About This Publication
For the past four years, Institute Diversity has published Faces of Inclusive Excellence to recognize some of the individuals who are committed to advancing a culture of academic and inclusive excellence at Georgia Tech.

Each year, the Faces of Inclusive Excellence publication is distributed at Georgia Tech’s Diversity Symposium. In light of the Eighth Annual Diversity Symposium theme, “Celebrating Women at Georgia Tech,” this year’s publication features some of the faculty, staff, and students who are committed to gender diversity, equity, and inclusion, and women who are excelling in leadership, collaboration, and innovation.

Congratulations to this year’s honorees — the real faces of inclusive excellence.
The honorees featured here, whether they are senior or junior faculty, staff members, or graduate or undergraduate students, all share one thing in common: the excellence that characterizes their leadership, collaboration, and innovation has earned them distinctions from their peers as exemplars in the work of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

We are pleased to honor them by recognizing their accomplishments, and we look forward to cheering on their continued successes as we all work together to elevate Georgia Tech to the next level of inclusive excellence.

Archie W. Ervin
Vice President
Institute Diversity
Dear Honorees:

When people think about Georgia Tech, the first thing that often comes to mind is Tech Tower. And while Tech Tower is a cherished symbol, Georgia Tech’s global reputation can be traced back to people like you who comprise a community of individuals with diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and spheres of influence.

Through this publication, we are celebrating the diversity of your accomplishments. You, along with hundreds of others, are excelling in leadership, collaboration, and innovation and making a tremendous, positive impact on our campus and society, particularly as it relates to gender equity.

We congratulate you and encourage you to continue serving as an inspiration for Georgia Tech’s inclusive journey.

G.P. “Bud” Peterson
President
MARYAM ALAVI
Dean and Stephen P. Zelnak Jr. Chair
Scheller College of Business

Advanced women in business and business education through outreach and partnerships with various organizations

YOUNG MI CHOI
Assistant Professor
School of Industrial Design

Received the National Science Foundation’s 2016 ADVANCE Program Women of Excellence Award

AMY D’UNGER
Associate Director of Undergraduate Studies
School of History and Sociology

Named chair of the Division on Women and Crime of the American Society of Criminology

KAITLIN FAIR
Ph.D. Student
School of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Founded Lean In at Georgia Tech to provide a safe space for students to discuss gender
Sherry Farrugia
Managing Director, Health Research Partnerships
Institute for People and Technology

Served on numerous boards, including the TAG Health Board, Emory University Board of Visitors, and Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities Advisory Board

Beki Grinter
Professor
School of Interactive Computing

Completed Safe Space training by the LGBTQIA Resource Center

Martha Grover
Professor
School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Led the proposal to modify the Ramblin’ Wreck lyrics to promote gender inclusion

Laura Holllengreen
Assistant Provost for Academic Advocacy and Conflict Resolution
Office of the Provost and School of Architecture

Served as the Title IX deputy coordinator for faculty, handling concerns of bias in tenure, promotion, and salary processes
**Brian Jennings**  
Associate Dean of MBA Programs and Executive Education  
Scheller College of Business  

Played a primary role in the Scheller College of Business becoming a partner to the Forté Foundation

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**David Joyner**  
Adjunct Lecturer  
College of Computing  

Received the 2016 College of Computing Dissertation Award and 2016 Georgia Tech Lockheed Excellence in Teaching Award

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**Pinar Keskinocak**  
William W. George Chair and ADVANCE Professor  
H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial & Systems Engineering  

Raised awareness and engagement in diversity, equity, and inclusion issues as the ADVANCE Professor in the College of Engineering

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**Julia Kubanek**  
Professor and Associate Dean  
School of Biological Sciences and School of Chemistry and Biochemistry  

Received the College of Sciences’ 2016 Gretzinger Moving Forward School Award
Michael Lacey
Professor
School of Mathematics

Served on the hiring committee for the School of Mathematics, helping to make more diverse hires

Katie Mattli
Senior Assistant Director
Office of Undergraduate Admission

Worked collaboratively with team members and campus partners to increase underrepresented minority and women student enrollment

Helena Mitchell
Executive Director and Regents’ Researcher
Center for Advanced Communications Policy
School of Public Policy

Appointed to the Federal Communications Commission’s Disability Advisory Committee

Elizabeth Mynatt
Executive Director and Professor
Institute of People and Technology
College of Computing

Recognized as a 2015 Association for Computing Machinery Fellow
**Aby Parsons**  
Director  
LGBTQIA Resource Center

Co-created the transgender education initiatives: Trans @ Tech, Trans 101, and Trans in Athletics

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**Elsa Perakis**  
Undergraduate Student  
School of Computer Science

Served as training manager at Robogals and taught coding and robotics workshops to young women in computer science

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**Morvarid Rahmani**  
Assistant Professor  
Scheller College of Business

Served as the faculty adviser of the Scheller College of Business MBA team in the Deloitte Supply Chain Challenge

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**Dana Randall**  
ADVANCE Professor  
School of Computer Science

Named co-executive director of the Institute for Data Engineering and Science
Sarah Schoemann  
Ph.D. Student  
School of Literature, Media, and Communication  
Co-founded the Different Games Collective

Carol Senf  
Professor  
School of Literature, Media, and Communication  
Facilitated Safe Space training and served on the Body Image Committee

Christina Shalley  
Thomas R. Williams-Wells Fargo Professor of Organizational Behavior  
Scheller College of Business  
Served as co-owner of the Scheller College of Business  
Strategic Goal 4: Promoting Diversity, Equity, Inclusiveness, and Innovation

Deirdre Shoemaker  
Professor  
School of Physics  
Served as the adviser of the Society of Women in Physics
BRANDY STANFIELD-NAGEL
Research Faculty
Innovation Ecosystems

Worked with historically African-American and minority-serving schools in Atlanta to strengthen their entrepreneurship programs.

SHANNON SULLIVAN
Graduate Program Manager
Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering

Received Institute Diversity’s 2016 Gender Equity Champion Award in the staff category.

CHRISTOPHER STANZIONE
Lecturer
School of Psychology

Co-chaired the PRIDE Employee Resource Group at Georgia Tech and the Graduate Students Committee of the American Psychological Association.

KATIE TAKACS
Marketing and Operations Manager
Enterprise Innovation Institute, Georgia Manufacturing Extension Partnership

Developed the Faces of Manufacturing program.
LEANNE WEST
Chief Engineer of
Pediatric Technology
Parker H. Petit
Institute for Bioengineering and Bioscience and the Institute for People and Technology

Received Women in Technology’s 2014 Woman of the Year Award
National Rankings

In addition to being consistently ranked among the top 10 public universities in the United States by *U.S. News & World Report*, Georgia Tech has established a record of first-class rankings in the realm of diversity. According to the 2015 rankings from *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*, Georgia Tech is ranked:

- No. 1 for awarding bachelor’s degrees in engineering to all minority students.
- No. 1 for awarding doctoral degrees in engineering to all minority students.

According to the American Society of Engineering Education, Georgia Tech also awards more undergraduate engineering degrees to women than any other school.