LEADING WOMEN@TECH
2018-19 PROGRAM GUIDE
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#GTLeadingWomen
One of the major findings from Georgia Tech’s Climate Assessment Survey in 2012 was an expressed desire for targeted professional development efforts for staff women. At Georgia Tech, we value the brilliance and power of our people and their perspectives, putting it all to work to define what’s next. As such, we are dedicated to creating a community of leaders who will guide Tech in the 21st century—an institution committed to inclusive excellence.

With the support of the Office of the President, Institute Diversity is offering the Leading Women@Tech program to engage women leaders at Georgia Tech.

**Vision**

› In alignment with Institute Diversity’s strategic plan, specifically Goal Five, “Develop Institute collaborations that provide a pathway to excellence for women and underrepresented faculty and staff,” and Strategy Three, “Work with the Institute’s academic and administrative leadership to promote diversity and equity in the advancement and promotion of women and underrepresented staff employees,” the concept of the Leading Women@Tech program was conceived.

**Primary Responsibilities**

› Create opportunities for women leaders and build a community who will advance a culture of inclusive excellence at Georgia Tech.

› Strengthen leadership ability, enhance personal and professional growth, and support overall career development of the participants.

**Program Activities**

› Monthly program activities include skill building in the areas of efficacy, emotional intelligence, intercultural skills, mindful leadership, multiple role management, negotiation, and networking.

› The program will also include an optional coaching component that will deepen individual learning and empower participants to act on their career and life goals.
Julie Ancis, Co-Director

Julie Ancis serves as the associate vice president for Institute Diversity at Georgia Tech. She provides operational leadership and consultation for strategic planning and assessment to achieve Georgia Tech’s inclusive excellence vision and goals. Ancis is also an adjunct professor in the School of Psychology. As PI of a $3.8 million Department of Education First in the World Grant with AMAC, she oversees research on the impact of accessible instructional materials for students with disabilities in Minority Serving Institutions. Ancis also serves as co-PI on a $2 million National Science Foundation grant with the Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering on diversity and inclusion. In collaboration with Georgia Tech’s ADVANCE Program, she has developed and conducts faculty workshops on implicit bias and its impact on perceptions of competence.

Ancis is a fellow of the American Psychological Association (Divisions 17 and 35) and past-chair of the Society of Counseling Psychology’s Section for the Advancement of Women. She has received a number of awards and honors including the Woman of the Year Award from the Section on the Advancement of Women. Prior to joining Institute Diversity, Ancis was a counseling psychology professor at Georgia State University.

Her extensive scholarly publications include four books; approximately 100 journal articles, book chapters, and technical reports; and more than 200 professional presentations focused on diversity, multicultural competence, women’s professional development, and the legal system. Scholarly books include The Complete Women’s Psychotherapy Treatment Planner (Wiley Press), Culturally Responsive Interventions: Innovative Approaches to Working with Diverse Populations (Routledge Press), and Promoting Student Learning and Development at a Distance: Student Affairs Concepts and Practices for Televised Instruction and Other Forms of Distance Learning. Her co-edited book entitled Gender, Psychology and Justice: The Mental Health of Women and Girls in the Legal System (NYU Press) has recently been published.

Ancis completed an Executive Leadership Program at Harvard University and the American Psychological Association Leadership Institute for Women in Psychology. She is passionate about women’s leadership development and is excited to serve as co-director of this program for the third year.
Pearl Alexander serves as executive director of diversity, inclusion, and engagement at the Georgia Institute of Technology. A visionary and masterful coach, she has created an unprecedented presence as a thought partner with people at Georgia Tech and across higher education. Alexander serves leaders in reflective methods that guide them through personal discovery, self-mastery, uncovering talent, and shifting mindsets during times of change and transition.

Through her strengths as a change agent, she has catalyzed transformations in culture and organizational leadership practices – often called upon to solve some of the most sensitive and complex challenges of these times. Alexander is known for compassionately speaking truth to power. Sought-after by the C-suite for her abilities to excavate difficult stories, lead fierce dialogues, and coach self-acceptance and valued behaviors, she leads the evolution of diversity and inclusion strategy, learning curricular innovations, and engagement experiences to nurture global leadership capacity in administrators at Tech. Alexander serves as a senior advisor and confidante to the Institute’s chief diversity officer, organizational leadership teams, groups, and individuals.

Her career assignments have spanned from peace-builder to equity expert to spokesperson. Coaching members of the president’s cabinet, Alexander’s leadership has contributed to Georgia Tech’s first recognition as a thought leader and for implementing award-winning diversity and inclusion practices that have continued throughout her career.


Alexander selectively participates in international and national think tanks on the future of work, shaping leadership cultures and strategic talent practices. She chairs or serves as a consultant to professional development organizations and diversity and inclusion councils. Alexander is currently a member of Forbes Coaches Council, Columbia Coaching Learning Association, National Association for Diversity Officers in Higher Education, and the Moth Director’s Circle.

She delights in story listening, mentoring fellow introverted leaders of all ages, and practicing improvisational acting skills. Alexander is a social innovator who has navigated a progressive 30-year career. She integrates her expertise in diversity and inclusion principles within her coaching practice and consultancy services in hopes to inspire others to access their personal power and step into “wholeness.”
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Peterson's professional training includes a doctorate in psychology from William James College, a master's degree in counseling psychology from Lesley University, and a bachelor's degree in literature from Smith College. She is a member of the National Speakers Association and National Storytelling Network, and serves on the executive committee of the Healing Story Alliance. Peterson taught "Communications Skills for Nonprofit Leaders" in the graduate program at Wheelock College for three years.
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She has spoken and given lectures to many of the world's leading companies, including AT&T, Exxon Mobil, Johnson & Johnson, GE, Microsoft, J.P. Morgan, Morgan Stanley, Wells Fargo, KPMG, Cisco, IBM, Thomson Reuters, Deloitte, Intel, Wal-Mart, and McKinsey & Company, to name a few.

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Efficacy for Women

Part One
November 1, 2018
9 a.m. – noon
Wardlaw Center, Poole Boardroom

Verna Ford
Principal Consultant, Korn Ferry

Verna Ford is an executive consultant and coach working with senior teams for strategic planning and management education. She is expert at partnering with senior leaders to uncover and leverage hidden strengths, building a bridge between business strategy and human performance.

Ford specializes in talent development, diversity and inclusion, leadership, and corporate mentoring programs. She is a master facilitator for Korn Ferry’s Efficacy® workshops. Ford developed and designed frameworks and curricula for The Three Types of Confidence®, Tools to Mentor®, Role of the Protégé®, and Straight Talk about Performance, Team Conflict and Organizational Change®. She is the author of Why and How to Mentor, a co-author of Korn Ferry’s Four Stages Research Series, and a contributor to The Power of Inclusion and The Power of Choice.

Mind - Body

November 15, 2018
10-11:30 a.m.
Student Center, Peachtree Room

Swami Jaya Devi Bhagavati
Executive Director, Kashi Atlanta

Swami Jaya Devi Bhagavati is the founder and spiritual director of Kashi Atlanta, a nonprofit urban yoga ashram that has served Atlanta for 20 years. Through weekly classes and weekend immersions, she teaches her students how to consume the world and live from the deepest realms of the heart.

Bhagavati has studied yoga, meditation, and healing in-depth since 1985 and has since taught all over the world in settings ranging from international interfaith conferences to corporate offices to meditation centers and yoga studios. She is a monk in the lineage of Ma Jaya Sati Bhagavati. Bhagavati was given the title Yoga Acharya (master teacher of yoga) in 2007. She was a grand marshal of the 2015 Atlanta Pride Parade in recognition of decades of work with the LGBTQ and HIV/AIDS communities. The author of the Classical Yoga Teachers Training Manual, Bhagavati initiated the first Immune Yoga for AIDS and HIV in the Southeast and founded Kashi Atlanta’s Street Meals program that has fed more than 400 homeless individuals every week since 1998.

She is a registered yoga teacher with the Yoga Alliance at the 500-hour level as well as a certified yoga teacher through The Kundalini Research Institute, 3HO International Kundalini Yoga Teachers Association, and Amrit Yoga Institute. Bhagavati is a senior teacher of Kali Natha Yoga. Kashi Atlanta has been voted “Atlanta’s Best Yoga Studio” by Creative Loafing every year since 2000, and she has been voted “Best Yoga Instructor” since 2006.

Meditation

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Mind - Body
Michelle Goss, president of Michelle Goss & Company, Inc., is an executive coach, trainer, speaker, and self-proclaimed “personal growth geek!” She is known for her lively, unconventional approach to leadership, and for guiding high-performance teams and individuals to bring out the very best in themselves and others.

Formerly an HR executive, Goss brings more than 25 years of experience in leadership effectiveness, business development, communication, change, productivity, and motivation. She conducts leadership talent assessments, designs and delivers action-learning and team-building events for executives, and teaches communication and feedback skills to leaders in major corporations. Goss draws on her practical experience and her passion for success when coaching, training, and consulting others to succeed. She has been called “magical,” “transformative,” and “a lifesaver.”

She holds three coaching credentials: Professional Certified Coach, Certified Professional Co-Active™ Coach, and Master Lucid Living™ Coach.

As an expert in digital innovations and strategic IT applications, Maryam Alavi is a sought-after speaker at national and international forums and conferences and has taught in executive programs at some of the world’s most prestigious business schools.

She was awarded the distinguished Marvin Bower Faculty Fellowship at Harvard Business School and recently received a “Citation of Excellence Award” from Emerald Publishing. Alavi was also selected as the “2017-2018 Woman of the Year” by the Women in Technology Foundation of Georgia. This award celebrates women in their visionary efforts to transform the world of business and technology and recognizes her accomplishments as mentor, role model, and facilitator of women and men pursuing careers in STEM fields.

Alavi served on the advisory board of the Center for Knowledge-based Enterprise at Queen’s University in Ontario, Canada and was twice appointed by the governor of the State of Georgia to the Georgia Technology Authority Board.
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March 26, 2019
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Rosalyn Taylor O’Neale has more than 30 years of experience leading learning-based interventions in over 48 countries across five continents. She provides transformative consultation to organizations and leaders across multiple industries, including finance, manufacturing, technology, education, and healthcare. As a principal consultant at Cook Ross, O’Neale designs global diversity and inclusion strategic initiatives and leads workshops, seminars, and leadership develop programs. Additionally, she provides executive coaching, team development, and cultural change management programs for multinational, Fortune 500, and mid-sized organizations; government agencies; and educational institutions.

From 2008 to 2012, O’Neale served as vice president and chief diversity and inclusion officer at the Campbell Soup Company. She was instrumental in Campbell winning the 2010 Catalyst Award and led their international diversity and inclusion business efforts in North America, Australia, and Europe. Prior to working with the Campbell Soup Company, O’Neale was the executive vice president of diversity initiatives for MTV Network. There, she established executive networks, four Global Diversity Councils, and the Executive Development Program. She specializes in diversity and inclusion program design, trans- and
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cross-cultural competency assessment and education, and diverse team and group process development. O’Neale is skilled in facilitating courageous conversations about race, culture, gender, sexual orientation, and gender identity. She also lends her expertise and thought leadership to nonprofits, educational institutions, foundations, and public sector organizations.

O’Neale received a master’s degree in social work from University of Louisville. Her work has been featured in the ABA Forum and Diversity Journal. O’Neale has been quoted in Black Enterprise Magazine, Cable World Magazine, and Harvard Business Review. She was named one of the “Top 100 Most Influential Blacks in Corporate America,” “Top Executives in Diversity,” “100 Top Executives in America,” and “100 Most Influential LGBT People of the Year.”

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The Mindful Leader ▶

Emma Seppälä  
Author, Speaker, and Research Scientist

April 12, 2019  
9 a.m. to noon  
Wardlaw Center, Poole Boardroom

Emma Seppälä is science director of Stanford University’s Center for Compassion and Altruism Research and Education and the author of The Happiness Track (HarperOne). She is co-director of the Yale College Emotional Intelligence Project at the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence and faculty director of the Yale School of Management’s Women’s Leadership Program.

Seppälä is the founder and editor-in-chief of Fulfillment Daily, a popular news site dedicated to the science of happiness. She consults with Fortune 500 leaders and employees on building a positive organization. Her work has been featured in many different media outlets including The New York Times and the Washington Post. Seppälä is also a regular guest on “Good Morning America.” Her articles have been featured in Harvard Business Review, Washington Post, QUARTZ, Business Insider, Stanford Medicine, Psychology Today, Fast Company, Forbes, and Scientific American Mind.

She graduated from Yale (bachelor’s), Columbia (master’s), and Stanford (Ph.D.).
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Kristin Berthold

Kristin Berthold serves as director of financial administration for Campus Services Information Technology Group (ITG), comprised of ITG, BuzzCard, Copier Services, ResNet, and Access Control. Before joining Georgia Tech in 2011, she served the Medical College of Georgia as director for financial operations and assistant controller.

Berthold is a certified public accountant and certified internal auditor with 30 years professional experience in university financial operations, foundation finance, and internal audit. In the private sector, she served as senior auditor for a global public accounting and consulting firm.

Berthold is grateful for this exciting opportunity to join other inspirational women in building a future of promise and lasting friendship.

Katie Crawford

As senior director for Enterprise Data Management, Katie Crawford is responsible for the integration of data through an enterprise data warehouse, the establishment of data governance, and the creation of data visualizations and reports. These efforts led to a new reporting portal, Leading Insight Through Empowerment (LITE), with the goal of providing users better access to actionable data. Currently, she is also the deputy director of the ERP initiatives, finance, and OneUSG PeopleSoft HR. These initiatives are responsible for improving business processes, reducing administrative burden, and improving the data for decision-making.

Prior to joining Georgia Tech in 2014, Crawford was in consulting for 12 years supporting higher education clients in the implementation of ERP systems and reporting solutions.

Shoshanna Engel

As a member of the Georgia Tech Athletic Association (GTAA)’s executive leadership team, Shoshanna Engel directs the comprehensive athletics compliance program, serves as the deputy Title IX coordinator, coordinates the GTAA Board of Trustees, and provides leadership and oversight for several other governance areas.

Prior to Georgia Tech, she served as the assistant provost for student-athlete compliance at Tulane University following time at Yale University, North Carolina State University, and University of North Carolina.

Engel is from Louisville, Ky. and earned her bachelor’s degree from Yale University where she competed in gymnastics, and her master’s degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
**Donna Ennis**

Donna Ennis is the project director for the Atlanta Minority Business Development Agency’s Advanced Manufacturing and Business Centers located at Georgia Tech’s Enterprise Innovation Institute. A certified professional facilitator, she is responsible for the strategic direction, marketing, outreach, and operations for both Centers. Under her leadership, the Centers have assisted companies in generating more than $1.4 billion in contracts, financing, and sales and creating or retaining more than 4,700 jobs.

Ennis received her Master of Public Administration from Georgia State University and a bachelor’s in communications from Boston University. She was selected as one of Georgia Tech’s *Faces of Inclusive Excellence* honorees, is an awardee of Georgia Tech’s Women Out Front program, and has been named one of “Atlanta’s Top 100 Black Women of Influence” by the Atlanta Business League. Ennis is on the board of advisors of Enhanced Capital and the Georgia Hispanic Contractors Association.

**Yakut Gazi**

Yakut Gazi is the associate dean for learning systems at Georgia Tech Professional Education, overseeing learning design and development, learning technologies, compliance, and assessment. She has worked at higher education institutions in the U.S., Qatar, Turkey, and Spain since 1993.

Gazi is on the editorial review board of the *Journal of Social Media in Society; Educational Technology, Research, and Development*; and the *MERLOT Journal of Online Learning and Teaching*.

She earned her Ph.D. in educational psychology from Texas A&M University, and an master’s degree in educational sciences and a bachelor’s degree in teaching chemistry from Boğaziçi University.

**Lana Gilyalova**

Lana Gilyalova is the director of regional development for Georgia Tech in the Midwest, Northwest, and Tenn. In her role, she works with alumni, parents, and friends of Georgia Tech to build and strengthen their connections with the Institute and share opportunities for philanthropic support.

Prior to joining the Institute in 2012, Gilyalova was the assistant director of regional development for Emory University. She previously held development roles at March of Dimes and Saint Joseph’s Hospital. Originally from Russia, Gilyalova arrived in the U.S. in 1999 as a Fulbright Scholar to study journalism as Russia was working to build democratic institutions, civil society organizations, and an independent press.
Gail Greene

Gail Greene is the director of faculty administration/HR in the Ernest Scheller Jr. College of Business. She is responsible for the execution of faculty (all classifications) lifecycle events, some of which includes recruitment, hiring, various extensions and leave of absences, reappointment/promotion and tenure, as well as other key functions. She is the liaison to Faculty Affairs and Human Resources and cross-collaborates with other departments on campus for executing critical faculty processes. Greene also manages the international scholars programs and works hand-in-hand with the Office of International Education, Global Human Resources, and the Office of Legal Affairs. She also advises the College’s leadership on the execution of Human Resources’ policies and procedures.

Greene transitioned from the United States Air Force as a chief master sergeant, and she received her master’s degree in professional counseling from Georgia State University.

Sophia Herbert-Peterson

Sophia Herbert-Peterson is director of industry contracting for Georgia Tech Research Corporation, the contracting entity for sponsored research activities at the Institute. She is responsible for developing and implementing policies and procedures in support of the research collaboration process as well as strategic initiatives for continued growth in industry engagement.

Prior to joining Georgia Tech, Herbert-Peterson practiced at a law firm in Atlanta and also served as in-house counsel for two Fortune 500 corporations. She holds a bachelor’s degree in international studies and Spanish literature from Manhattan College and a juris doctor from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Sheila Isbell

Sheila Isbell has worked at Georgia Tech for 12 years and currently serves as chief of the software engineering and analytics division and principal investigator for a large multi-year Family Advocacy Program. Her research interests are in heath informatics, maternal and child health, and global health. For the last 10 years, Isbell has focused particularly on the research and design of solutions that aggregate disparate data for vulnerable, high-risk, and transient populations.

In addition to her professional pursuits, she is an Atlanta.AnitaB.org leader and board vice chair for a nonprofit focused on foster care children with complex medical diseases.
Janet Kinard

Janet Kinard is the director of networks and affinity groups for the Georgia Tech Alumni Association. She provides strategic direction for the engagement of alumni volunteers to lead our regional networks and affinity groups.

Before joining the Alumni Association, Kinard worked in organizational development and volunteer management for local nonprofits. She continues to serve on the boards of several education-focused organizations.

A long-time resident of Atlanta, Kinard lives near campus with her husband, a fellow Georgia Tech alumnus, and three daughters. She enjoys running (often in training for something), gardening, and wishes she had more time to read.

Katie Lloyd

In October 2016, Katie Lloyd joined Georgia Tech’s Ernest Scheller Jr. College of Business as executive director of MBA Admissions.

Previously, she worked for Emory’s Goizueta Business School for nearly two decades where she served most recently as senior director of admissions and program operations for the One-Year MBA Program.

Lloyd earned her doctorate in higher education management from the University of Georgia. She also holds a master’s degree from Indiana University and a bachelor’s degree from Vanderbilt University. When not working, Lloyd enjoys spending time with her husband and two children. Together, they share the goal of visiting all 50 states and 30 Major League Baseball ballparks.

Isabella Marqués de Castilla

Isabella Marqués de Castilla serves as the senior associate dean and chief operating officer of the Georgia Tech Library.

She joined the Institute from the Library of Congress where she served as the deputy director of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, head of the Middle East section in the Acquisition and Bibliographic Access Directorate, member of the Law Library’s management team, and manager of the Federal Library and Information Network.

Prior to the Library of Congress, she held positions in private sector companies in the U.S. and abroad.
Lorie Paulez

Lorie Johns Paulez is the director of education abroad at Georgia Tech, and she has been a part of the Office of International Education since 2002. Paulez has more than 20 years of experience in international education with institutions in the U.S. and Spain, and holds a master’s degree from New York University. She has expertise in education abroad policy, STEM education abroad, program development, crisis and risk management, and intercultural communication training.

Paulez has served in various advisory roles and is currently a member of the National Association of International Educators Professional Trainer Corps and the National Subcommittee for Diversity and Inclusion in Education Abroad. She has presented sessions and workshops at national and international conferences.

Stefany Sanders

Stefany Sanders is the director of marketing, communications, and sales for Georgia Tech Professional Education where she leads a diverse team of more than 20 creative professionals in marketing, design, strategic communications, digital strategy, and sales.

Since graduating with a master’s degree in mass communications from the University of Georgia, Sanders has spent 18 years leading high-performing teams, five years working for a variety of public relations and issues advocacy agencies, and 13 years working in higher education at Georgia Tech.

Since 2005, she has led her teams to win more than 60 industry and field awards in marketing and communications.

Hyen Sung

Hyen Sung is a senior attorney specialist in the Office of Legal Affairs. She has been with Georgia Tech for 18 years. At Georgia Tech, Sung has provided guidance and support on a range of matters including human resources, research and academic programs, business services, real estate, affiliated organizations, and compliance issues.

Prior to Georgia Tech, she was an assistant county attorney for DeKalb County, Georgia where she litigated civil rights cases and prosecuted code violations. Sung received a bachelor’s degree from Vanderbilt University and her juris doctor from the University of Georgia.
Bonnie Taylor

Bonnie Taylor currently serves as the associate dean and director of student integrity at Georgia Tech. The Office of Student Integrity oversees the non-academic and academic misconduct process and educational outreach for community standards as well as joint responsibility for Title IX case resolution.

Prior to joining Tech in 2015, she worked at Georgia State University as a coordinator for student conduct and at Tusculum College as the senior student life coordinator. Taylor has more than 13 years of progressive experience in student affairs in the areas of risk management, prevention and proactive educational programming, student conduct, advising student organizations, multicultural education, housing and residence life, student activities, first-year student transition, training student conduct boards, student leadership development, and mentoring graduate students.

She is a member of American School Counselor Association, Student Affairs Professionals in Higher Education, and Southern Association for College Student Affairs where she is actively involved in service to various committees. Taylor has served as a consultant on program review teams, conduct board trainings, and graduate assistant mentorship programs.

Christi Tillery

As the director of regional development for Florida and the Caribbean, Christi Tillery builds relationships with alumni and donors to align their philanthropic interests with the funding needs of Georgia Tech. Prior to arriving at Georgia Tech in 2008, she held various development positions at The Carter Center, American University in Washington, D.C., and the South Carolina Philharmonic.

Tillery holds a bachelor’s degree in English from the University of South Carolina and a master’s degree in English literature from the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom.

Olivia Watkins

Olivia Watkins currently serves as the director of operations in the Office of the Vice President for Government and Community Relations at Georgia Tech.

She earned a bachelor’s degree in international affairs and Spanish from Georgia Tech in 2009 and a master’s degree in business administration from Georgia State in 2017.

Watkins serves as the current president of the Event Coordinators’ Network at Georgia Tech and president-elect of the Georgia Tech Young Alumni Council. She also volunteers as a GT 1000 freshmen seminar instructor and coach of the Georgia Tech Women’s Club Basketball team.
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Caroline Wood

Caroline Wood was named executive director of corporate relations for the Office of Development in April 2010. Prior to this appointment at Georgia Tech, she served as director of corporate development from 2006 to 2010. In her current role, Wood is responsible for providing leadership and a strategic framework to the corporate development effort of the Institute with the objective of increasing corporate engagement and philanthropic support to the Georgia Tech and its affiliated organizations. Wood and her team work with companies to help develop and maintain strong relationships, including coordinating faculty research collaboration, student outreach, recruiting initiatives, continuing/professional education, and economic interests.

Prior to joining the Central Corporate Relations office, Wood was the director of development for the George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering where she served for eight years. She has been at Georgia Tech since 1991 and has worked in the Georgia Tech Alumni Association and the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid. Wood has a bachelor’s degree in communication from Vanderbilt University.

Jennifer Wooley

Jennifer Wooley is passionate about creating programs that help transform careers. In 2013, she became Georgia Tech’s first-ever director of professional master’s programs. In her role at Georgia Tech Professional Education (GTPE), Wooley oversees the operations and enrollment services of the division’s online degree programs. She also works across academic, marketing, and student services teams to move concepts from infancy to long-term, self-sustaining programs. Her efforts support GTPE’s academic and enrollment objectives, and she engages stakeholders in the process.

Wooley has a 15-year track record of exceeding goals designed to develop and lead inventive programs, marketing campaigns, and events. For these and other efforts, she has received numerous University Professional and Continuing Education Association awards and Georgia Tech’s Entrepreneurship Award. Former roles include an executive director position for a nonprofit in Atlanta and a vice president of operations position for a small business in Florida. Wooley has a bachelor’s degree in communications and sociology from Florida State University.
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