



# The Whistle

Work and Life at Georgia Tech Monday, Oct. 21, 2024



## Employees, Alumni Featured on Local 40 Under 40 Lists

Several Georgia Tech employees and alumni have been recognized as leaders in their industries in two recent publications.

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## Hosts Needed for Home for the Holidays Program

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, the Student Government Association is helping students who can't travel for the break find a home away from home.

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## Getting to Know You



## Celebrating 25 Years at Tech

Andrés García and Michelle LaPlaca, who married after they met at the University of Pennsylvania in graduate school, joined Georgia Tech in 1998. Their tenure was recently

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## Campus Updates



### Proposals Wanted for STEAM Leadership Conference

The 2025 conference will focus on the theme of Cultivating Curiosity: Nurturing the Relationship Between K-12 STEAM Education and Research Universities.

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## Human Resources Updates



### Service Milestones are Getting a Refresh

All full-time benefits-eligible employees will receive one-year and five-year recognitions, and there will also be recognitions at five-year intervals starting at five years of service.

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## Faculty/Staff Achievements



**Victoria Chang**, Margaret T. and Henry C. Bourne Jr. Chair in Poetry, has been named the winner of The Forward Prize for best poetry collection. Chang won for her new volume, *With My Back to the World*, inspired by the work of artist Agnes Martin.

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**Charles Easley Jr.**, professor in the Supply Chain and Logistics Institute and project lead for the Rural Supply Chain Resilience initiative through Georgia Artificial Intelligence in Manufacturing (AIM), received a Building Better Regions Superstar Award. Georgia AIM is among the recipients of a Build Back Better grant.



**Srinivas Garimella**, Julian T. Hightower Chair in Engineering and professor in the George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering, received the prestigious Georg Alefeld Memorial Award at the 17th International Sorption Heat Pump Conference.



**Melissa Lanetta**, Class of 1958 Professor and executive director of the Writing and Communication program in the School of Literature, Media, and Communication, has been elected Assistant Chair of the Conference on College Composition and Communication.



Professor **Joel E. Kostka** has been named a Union Fellow by the American Geophysical Union, joining a slate of 53 international researchers selected for "significant contributions to the Earth and space sciences."



**Tim Lieuwen**, interim executive vice president for Research, has been elected to the status of International Fellow by the U.K.'s Royal Academy of Engineering. He is one of three other U.S. engineers to receive the prestigious fellowship.



**Krista Walton**, associate vice president for Research Operations and Infrastructure and the Robert "Bud" Moeller Faculty Fellow in the School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, was selected as the recipient of the 2024 Institute Award for Excellence in Industrial Gases Technology from the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.



## Upcoming Events

### 2025 Open Enrollment

Oct. 28 – Nov. 8

Online

#### Benefits and Wellness Fair

Tuesday, Oct. 22

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Exhibition Hall

#### Open Enrollment Info

##### Session

Thursday, Oct. 24

2 – 3 p.m.

Online

#### Leading @Tech

##### Information Session

Friday, Oct. 25

10 – 11 a.m.

Online

#### Celebrating Distance

##### Teaching and Learning

##### Symposium

Tuesday, Oct. 29

9 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Online

#### Facilitating Productive and

##### Respectful Conversations

Wednesday, Oct. 30

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Room 4160, Crosland Tower

#### Leading @Tech

##### Information Session

Thursday, Nov. 7

3 – 4 p.m.

Online

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