

Dr. Peterson

Agilent Technologies Laboratory Dedication

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Thank you Doug (Williams). Several of you toured the facility earlier and got a first-hand look at some of the exciting things we have been able to accomplish because of Agilent's generous gift to Georgia Tech. It demonstrates Agilent's continuing investment in the university community and the company's dedication to staying at the leading edge of the world of electronic design. I think the most exciting aspect is to see students using the software for their studies and research.

We are proud to have not only the largest, but also one of the best engineering programs in the nation. We attract the brightest and the best students, and because of Agilent's generosity, they are able to use cutting edge Electronic Design Automation software, as well as benefitting from support and training.

One of the things we emphasize at Tech is innovation, and Agilent's gift is helping to prepare students to be innovators and leaders in a global economy. Personally, I think it is a brilliant move by Agilent because some of the world's best engineers are going to graduate and be champions of Agilent software!

The agreement also provides an outlet for start-up companies, many of which are right here in Technology Square. Providing these new companies with access to semiconductor design systems at a low cost is helping them to develop prototypes. It is helping these companies get off the ground and driving new enterprises to Atlanta.

Georgia Tech has built an Innovation Ecosystem, and the Agilent Technologies Laboratory is a perfect fit.

We are honored to partner with Agilent, and appreciate their involvement with Georgia Tech, including Bill Sullivan's service on the Georgia Tech Advisory Board.

Thank you for your commitment to Georgia Tech. We look forward to a long-term partnership that will benefit the Georgia Tech community, Agilent, and our region.