

**Dr. Peterson**  
**D.C. Congressional Staffers Visit**

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**Time of momentum**

Just this week: Last Sunday, *New York Times* feature on OMS CS, Nick Selby goes viral; Thursday, mention by Pres. Obama of OMS CS in his Education speech, Anderson Cooper interview for his show. On Friday the Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker toured the Global Center for Medical Innovation as part of her listening tour in Atlanta.

- Applications have nearly doubled in the past 10 years. This year we had almost 18,000 applicants, almost a 20% increase from the year before.
- Highest quality freshman class in Tech's history. The mid 50% GPA is 3.85 to 4.11, and the mid 50% SATS were 2000-2210. More impressive than that is the leadership experience they have, even before they step foot on campus. We're developing innovators and leaders
- Georgia Tech remains in the top ten in research expenditures among universities without a medical school. In FY 2013, Georgia Tech's research expenditures were \$783 million.
- An interdisciplinary, highly collaborative environment that permeates the entire university and a successful history of partnering with business, industry, and government set Georgia Tech apart and contribute to an immensely successful track record as a national leader among research universities.
- Increasing partnerships (business and industry, AT&T Foundry opening later today, Innovation Center in Tech Square, partnership with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta)
- Georgia Tech, in partnership with Atlanta, has created an innovation zone in the city. As a result, the major companies have been attracted to the Metro Atlanta area including AT&T, Ernst & Young (EY), GM, Kimberly Clark, Panasonic, Penguin Computing, NCR, and ThyssenKrupp (major German company).

- Georgia Tech routinely partners with the Georgia Department of Economic Development, the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, Start-up Atlanta, the Midtown Alliance, and regional universities and technical colleges.
- Rapidly expanding space on and adjacent to campus to support industry growth and innovation impact.
- Expanding the campus infrastructure (EBB, CNES)
- VentureLab identifies discoveries and technologies in Georgia Tech's research labs that have commercial potential and helps move them quickly to market. It was ranked No. 2 globally by Stockholm-based UBI Index.
- Through research and partnership with business and industry, Tech is an economic engine for Georgia and the Southeast, with an annual amplified impact of more than \$3 billion.
- We appreciate all you do for Georgia Tech, but also for our state and our region.
- Even though Congress is pretty unpopular, I think your jobs are as important as ever. We are running out of time to deal with our nation's deficit and we need to chart a course that allows us to develop the innovations and workforce that will keep our country competitive well into the future. We must avoid the innovation deficit that will hit us if we don't turn things around. You are key to ensuring that the members of Congress you work for appreciate this long-term problem.
- Your support for GT has helped us continue to thrive during difficult fiscal times. We're attracting amazing students, many of whom graduate with multiple job offers (cite ROI/Value rankings). Average starting salaries of \$63,000, \$65,000 if STEM fields.
- We continue to aggressively compete for highly competitive federal awards and are proud to say we won \$451 million in federal awards last year.
- We usually rank the top three or four of all universities in our country without a medical school. And our students benefit from over \$100 million in federal financial aid, including 3,168 who receive some portion of the Pell Grant.

- Many of your constituents are our alumni. They are running the small business in your district or rebuilding that bridge is critical to your community. The specific information is included in your folders which will have district specific information and enrollment by Ga. County.