
  o Just plain fun – Division I-A athletics, one of the nation’s best campus rec centers, long list of clubs and activities.

• Continuously improving our undergraduate experience – taskforce on curriculum underway even as I am speaking – shaping it to produce graduates who are prepared to work in the world of the 21st century.
  o Corporations seek out our graduates – 550 corporate recruiters conducted 10,000 job interviews on campus last year.
  o Alumni are CEOs and leaders of some of the world’s largest companies, as well as entrepreneurs who start highly successful, leading-edge, high-tech companies.

• Also want to assure you that we work hard to make our campus safe.
  o Experienced Director if Emergency Preparedness who develops and continually updates emergency response plans for every imaginable type of crisis or disaster.
  o Practice those plans in monthly emergency response drills to a variety of situations – just recently simulated a shooting in one of our dorms to practice our response.
  o Emergency communications system that will send instant messages to everyone’s e-mail, cell phones, and wireless devices, alerting them to danger.
  o Network of loudspeakers across campus to deliver emergency messages like “Get inside immediately.”
  o Own weather tracking system.
• Our goal for your children: Safe, productive time of learning, stretching, expanding horizons, preparing to succeed and thrive as adults in the 21st century.

• Thank you for choosing Georgia Tech. We look forward to sharing with you in task of preparing your children for life.