

- 1952** On April 9, the Board of Regents votes to admit women into the Georgia Institute of Technology. Elizabeth Herndon and Barbara Diane Michel enroll for the fall quarter, becoming the first female students at Georgia Tech.
- 1961** Georgia Tech is the first major state university in the Southeast to desegregate without a court order. Black men and women are eligible to enroll at Georgia Tech for the first time.
- 1965** Ronald Yancey becomes the first Black student to graduate from Georgia Tech.
- 1968** Women are eligible to enter all of the degree programs at Georgia Tech.
- 1970** MaryAnn Jackson Wright earns a Ph.D. from the Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering. The first Black women students are enrolled at Georgia Tech.
- 1972** Dorothy Coswer Yancy becomes Georgia Tech's first Black female faculty member and first Black professor to receive tenure at Georgia Tech.
- 1979** Georgia Tech creates OMED: Educational Services, the unit charged with the retention and development of traditionally underrepresented students: Black, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, and multiracial.
Amelia "Amy" Milburn, a junior management major, is the first Black Miss Georgia Tech.
- 1983** Adesola O. Kujore, a chemical engineering major, becomes the first Black woman to receive a Ph.D. at Georgia Tech.
- 1992** Georgia Tech creates the Focus Program to attract the nation's best and brightest students from diverse backgrounds to pursue graduate studies and careers in academia.
N. Jan Davis, the first alumna from Georgia Tech to become an astronaut, boards her first flight on the space shuttle Endeavor.
- 1995** Georgia Tech introduces the Women, Science, and Technology minor.
- 1998** Georgia Tech establishes the Center for the Study of Women, Science, and Technology, and the Women's Resource Center.
- 2001** Georgia Tech ranks first in the nation in the graduation of Black engineers at all degree levels, according to *Black Issues in Higher Education*, and, 40 years after its integration, overall minority student enrollment reaches 34 percent.
Janice Wittschiebe becomes the first woman to serve as chair of the Georgia Tech Advisory Board.
The National Science Foundation awards the ADVANCE institutional transformation grant to Georgia Tech.



- 2002** Georgia Tech creates the Office of Hispanic Initiatives.
- 2003** Hispanics become the fastest-growing student group at Georgia Tech.
- 2008** Gilda Barabino of the Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering is appointed the first vice provost of Academic Diversity.
- 2010** Rafael L. Bras becomes the first Hispanic provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs.
Jacqueline Jones Royster becomes the first Black dean at Georgia Tech, in the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts.
- 2011** Georgia Tech establishes Institute Diversity; Archie W. Ervin is appointed inaugural vice president and chief diversity officer.
Jane Chumley Ammons, Ph.D. IE 1982, becomes the first woman chair of the H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering.
Gary S. May, EE 1985, becomes the first Black dean of the College of Engineering.
- 2013** Georgia Tech hosts its first Lavender Graduation to celebrate the accomplishments of LGBTQIA graduates at every level.
- 2014** Aby Parsons is appointed the inaugural director of Georgia Tech's LGBTQIA Resource Center.
- 2015** Institute Diversity expands to create the Staff Diversity, Inclusion, and Engagement unit.
For the first time, women make up 41% of the first-year class, which also sees a 35% increase in the number of Black students.
- 2016** Institute Diversity opens the Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion in the renovated Chapin Building.
Georgia Tech announces the Black Student Experience Task Force recommendations and Gender Equity Initiatives to help ensure a welcoming, inclusive campus.
- 2017** Georgia Tech announces A Path Forward — Together to support the Institute's commitment to an inclusive, safe, and healthy community.
Georgia Tech receives the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* for the fourth consecutive year.
- 2018** Georgia Tech unveils the *Continuing the Conversation* sculpture of Rosa Parks at ages 42 and 92 in Harrison Square.
Georgia Tech's African American Student Union celebrates the 50th anniversary of its founding following the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.
- 2019** The first Spanish-born president of an American university, Ángel Cabrera, M.S. PSY 1993, Ph.D. PSY 1995, becomes president of Georgia Tech.
Georgia Tech honors the legacy of its first Black matriculants and Black graduate with *Trailblazers: The Struggle and the Promise*, bronze statues dedicated and installed on campus in their honor.
- 2021** Georgia Tech celebrates 60th anniversary of the matriculation of Black students.

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