Social Courage Prize Honors African Lawyer

Mtetwa First Female to Earn $100,000 Award

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Georgia Tech will award its fourth Ivan Allen Jr. Prize for Social Courage to Beatrice Mtetwa, a lawyer who has devoted herself to human rights, social justice, and gender equality for more than 20 years.

“She permits us to connect, in a very dramatic way, the legacy of Ivan Allen Jr., for whom the award is named, to courageous social and ethical action as a global need and commitment,” said Jackie Royster, dean of the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts and a member of the award’s nominating committee. “As the official trustees of the Allen Legacy, we are very pleased to make this local connection to such an important global issue.”

Mtetwa grew up in Swaziland with no electricity or running water. She became the first in her extended family to attend high school and went on to study law at the University of Botswana and Swaziland.

After pursuing a career as a government prosecutor, she became disillusioned by selective justice and moved into private practice, where she was able to conduct human rights work without political interference.

Mtetwa was announced as this year’s Allen Prize recipient in May and will be recognized at a symposium and celebration on Thursday, Nov. 13, at the Biltmore in Midtown.

The symposium will feature special guests: Charlene Hunter-Gault, an author, journalist, and the first African-American female to enroll at the University of Georgia; Sarah Hager of Amnesty International; Jeffrey Smith of the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights; Deborah Richardson of the National Center for Civil and Human Rights; and John Stremilas of the Carter Center.

A documentary screening of “Beatrice Mtetwa and the Rule of Law” will take place in the LeCraw Auditorium, Scheller College of Business, on Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. The film tells the story of Mtetwa’s life of being arrested, jailed, and beaten during the course of her work in Zimbabwe defending peace activists, journalists, and other citizens.

The Tech community will have the chance to meet and interact with Mtetwa at both the symposium and film screening.

“I hope that her story will inspire our students to be bold and courageous in what we do for the wider world,” said Jackie Royster, dean of the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts and a member of the award’s nominating committee.

Beatrice Mtetwa

Tech Finalist for Innovation Award

Georgia Tech is one of eight public research institutions in the running for an Innovation and Economic Prosperity Award from the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities. Winners will be announced Nov. 8.

Director of National Security Agency Visits Campus

Talks@Tech hosted Admiral Mike Rogers, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command and Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service, on campus on Oct. 23. Rogers, who assumed his role in April 2014, briefly discussed the work of the NSA before spending most of the hour fielding questions from students and faculty in the Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons. He spent a few minutes talking with students one-on-one after the event.

Ethics Focus of Year-Long Campaign

As a public research university, Georgia Tech is a steward of taxpayer dollars, research funding, and tuition paid by students and their families. Because fraud and acts of unethical behavior deplete resources that could be used to fund programs and positions necessary for performing our jobs more effectively and advancing the Institute’s strategic goals, each member of the Georgia Tech community has an obligation to help ensure that Institute resources are used responsibly.

“In addition to everyone’s personal responsibility to be ethical, the Institute would like our students and employees to help Georgia Tech achieve the highest levels of ethical and fraud-free behavior across the board,” said Steve Swant, executive vice president for the Division of Administration and Finance. “We are encouraging everyone to do the right thing. If you know something, please do something. Upholding high ethical standards and behavior is everyone’s responsibility.”

In conjunction with the University System of Georgia’s efforts to promote International Fraud Awareness Week in November, Georgia Tech is launching a yearlong campaign to: raise awareness about fraud; provide resources to foster greater understanding about what consti-
Email, Calendars on the Move

This fall, the Georgia Tech community will be able to use their Zimbra email, calendar, and contacts services to a new mobile-ready Outlook-based solution as part of the Microsoft Office 365 implementation. This enterprise-class service will deliver better integration with Microsoft Office products, provide larger email storage capacity, offer strong data management, and enable secure sharing capabilities. It will be delivered through a secure hybrid solution consisting of the cloud-based Microsoft Office 365 and a locally hosted Microsoft Exchange server. Tech’s current Zimbra service will continue to be available to departments as well but will no longer receive service upgrades.

“We have simply outgrown the current Zimbra offering,” said Jim O’Connor, chief information officer and vice president of Information Technology. “This new service is part of a larger effort to incorporate all of our voice, data, and video services into a single unified communications service offering, and it supports the developing needs of our students, faculty, and staff. Additionally, it truly aligns with the Institute’s 25-year Strategic Plan and the IT Master Plan.”

The plan to provide a more robust and collaborative email service was approved by the Strategic Technology Investment Committee, which consists of faculty and administrators from across campus. The committee’s goal is to champion technology that supports Georgia Tech’s strategic goal of the pursuit of institutional effectiveness. In preparation for the move to the new email service, committee members have presented to many groups on campus, including the Faculty Senate Executive Board, to get feedback to be incorporated into this service migration. Apart from the migration, a new service-level email data protection policy has been developed to govern the use of the email, calendar, and contacts features within the new solution. This policy, which is currently open for commentary, will ensure all Georgia Tech email data is protected throughout the transition. It will also guide use going forward.

Representatives from the implementation project team, led by the Office of Information Technology (OIT), are meeting with interested campus departments to identify a transition window and strategy to best address departmental needs. A number of departments have already offered suggestions for the implementation, including enabling the ability to store mail at Georgia Tech and forwarding to other services as well.

To learn more about the transition, talk with your OIT representative or visit emailtransition.gatech.edu.

Safety App Gets Update, New Features

Three years after the initial implementation of the Jacket Guardian safety service on campus, it’s been revamped and updated to offer new features for keeping the Tech community safe: The Jacket Guardian Service is now a free downloadable app called Rave Guardian.

The app is designed to turn a mobile phone into a personal safety device during an emergency situation. It is equipped with numerous features that enhance responsiveness by providing real-time GPS location, police, and emergency medical services with user information, such as location via GPS, that is critical during an emergency.

“Having the Rave Guardian app is like having a blue light emergency telephone in your pocket,” said Captain Randy Barrone, who oversees the Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) Crime Prevention Unit.

After installing the app, you can create your own personal safety profile. You can also upload a photo of yourself, medical conditions, information about your vehicle, and other pertinent information, which is only released to emergency responders in the event that help is needed. Plus, you can call for help with the simple tap of a button. The app also lets users text anonymous crime tips and photos to GTPD.

Like the previous version, the app can be used when working or studying on campus late at night or early in the morning. The user can set a timer specifying how long it will wait to take from one place to another. If the user doesn’t deactivate it upon expiration of the timer, user-specified guardians (on-campus friends and co-workers or off-campus family members, for instance) and police are automatically notified. The GPS feature enables respondents to locate the user and ensure his or her safety.

After Dec. 21, the former Jacket Guardian Service will no longer be available, and users will need to register with their Georgia Tech email address to access the new Rave Guardian safety service.

To sign up, users can download the free app from the iTunes or Google Play store and register with their Georgia Tech email address. After registering, a new safety profile must be created to enable the enhanced safety features. Learn more at guardian.gatech.edu.
Celebrate Tech Traditions with Homecoming Events

Homecoming at Georgia Tech is more than one day or one football game: It’s a multi-week celebration encompassing some of the Institute’s longest standing traditions and celebrations.

This year’s events began Thursday, Oct. 23, and continue through the Homecoming football game against the University of Virginia on Saturday, Nov. 1, at 3:30 p.m. in Bobby Dodd Stadium. The theme is “Lost in the AtlantaTech.”

Many events are open to the public and range from funny, to commemorative, to historical. Learn more about student-organized events at homecoming.gatech.edu, and about events from the Alumni Association at ghomecoming.gatech.edu.

Charitable Campaign Nears Conclusion

The annual State Charitable Contributions Campaign has already raised more than $200,000, and is more than halfway toward its participation goal.

So far, 666 employees have given $205,113 toward the goal of 1,300 people giving $330,000. The deadline to donate is Friday, Nov. 14.

Michele Green, administrative professional for the Georgia Tech Research Corporation, knows the power of the campaign firsthand. After a divorce left her in need of furniture and assistance, she found the Atlanta Step-Up Society, a campaign beneficiary that runs a thrift shop and provides services to veterans, the homeless, and those who are rebuilding their lives. Now that she’s able, Green gives back to the organization.

“I give from my heart,” said Green, who has also served as a Charitable Campaign ambassador for 10 years. “You just never know when you might need assistance.”

Those who donate by Nov. 14 will be entered into a drawing for golf for four at the present on how Tech’s campus has become what it is today and plans for its future growth.

Mini 500
Friday, Oct. 31, 5 – 8 p.m.
Peters Parking Deck
The Legendary Mini 500 Tricycle Race features students riding on tricycles they have built and decorated.

Freshman Cake Race
Saturday, Nov. 1, 6:30 a.m.
Front of McCreamy Pavilion
Freshmen are encouraged to participate in one of Tech’s oldest traditions, which has them run a half-mile uphill race. All participants get cupcakes at the end.

Ramblin’ Wreck Parade
Saturday, Nov. 1, 1B
Begins at Fowler and Eighth Streets, ends at Fowler and Fourth Streets
Student groups will show off “vireos” they have designed and built.

Ramblin’ Wreck Rally Tailgate
Saturday, Nov. 1, 1 p.m.
Tech Tower Lawn
Free tailgate, open to alumni and non-alumni alike.

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rutes ethical behavior; and encourage faculty, staff, and students to report suspected fraudulent and unethical behavior.

The campaign launches Nov. 5, with the campuswide event “Ethical Leadership for the 21st Century,” featuring Cynthia Cooper, whistle-blower and former vice president of WorldCom as well as TIME magazine’s 2002 “Person of the Year.” President G.P. “Bud” Peterson will introduce Cooper, and a panel discussion will follow.

Other campaign elements will include training videos to educate the community on key Institute policy and compliance issues, and communications promoting the EthicsPoint hotline and the Policy Library.

The Georgia Tech Policy Library contains more than 500 searchable Institute policies ranging from purchasing to hosting campus events, making information on what constitutes the “right thing” accessible to everyone. All community members are encouraged to be informed on what constitutes ethical behavior; and encourage Tech co-op students sharing a job are the underlying reasons for their success. A reception will follow at the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center.

Archives Open House
Friday, Oct. 31, 1 – 3 p.m.
Archives, Library Annex (next to Hinman Building)
Historical and rare materials from the Archives collection will be exhibited.

Campus Tours
Friday, Oct. 31, 4 – 5 p.m.
Global Learning Center Atrium
Student Ambassadors and Capital Planning and Space Management will give one-mile walking and bus tours.

Campus Master Plan
Friday, Oct. 31, 2:15 – 3 p.m.
Room 222, Global Learning Center
Howard Wertheimer, director of Capital Planning and Space Management, will discuss the major elements of the Campus Master Plan and answer questions from the audience.

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they choose to do, and to do what they can in making the world a better place,” Royster said.

The award is meant to underscore Tech’s mission of improving the human condition by honoring individuals who, by asserting moral principles, have positively affected public discourse at the risk of their careers, livelihoods, and sometimes lives. It comes with a $100,000 stipend, funded by an endowment from the Wilbur and Hilda Glenn Family Foundation.

Mtewa is the first female and international student to win the award.

For more information, visit charitable.gatech.edu or email charitable@gatech.edu.
As Ebola cases continue to be reported in numerous countries, government agencies continue to take steps toward being better prepared to combat the virus.

Georgia Governor Nathan Deal signed an executive order Oct. 20 to establish a team of local experts, including representatives from the University System of Georgia, to issue recommendations on the virus. The Georgia Department of Public Health has also offered guidance to colleges and universities on precautions to take regarding Ebola.

As students and their families, faculty, staff members, and visitors who have traveled to Ebola-affected African countries, including Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea, within the previous 21 days.

2. Know the symptoms of Ebola, which may appear anywhere from 2-21 days after exposure. These include: • Fever (including low-grade) • Severe headache • Muscle pain • Weakness • Diarrhea • Vomiting • Abdominal pain • Unexplained, persistent bleeding, or bruising 3. If someone presents to your campus health clinic with a fever, immediately alert the student or the staff, and take precautions to prevent the spread of the disease.

The 2014 Ebola epidemic is the largest in history, affecting multiple countries in West Africa. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and partners are taking precautions to prevent the further spread of Ebola within the U.S. by working with other government agencies, the World Health Organization, and other domestic and international partners. This includes implementing enhanced entry screening at five U.S. airports.

For Ebola, you should direct what resources you can to Africa out of compassion and a concern for further spread,” they said. “But for yourself, you should take simple measures like getting appropriate vaccinations to reduce the impact of diseases that are much more likely to affect you and your family.”

Stamps Health Services continues to offer flu vaccines to Tech employees for $25. Upcoming flu clinics will take place Nov. 4, Nov. 18, and Dec. 2. More information is available at www.health.gatech.edu.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE INTELLECTUAL?

Thursday, Oct. 30, 7 p.m.
Clairy Theater, Student Success Center