

Notes from the President

2016 Georgia Tour Blog Day Four - June 23

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We started the final day with an Alumni Breakfast in East Cobb County at the Indian Hills Country Club. The area is home to, among others, Walton High School, a high-performing institution that sends a substantial number of its graduates to Georgia Tech each year. We had great attendance, and there were a host of questions. A number of very active alums attended, along with several of our own Tech employees who live in the East Cobb area.

In midmorning, I traveled back to downtown Atlanta for a meeting with USG Chancellor Hank Huckaby and the presidents and police chiefs of the 29 USG institutions. We focused on what all the individual campuses are doing to improve campus safety and spent several hours sharing ideas and best practices.

Later that afternoon, we ended the 2016 Georgia Tour with an Alumni Lunch at the Douglasville Conference Center. It was, as has been the case at every stop where we have met with our alums, a very upbeat occasion that mirrored our experiences from the first three days, with one special exception. At this event, we were joined by Mr. Casey Bethel, a New Manchester High School science teacher and Douglas County's 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year, who was named the state of Georgia 2017 Teacher of the Year. For the past six years, Casey has participated in the Georgia Intern Fellowship for Teachers (GIFT) Program here at Georgia Tech. Mr. Bethel will represent Georgia educators through public speaking engagements and as the state's entry in the 2017 National Teacher of the Year competition.

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