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– Janel Ennin

From the editor

When I first learned I'd be creating a magazine for GTSBE, it felt like an impossible task. How could anyone capture the brilliance, legacy, and limitless future of this community in just pages and pictures? It felt like trying to catch the wind. But then I remembered who we are.

GTSBE is not just an organization; it is imagination in motion, a living archive of visionaries who dare to dream out loud. Being surrounded by this body taught me that what feels insurmountable is often the start of something breathtaking. Through every interview, every photo, and every late night of editing, this magazine took shape, born from awe, shaped by love, and wrapped in hope that it reflects the spirit that created it.

We honor our history, but we do not live within its limits. GTSBE reaches beyond, explores what is next, and reimagines what is possible. I hope every reader feels that because this is not just a magazine. It is a mirror, a love letter, a celebration. Let it remind you of what we have built and what we are still building.

With deep gratitude,
Editor-in-Chief



VANESSA FENIN



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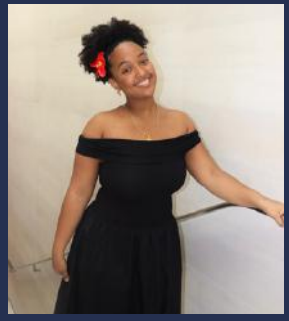




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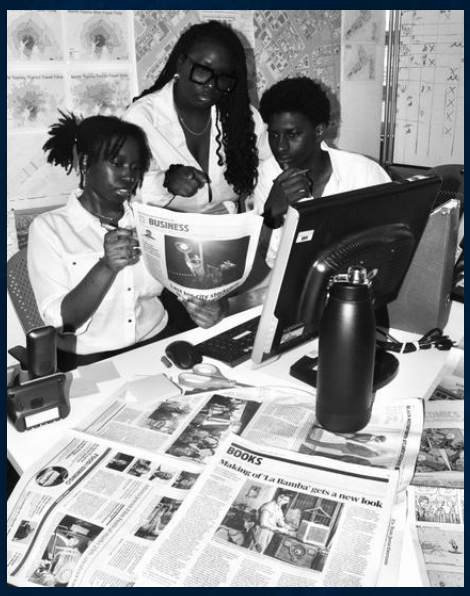


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NSBE MISSION



"TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CULTURALLY RESPONSIBLE BLACK ENGINEERS WHO EXCEL ACADEMICALLY, SUCCEED PROFESSIONALLY, AND POSITIVELY IMPACT THE COMMUNITY"

Message from the

GTSBE PRESIDENT

JANNA STEWARTSON



Hi, family! My name is Janna Stewartson, and I have the honor of serving as the President of the Georgia Tech Society of Black Engineers. I'm a graduating senior wrapping up my degree in Mechanical Engineering, but my journey with GTSBE started all the way back in my freshman year. When I left my hometown of Silver Spring, Maryland, to study in Atlanta, I knew without a doubt that NSBE would be part of my college experience. That same year, I was fortunate enough to be elected Vice President of Lambda Delta Rho (LDR), which set the foundation for my leadership within GTSBE. From there, I had the privilege of serving as Finance Chair during my sophomore year, then Treasurer in my junior year, and now, as President, I'm beyond grateful for the community and growth this organization has given me.

Alongside GTSBE, my time at Georgia Tech has been shaped by my research with the Harten Group, service with the College Park Food Bank, mentorship through Black Connect at Tech, and technical work with Woodruff Connect. Additionally, I am a proud Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholar, working diligently embody his words: "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."



DISRUPT TRADITION



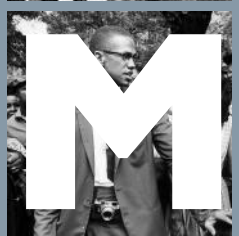
RALLY BEHIND COMMUNITIES



EXPAND OUR REACH



ADVOCATE FOR EQUITY



MENTOR THE FUTURE

Where did the vision for DREAM come from?

" I know that GTSBE made me feel like DREAMs were possible. It is the one organization on campus where I felt like we were focused and dedicated to making people's professional, academic, social, and cultural dreams become a reality in an environment on campus that maybe did not support them as black engineer. This is a vision that Vice President Suraya John also wanted to incorporate when she considered running for president so that confirmed my vision for my presidency."

Which letters do you feel like the Chapter has worked hard behind during your presidency?

" When I made it, I felt the strongest about Mentor the Future because Georgia Tech had just admitted the smallest amount of black students and I was super afraid for the future, but then I witnessed an insane amount of turnout that I've never seen even for elections. The one I feel truly manifested on this board was Rallying Behind the Community. There has been so many BSO [Black Student Organization] collaborations, but not just external community. There has been so much rallying in our internal community. We bond a lot, we laugh, we cry, we support each other at extracurricular events. This is what has helped us pitch ourselves and show that the work we do is worth doing by the external support we give each other. On top of the anti-DEI initiviates going on too we always try to meet and figure out how this will impact GTSBE together."

Georgia Tech
Society of Black Engineers
A Collegiate Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

DREAM

2024-2025





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The founders
Arthur Bond and the Chicago Six

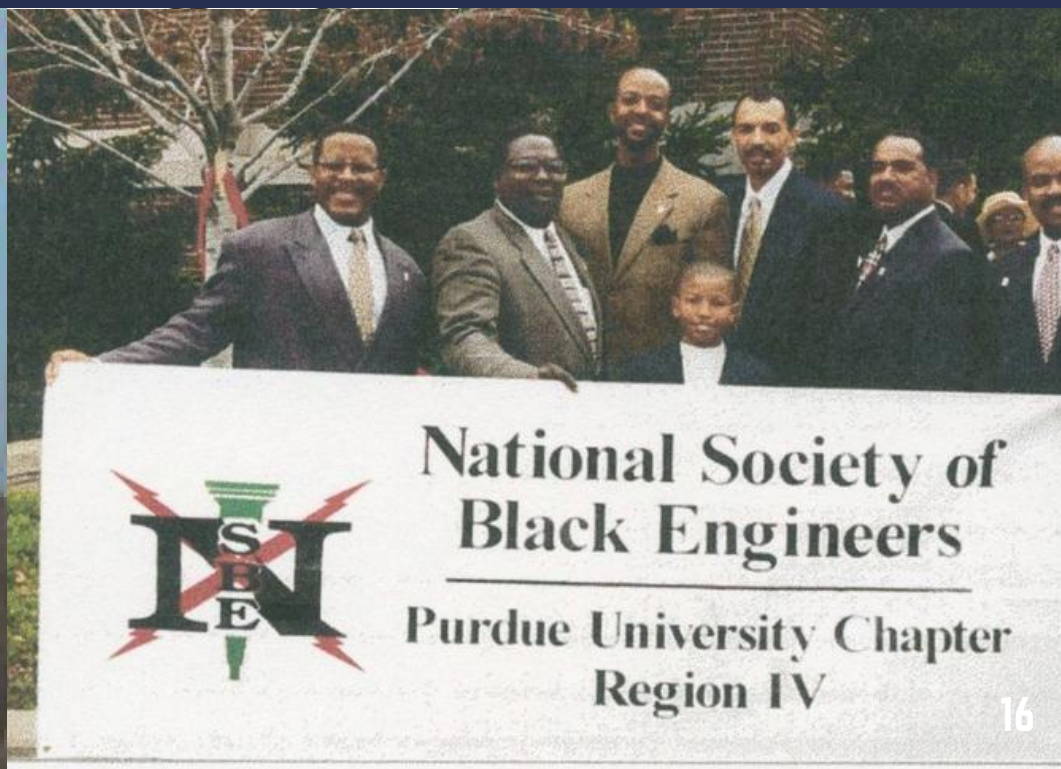






OUR HISTORY


NSBE


National Society of
Black Engineers
Purdue University Chapter
Region IV







OUR LEGACY





Our History, Our Legacy.



The story begins in 1971 at Purdue University. Edward Barnette and Fred Cooper, who were students at the time, sought to change the alarmingly high 80% dropout rate of Black first-year engineering students. Barnette and Cooper were assigned the only Black faculty member to serve as their advisor, and the Black Society of Engineers was born. Barnette was the first president of the organization.

The organization saw rapid growth almost instantly. With this growth, the organization began to look towards national strivings. With the ambition of Anthony Harris, Brian Harris, Stanley Kirtley, John Logan, Jr., Edward Coleman, and George Smith (called the Chicago Six), a plan was put into action.

During the 1974-75 school year, BSE sent 288 letters to each accredited engineering school in the country, aiming to find leaders to carry out BSE's vision everywhere. 80 schools responded to the call, and on April 10th, 1975, 38 schools convened to form the National Society of Black Engineers. The iconic NSBE logo with lightning bolts and a torch was chosen at this time as well. The lightning bolts represent the striking impact that each member will have on society and the industry. The torch represents an eternal flame of passion for success.

A year after NSBE's establishment, a man named Robert Dixon had the intention of bringing this powerful organization to the campus of Georgia Tech. Dixon went and found the only Black faculty member at the school, Dr. Austine Esogbue. Dr. Esogbue agreed to serve as the chapter's first advisor, where he made history as NSBE's longest-standing advisor, working from 1989 all the way until 2014.



GTSBE Tradition.

Since its inception in 1976, the chapter of NSBE seated at Georgia Tech has always and will continue to uphold the organization's mission. For 49 years and counting, the Georgia Tech Society of Black Engineers has served as a place for GT's brightest Black minds to gather and feel at home in an environment where Black engineers are still vastly in the minority. GTSBE's standard has always been excellence. In 2011, the chapter won the revered title of NSBE's National Distinguished Chapter of the Year. This year, GTSBE won SGA's Innovation Amongst Adversity Award, reached 8800 accounts on the Instagram page, brought well over 100 students to NSBE Nationals, and increased workshops by 40%.

1976 to 2025

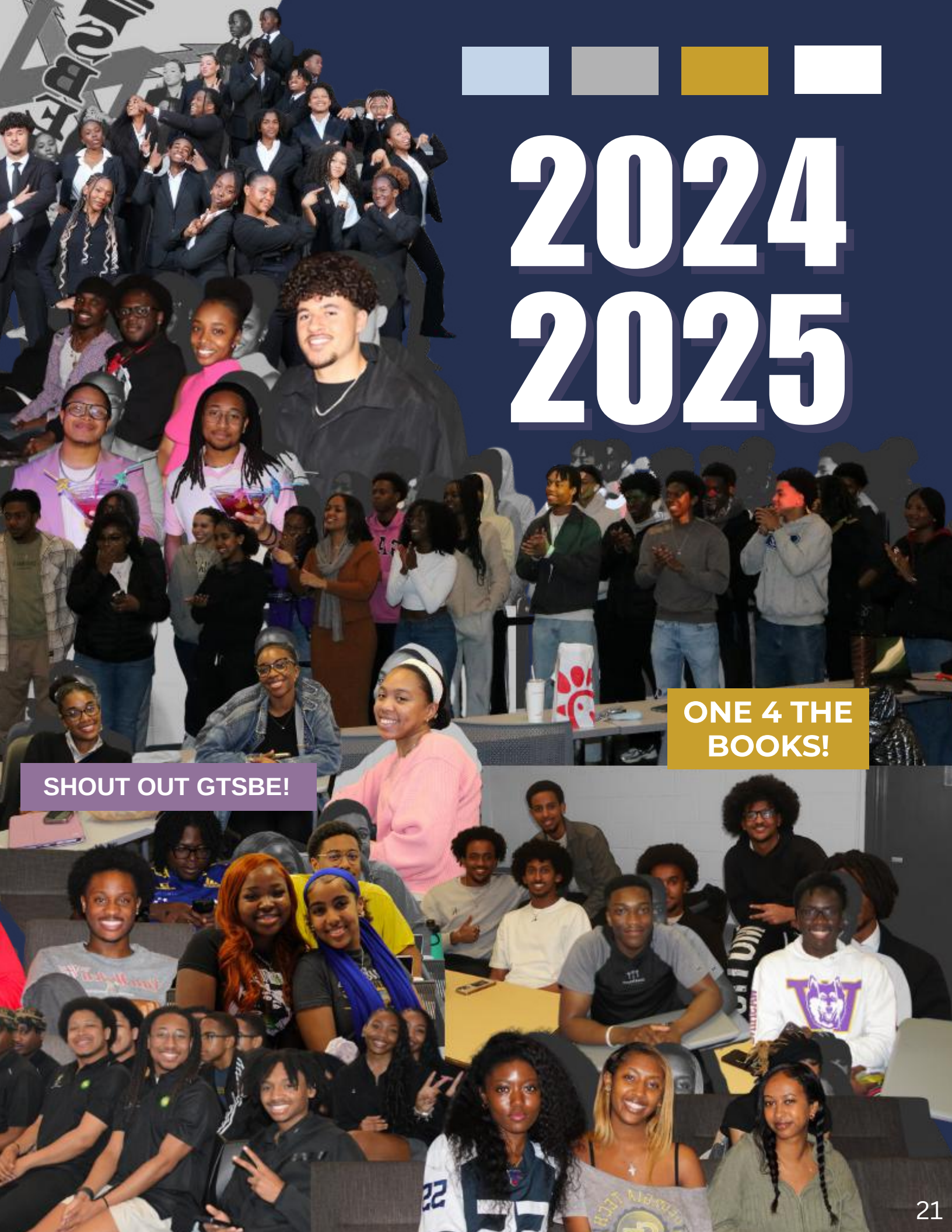
At the core of GTSBE's tradition is a commitment to helping Black engineers excel academically, grow as leaders, and make a real impact on campus and beyond. That mission shows up year after year in the way members support each other, build meaningful programs, and set a high standard for those who come next. Whether it's peer mentorship, organizing workshops, or simply creating space where Black students in STEM feel seen and supported, GTSBE continues to pass down a culture of excellence and initiative. It's that consistency, carried by each new class, that keeps the tradition alive.

YEAR IN REVIEW



GT SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS

2024-2025


2024
2025
ONE 4 THE BOOKS!
SHOUT OUT GTSBE!

FALL 24'

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?











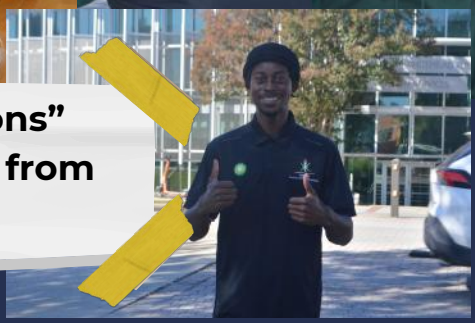


No better way to kick off the semester than with a classic #GTSBE What Would You Do??

NVIDIA







NVIDIA x GTSBE! Began with “Connections” icebreaker and ended with a presentation from Nvidia representatives.

FALL 24'

HAUNTED PICTIONARY









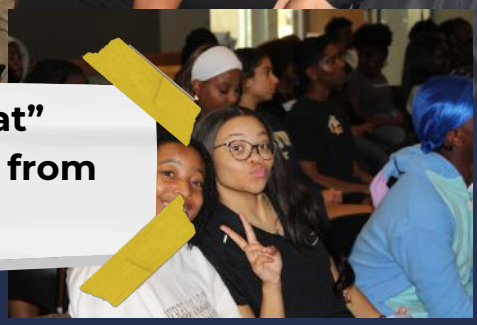




Celebrating spooky season with eerie red flags, Haunted Pictionary, and goodie bags!

CIENA





Ciena x GTSBE! Began with “This or That” icebreaker and ended with a presentation from Ciena representatives.

FALL 24'

SPRING 25'

CLUTURE OLYMPICS













Celebrating Black History Month with interactive activities like “Act It Out” and “Black Twitter Debates.”

CADENCE







Cadence x GT NSBE! Began with “The Salary Is Right” icebreaker and ended with a presentation from Cadence representatives.

SPRING 25'

CORNING





Corning x GT NSBE! Began with a "Guess the Company Slogan" icebreaker. Corning representatives talked about their work and experiences







HONEYWELL





Honeywell x GT NSBE! Began with a Zoomed In image guessing game, where members competed to identify tech-related objects. Honeywell representatives then shared insights into their roles and company culture







INTERNATIONAL WEEK



GTSBE X GTSHPE X GT SALSA
Dance Lessons



GTSBE X GT EESA
Wheel of Fortune



GTSBE X GT ASA
Spelling Bee



GTSBE X GT CARIBSA
Mini Games



GTSBE X LDR
Game Night

ACADEMICS



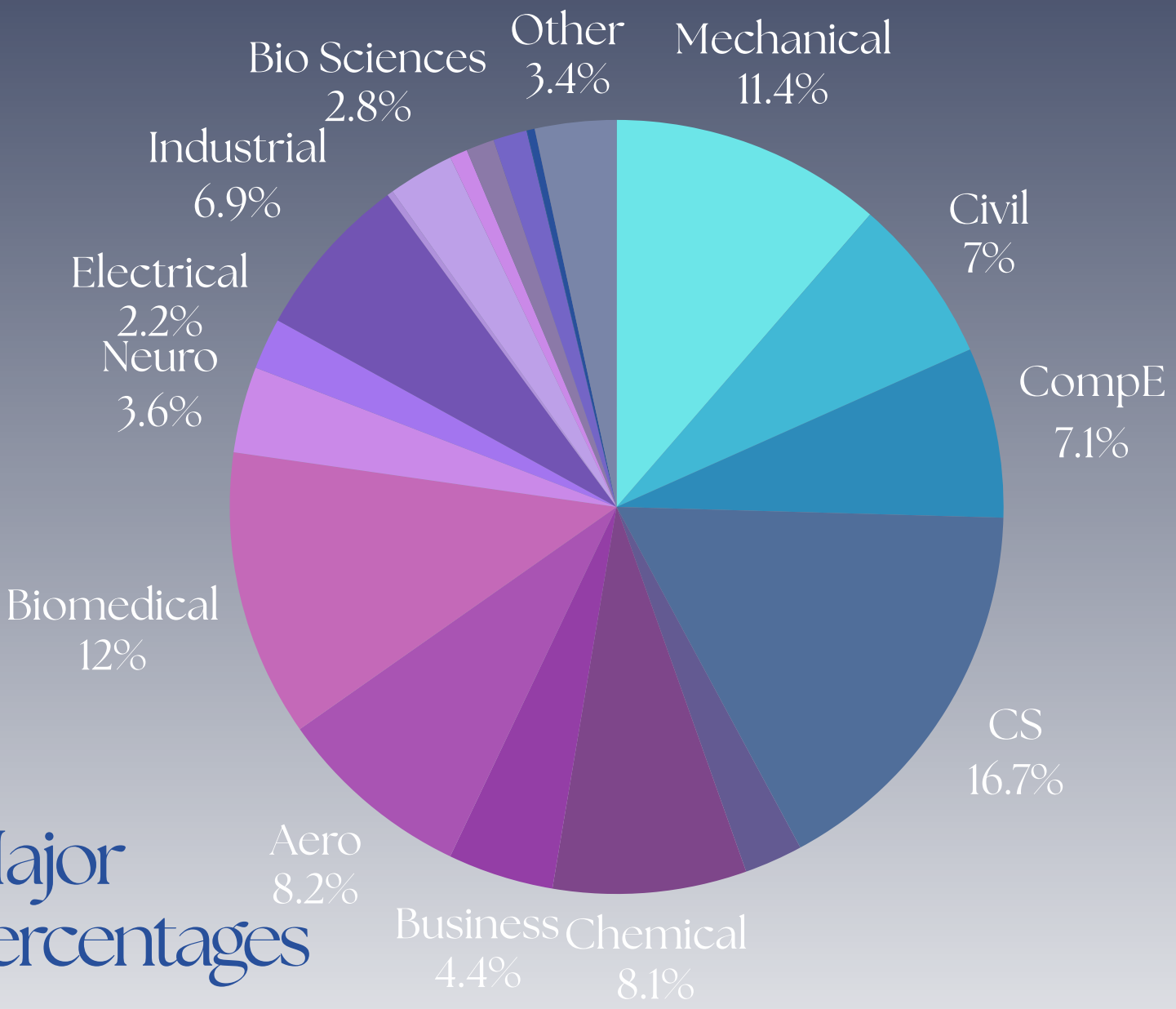






GTSBE ✦ STATS

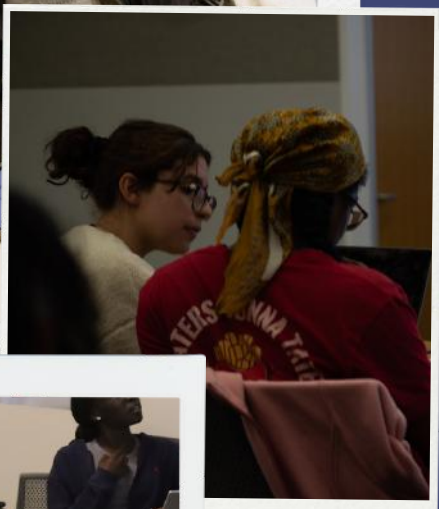
3.45 Average GPA



Major Percentages

Scholarship Sunday







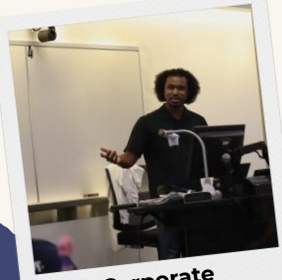
EXPANDING OUR REACH ONE SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY AT A TIME!

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ALPHAS

Scholarship Sunday is an academic initiative in partnership with the Nu Mu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. This bi-weekly event provides students with an encouraging and motivating environment to study and receive academic assistance for their classes at Georgia Tech. Attendees can enter a raffle to win a scholarship ranging from $300 to $1000! Due to the hardwork of the Finance & Programs Zone, this year, GTSBE successful secured 3 back-to-back-to-back corporate-sponsored $1000 Scholarship Sundays with Cadence, Tesla, and Evernorth Health Services respectively!



Tesla Resume Workshop!



Corporate Sponsorship!

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



09/15/2024
Nadea Davis



09/22/2024
Sirak Ogbazghi



09/29/2024
Briamber Javis



10/06/2024
Nina Otebele



10/27/2024
Ethan Madraymootoo



11/17/2024
Braden Jones



11/17/2024
Temidayo Solomon



01/26/2025
Oliviah Matthews



02/02/2025
Fenneth Bonja



02/16/2025
Bianca Chuma



03/02/2025
Nia Thompson



03/30/2025
Henok Alemu

2024 2025

GRADUATES SPOTLIGHT

As we celebrate our graduating NSBE members, we honor their dedication, resilience, and achievements. This section highlights their majors, biggest accomplishments, words of advice, and lessons learned along the way. From late-night study sessions to leadership roles and career milestones, these graduates have made their mark at Georgia Tech and beyond.

Read their stories and be inspired by the next generation of Black engineers and innovators!



JAMAHL GRANT

FAVORITE TECH MEMORY

Demo Day/Convocation 2023.

GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

Raising my GPA after my first two years.

BIGGEST REGRET

Not running for more E-Board positions.

WORDS OF ADVICE

Fear will hold you back from more things it will protect you from. Seek anything that makes you uncomfortable to know that you will survive it.

FAVORITE SONG

Lauryn Hill - 'Just Like Water'

COLE BROWN

FAVORITE TECH MEMORY

Spring 2022 Nu Mu Probate /
Homecoming 2022

GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

Nu Mu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.,
Chapter President 2023-2024

BIGGEST REGRET

Being so focused on what was next and
not honoring the present.

WORDS OF ADVICE

There are no losses, only lessons learned. Pass the ladder down behind you!

FAVORITE SONG

'As' - Stevie Wonder





ILYANA BONFOH

FAVORITE TECH MEMORY

2024 NSBE Nationals

GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

Being myself :)

BIGGEST REGRET

Ever letting any doubt creep in about deserving to be in these spaces or express myself to my fullest extent.

WORDS OF ADVICE

You are who you are for a reason. And you can grow and you can change and you can become better, but as long as you try and as long as you are yourself, that is what really matters.

FAVORITE SONG

“Ultralife’ - Oh Wonder

ZANE STOKESBERRY

FAVORITE TECH MEMORY

GTSBE Fall 2024 Retreat

GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

Securing Netflix for full time

BIGGEST REGRET

Not getting involved Freshman year

WORDS OF ADVICE

Be yourself, believe in yourself, stay true to your values, choose to enjoy life.

FAVORITE SONG

‘Life is Beautiful’ - Larry June





HALLELUJAH BALKEW

FAVORITE TECH MEMORY

Study abroad

GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

This degree chile

BIGGEST REGRET

None

WORDS OF ADVICE

Do study abroad! Keep a balanced college experience so you don't get burnt out by year three

FAVORITE SONG

'Love Yourz' and 'Sideline Story' -J Cole

GABRIELLE PRATT

FAVORITE TECH MEMORY

2023 NSBE Nationals

GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

Making it out!

BIGGEST REGRET

Not doing study abroad

WORDS OF ADVICE

Make friends with persons in higher grade levels than you. Go to club meetings that you will enjoy. Go to SLEEP.

FAVORITE SONG

'Recipe' - Sir





MILES JOSEPH

FAVORITE TECH MEMORY

NSBE Nationals 2025

GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

Being Happy/Getting into grad school

BIGGEST REGRET

Not getting to study abroad

WORDS OF ADVICE

Get out of your comfort zone

FAVORITE SONG

'Just the Way You Are' - Billy Joel

SURAYA JOHN

FAVORITE TECH MEMORY

Atlanta Nationals 2024 or Fall 2024 E-Board Retreat

GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

Securing an internship at SpaceX after my first year & winning Region 3 Programs Chair of the Year 2023-2024

BIGGEST REGRET

Believing that it's easy to get a job

WORDS OF ADVICE

Trust the timing of your life, always do what your intuition calls for

FAVORITE SONG

'Thought I was playing' - Gunna & 21 Savage





YONAS HAILEMICHAEL

FAVORITE TECH MEMORY

2025 NSBE Nationals

GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

Co-founding EESA

BIGGEST REGRET

Not coming to GTSBE more since freshman year

WORDS OF ADVICE

Take advantage of all the RSOs on campus early

FAVORITE SONG

“Skybox’ - Gunna

KAYLA KIRNON

FAVORITE TECH MEMORY

Homecoming 2023 / CaribSA Pool Party 2022

GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

My professional internship experiences

BIGGEST REGRET

Not spending more time exploring Atlanta as a city, and not sticking to routines during my GT years

WORDS OF ADVICE

Do what you KNOW you enjoy doing, don’t do what you want others to THINK you enjoy.

FAVORITE SONG

‘Omemma’ - Chandler Moore





TINISI KUMEH

FAVORITE TECH MEMORY

Matheson/Perry Fire

GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

Graduating college

BIGGEST REGRET

Not interacting with enough non black individuals

WORDS OF ADVICE

Don’t stress over what you can’t control

FAVORITE SONG

‘Pimmie’s Dilemma’ - Drake, PARTYNEXTDOOR, PIM

JANNA STEWARTSON

FAVORITE TECH MEMORY

Fall 2024

GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

Making GTSBE feel like it did when I was a freshman

BIGGEST REGRET

Not studying abroad

WORDS OF ADVICE

Don’t transfer

FAVORITE SONG

‘Fight the fight’ - Mortimer





ALYSSA WRIGHT

FAVORITE TECH MEMORY

FRC 2022

GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

studying abroad and learning Spanish

BIGGEST REGRET

Not resting enough

WORDS OF ADVICE

Get mo money

FAVORITE SONG

'Anything by Tyler the Creator

DAVID ANDERSON

FAVORITE TECH MEMORY

2023 Homecoming

GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

Making lots of friends

BIGGEST REGRET

Paying for meal plans

WORDS OF ADVICE

Find a social outlet or hobby to compensate for the stressful classes

FAVORITE SONG

'Ribbon in the Sky'- Stevie Wonder





OGECHUKWU ONYEACHONAM

FAVORITE TECH MEMORY

GTSBE Eboard Retreat 2023, NSBE 2025 Convention, Region Three FRC 2024

GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

Being the president of GT ASA, Having a full time job before graduation, becoming a member of the BEST sorority Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

BIGGEST REGRET

Not studying abroad and not becoming a campus tour guide earlier

WORDS OF ADVICE

It takes time to build your community on campus. Don't feel like you're behind the game if you don't have your core friend group by the end of your first year on campus.

FAVORITE SONG

'Digits' - Young Thug

ROY NWOGOR

FAVORITE TECH MEMORY

GT Homecoming and Taste of Africa

GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

Getting my first internship with Medtronic & Graduating with High Honors

BIGGEST REGRET

Not being able to study abroad

WORDS OF ADVICE

Don't be afraid to ask for help!

FAVORITE SONG

'Polynesian' - Smino





CHRISTIAN CLOWERS

FAVORITE TECH MEMORY

GTSBE GBM's (The first three years)

GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

Passing the FE exam

BIGGEST REGRET

Not tapping into more diverse communities

WORDS OF ADVICE

You're exactly where you're supposed to be.

FAVORITE SONG

'Solar Eclipse' - NBA Youngboy

AZEH NDIFOR

FAVORITE TECH MEMORY

2023 NSBE Nationals

GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

The GPA I kept on top of the life I lived

BIGGEST REGRET

None

WORDS OF ADVICE

The time you spend stressing and thinking is the only thing you really lose in life. Just do it now. Whatever it is because at least you can succeed and move up or fail and try again. Slow motion is better than no motion.

FAVORITE SONG

'99 Overall' - Tony Shhnow ft. 1takejay

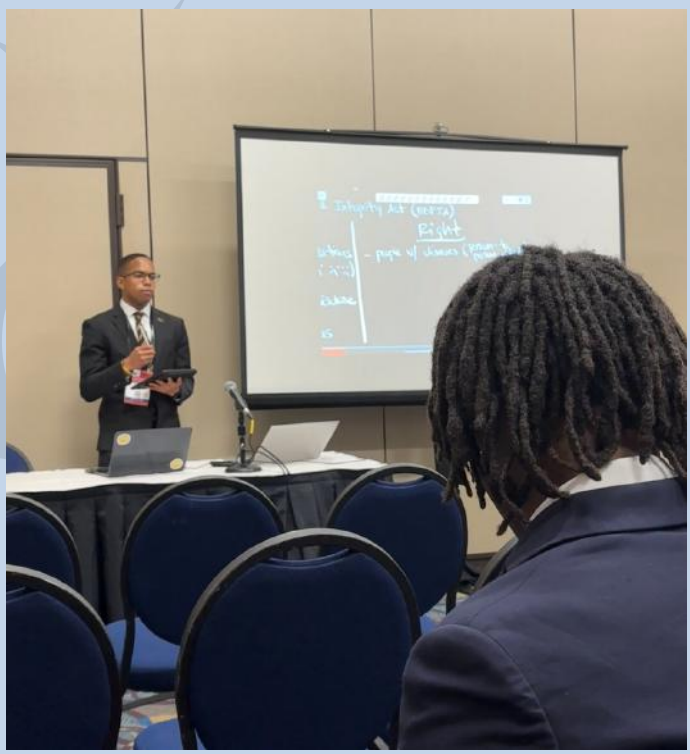


FALL 2024

FALL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

This fall, GTSBE traveled to Birmingham, Alabama for the Region 3 Fall Regional Conference (FRC). Each year, FRC brings together NSBE chapters from across the Southeast to connect, grow, and represent. Our members had the chance to collaborate with other students, attend workshops on leadership and professional development, and engage with recruiters at the regional career fair. It was also a great time to bond as a chapter and show up for each other in a space built for us.

FALL REGIONAL CONFERENCE









A Word from the CPC chairs

Planning this year's Fall Regional Conference (FRC) came with a challenge: it landed the same weekend as Georgia Tech's Homecoming. At first, interest was low — we didn't want students to miss out on one of the biggest college traditions. But the dedication of GTSBE shone through. Over 20 members committed to attending, with students even carpooling to ensure everyone could make it.

The road trip itself became a bonding moment and set the tone for an unforgettable weekend. Workshops led by our own leaders — Azeh Ndifor, Sultan, and KJ — empowered students with knowledge on networking, policy, and navigating international pathways. Thanks to Oge, Region 3 Finance Chair, the career fair was a massive success, featuring companies like Disney, Lilly, Sandia Labs, and Black-owned businesses offering real opportunities to our members.

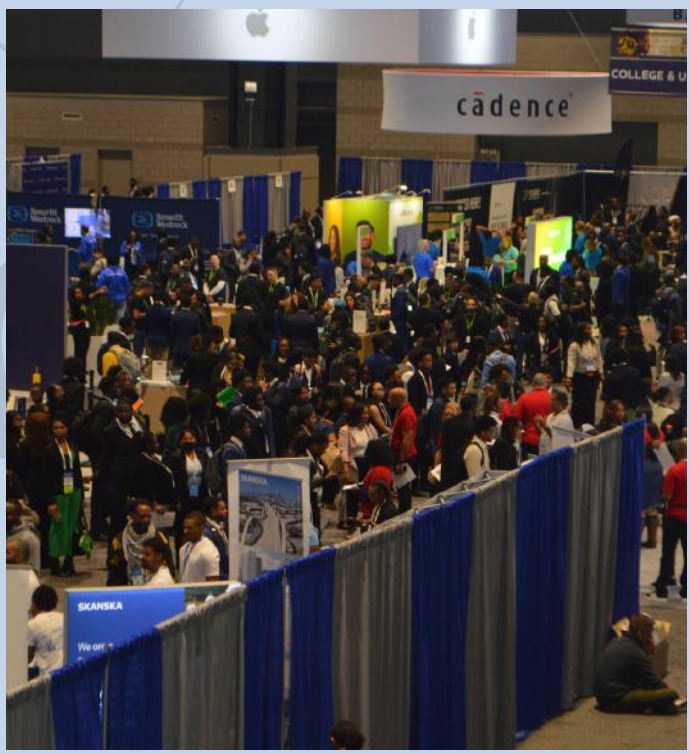
FRC reminded us that GTSBE isn't just a chapter — we're a community that shows up and shows out.

2024 2025

NATIONAL CONVENTION

This spring, GTSBE headed to Chicago for the NSBE National Convention, a weeklong experience that brings together every chapter of NSBE from across the country. Nationals is the ultimate space for connection and opportunity, featuring general sessions, professional workshops, hospitality suites, mixers, and one of the largest career fairs in the country. Our members explored internships, full-time offers, research programs, and graduate school options, all while representing Georgia Tech and building community on a national level.

NSBE NATIONALS









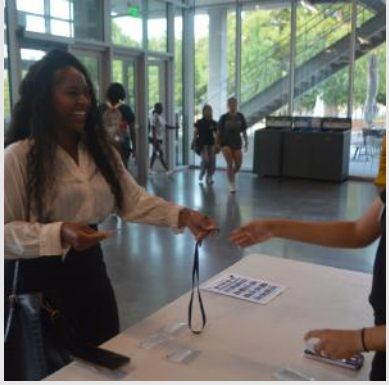
A Word from the CPC Chairs

One of our biggest challenges in getting to Chicago for NSBE Nationals was making sure we could bring as many students as possible, even with registration fees increasing by over $100. With incredible support, we made that goal a reality and brought 110 students, the largest out-of-state group in GTSBE history. This year, 72 interviews were conducted, and 53% of our attendees were invited to interviews or private hospitality suites.

So many real opportunities came out of this convention. Based on student reports, 16 internships were offered as a direct result of the conference. Dozens of students also received $200 from SGA's Career Development Fund, a resource that had rarely been accessed by Black students in the past. We hope this marks a new standard for years to come.

One of the biggest highlights of the week was celebrating Marisa Johnson, who received the GEI Consultants, Inc. Scholarship and was honored on the Golden Torch Awards stage. The week wrapped up with an unforgettable performance by Grammy Award–winning artist Leon Thomas.






CORPORATE NETWORK SOCIAL








The Fall Corporate Networking Social was a success, bringing our amazing students and corporate sponsors together to build meaningful connections. While the Spring Networking Social was held virtually, it was still a great time that fostered community, conversation, and lasting professional relationships.





COMMUNITY & SOCIAL IMPACT

This year, GTSBE has continued to uplift and empower the Black engineering community through impactful events and programs. From Black Connect @ Tech fostering mentorship and professional growth, to TRIBE creating space for deep community and vulnerability, GTSBE has stayed true to its mission. Through outreach efforts like PCI Day and the STEAM Expo, we've inspired and engaged the next generation of Black innovators. Initiatives like Black Women in STEAM have amplified the voices of Black women in tech and engineering, reminding us of the importance of representation. GTSBE's social and community impact continues to grow—on campus and beyond.



TRIBE

TRIBE, short for 'Transfer Retention Initiative for Black Engineers', is dedicated to fostering student involvement and providing comprehensive. support for STEM transfer students and student-athletes as they navigate the social, cultural, and academic transitions at Georgia Tech. This year, the role has expanded to not only assist transfers and athletes but also to strengthen connections between these communities and the broader student body. By fostering inclusivity and promoting meaningful engagement, TRIBE aims to create a welcoming environment where all students feel supported and valued.

To build these connections, a variety of events and activities have been organized for students to relax, socialize, and form lasting relationships. Some highlights include movie nights in the NAV Courtyard, vibrant Paint and Sip sessions, an exciting Jeopardy night, and a high-energy Wild N' Out Style event! These gatherings encourage camaraderie and celebrate the diverse perspectives and experiences that each student brings to campus. Through these initiatives, TRIBE continues to enhance the sense of community at Georgia Tech, empowering students to thrive both academically and socially.

HIGH *Lights*

PAINT N' SIP

The Paint & Sip event was a fun and relaxing space where students came together to express themselves through art while enjoying drinks and good company. Everyone got their own canvas and paint supplies, and there was music and conversation throughout the night. It was a creative break from the usual routine, offering a chance to connect, unwind, and enjoy the moment with friends and new faces alike.



KARAOKE NIGHT & JUST DANCE



The Karaoke Night / Just Dance event hosted by TRIBE was an engaging event filled with music, laughter, and connection. Members took the stage to sing their favorite songs, showcasing everything their hidden vocal talents! The atmosphere was relaxed and supportive, encouraging everyone to have fun and let loose.

Following the karaoke session, the energy remained high with a Just Dance competition that brought out everyone's inner dancer. From coordinated group routines to spontaneous solo freestyles, the dance floor was full of movement and good vibes. The event gave TRIBE members a chance to bond, de-stress, and celebrate community through fun and creativity – making it one of the most memorable socials of the semester.

WILD'N OUT

TRIBE's Wild'n Out event was a lively and interactive experience that brought out the creativity, humor, and competitive spirit of everyone involved. Inspired by the hit improv comedy show, the event featured two dynamic teams facing off in a series of games that challenged their wit, timing, and ability to think on their feet. From freestyle rap battles that had the crowd hyped to quick-fire skits that left everyone in stitches, each round pushed participants to bring their A-game.



Message from Tribe Chair

"What started as a few people showing up turned into something way bigger than any of us expected. TRIBE tripled in attendance this year, and the energy doubled right along with it. We went from strangers to friends, building real connections and unforgettable memories along the way. Honestly, this is just the beginning. The love, the growth, the community... it's only going up from here. You already know each one reach one. We'll see you next year!"

-Joshua Weems

TORCH

Throughout the academic year, GTSBE ensured their programming reached communities beyond their Georgia Tech student base. With a number of events centered around being of service to the community around us, GTSBE allowed their members to exercise their hospitality in the betterment of various communities on campus and in the Atlanta area.



YASMIN FISHER
TORCH Chair, '24-'25

EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

In our interview with Yasmin, she highlighted GTSBE's collaboration with the Children's Hospital of Atlanta as her favorite event. This event allowed participants to engage in STEAM activities with hospitalized children who are unable to be in a school environment and engage in these activities. She mentioned her inspiration for the event, saying,



> **"Normally [orgs] target children in Atlanta Public Schools or struggling schools. I wanted to reach out to students in hospitals and who couldn't go to classes themselves. I wanted to bring the fun and excitement of school to those students."**

GTSBE's STEAM Expo was another significant event held in an effort to expose younger students to STEAM in a new light outside of the classroom via fun and educational activities. Yasmin also says,



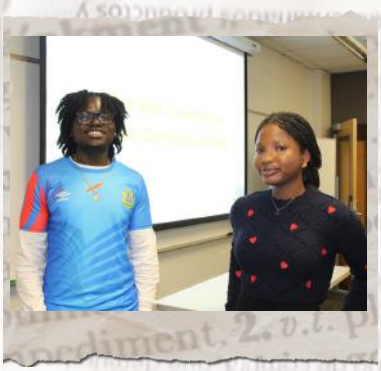
> **"The purpose is to teach the younger generation about STEAM and potential career fields they can go into.**

See the next page for more information about some of the T.O.R.C.H. events that were held this year!

TORCH EVENTS

A WALK FOR EDUCATION

50 students came out to help promote higher education in the Black community. Participants came up with a chant that would emphasize the event's mission.













COLLAB W/ INT'L CHAIR

Several international students were unable to return home for winter break, so this collaboration allowed them to write letters to their loved ones back home.

FUNDING WORKSHOP

Funding is a large aspect of many organizations' programming, and GTSBE wanted to help increase the amount of organizations that received funding throughout the year – with this event being a stepping stone in this growth.

BOOK DRIVE

Scholarship Sunday attendees could receive additional entries into the raffle for each book they donated, with these books later being donated to the students at Centennial Academy.

TORCH EVENTS

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Oftentimes people find themselves outgrowing their clothing or simply having too much of it, so this winter clothing drive allowed people to donate some of their garments to a local women's shelter.





LDR COLLAB

The newest members of GTSBE put all hands on deck to create goody bags and brighten the days of our community's senior citizens!

EARTH DAY

Earth Day is all about giving back to the world we live in, so many students volunteered to give back in beautifying our campus by removing invasive species in the Kendeda Gardens!





LOVE SANDWICH RUNS

Lifting Our Voices Inc. hosts monthly sandwich runs, typically collaborating with other BSO's on campus. GTSBE partnered with them for a few of these events, helping make sandwiches for those in need in the Atlanta area.





Pre Collegiate Initiative

GTSBE continues to grow with each new class of students enrolling in the Institute. However, it is not enough to just hope these students will be involved with Georgia Tech life, let alone know how to navigate it. They took the additional step of reaching out to K-12 students and offering them the opportunity to understand the missions that GTSBE and Georgia Tech as a whole have for their success.

The Pre-Collegiate Initiative (PCI) Day allowed several Georgia Tech students to pour into the future generation of STEM leaders. Through hands-on activities and campus tours, this event enhanced student's knowledge of STEM and encouraged pursuit of STEM disciplines in higher education.



PCI Day aims to promote minorities in STEM, highlighting various STEM disciplines via numerous activities curated to exemplify the aspects of STEM. In addition to hands-on projects, students were given tours of campus, allowing these K-12 students the opportunity to experience what Georgia Tech's campus has to offer them. PCI chair Jaila Kimbro details their impact on Georgia students, sharing that they "targeted Atlanta Public Schools students because they're around in surrounding areas, but we also reached Georgia students as a whole."

Alongside Jaila was a committee of students eager to assist in fulfilling the purpose of PCI Day: Nia Thompson, Briamber Jarvis, Morgan Cosby, and Zoëe Jodesty. Together, they were able to navigate the logistics of the event, including the activities, materials needed, food for the students, and tours.

This year's PCI Day saw 20 student volunteers and 47 students participating in a number of immersive events. STEM kits were available to engage students in the world of STEM







Black Women In STEAM Brunch

For GTSBE to fulfil their mission of cultivating an experience amplifying the opportunities offered to their community, they had to recognize an often underrepresented group within their community: Black Women in STEAM. This year's theme was ElevateHER: Empowering Women, Transforming Communities, Exploring Innovative and Empowering Topics for Attendees.



AMPLIFYING VOICES

The annual Black Women in Steam Brunch provided the space for Black Women to connect with one another, share ideas, be merry, and hear from several successful women in STEAM. This year's speakers included Kourtney Wright, Chinonye Wamkpah, Arshima Riera, Cybil Berndotte, Alicia Steele, Erica Blande, and Rose Espiritu.





OUTREACH

This year's event saw 2 student vendors – Aniyah's Anklets and Phat Cakes ATL ; 20 attendees, They engaged in conversation focusing on topics from successful leadership qualities, balancing ambition being grounded, and working towards creating stronger, more inclusive communities.

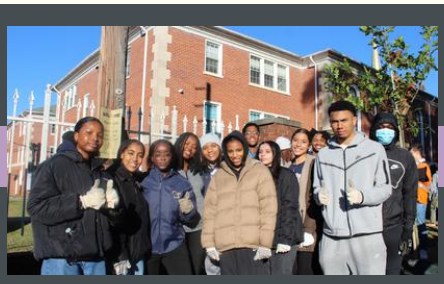

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LAMBDA DELTA RHO



What is Lambda Delta Rho?







Lambda Delta Rho serves as the freshman leadership branch of the Georgia Tech Society of Black Engineers. Members of LDR take the lead by organizing community service initiatives, fundraising efforts, and engaging events.



EXCELLENCE STARTS HERE

Lambda Delta Rho fosters excellence by creating a strong and welcoming community for black freshman to build upon their skills while strengthening their bonds with each other.

MEET THE E-BOARD



PRESIDENT
TERRON MCRAE

AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

The LDR E-Board for the 2024-2025 Academic Year is comprised of 15 members who were elected into their position by a body of their peers and GTSBE counterparts. During their time serving on the board, they planned, promoted, and executed all events, collaborations, initiatives held during the year.

VICE PRESIDENT
MICHAEL JONES-BEY

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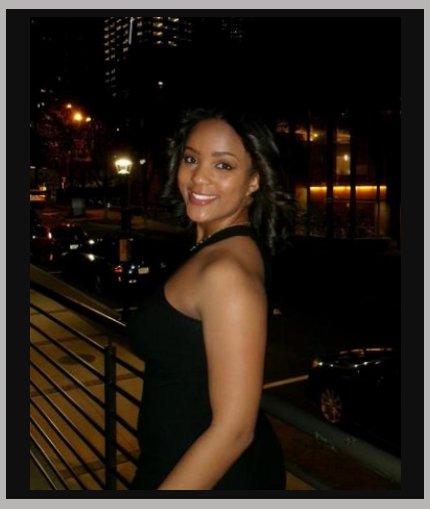




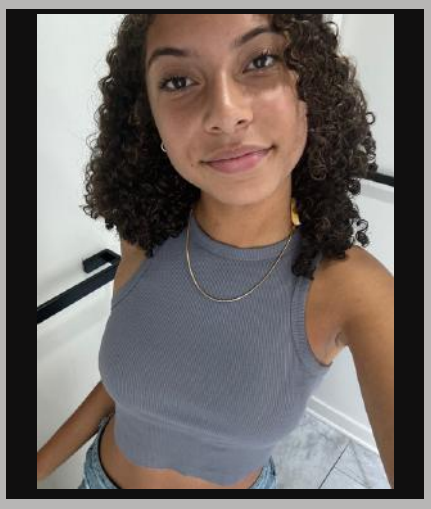
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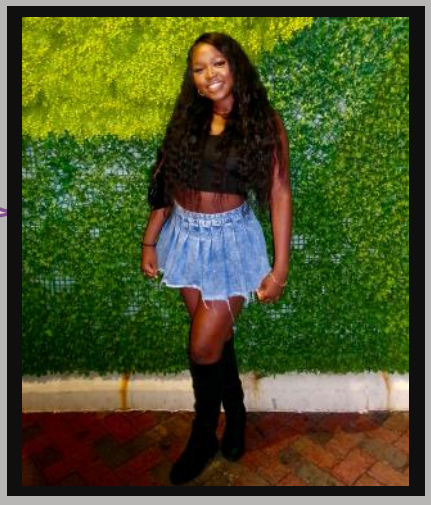
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Third-Year
Aerospace Engineering

LDR Chair is an essential member of the GTSBE E-Board. The responsibility of this position is paramount as the LDR Chair guides and supports LDR to ensure the success of the incoming class.

SOPHOMORE ADVISORS

Sophomore Advisors are appointed into their position by the current LDR Chair. Their responsibility is to guide and support the LDR E-Board while they navigate their new leadership role.



SOPHOMORE ADVISOR
MAYA LESTER

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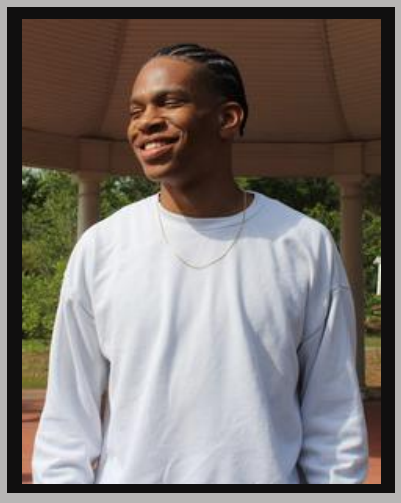
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LDR HIGHLIGHTS

TREES ATLANTA

The LDR E-Board collaborated with the Lambda Delta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. to plant trees around the Atlanta communiy.









SQUID GAMES

LDR Started the 2025 year with a rendition of the popular tv show Squid Games. Participants competed through several levels of games to win a cash prize.

LDR HIGHLIGHTS





LDR CAR WASH

The LDR general body were able to soak in the suds in this hit fundraising event led by their Co-Publications Chairs.

TIKTOK WRAPPED

The LDR General body were able to review some of their favorite TikTok's while creating goodie baskets for Senior Citizens.

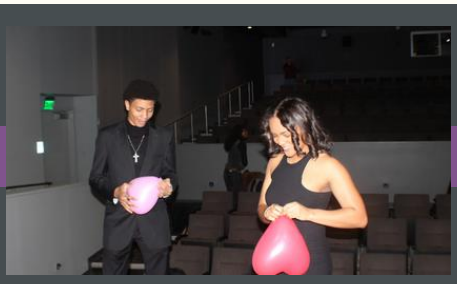


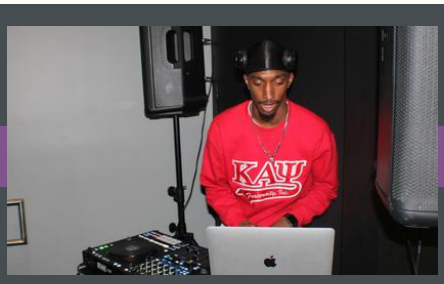


DATE AUCTION



February 14th, 2025







The LDR Date Auction is LDR's biggest event of the year. This annual event is a fundraiser event for the LDR Scholarship where Georgia Tech's diverse talent gets to showcase their skills. During this showcasing of talent, people bid on their favorite performers, and the performers with the highest bid receive their pick of our sponsored prizes.



BLACK GEORGIA TECH GIVING BACK

All of the funds from Date Auction are stored for the LDR Scholarship for the upcoming class of freshman. This culture of paying it forward is prevalent through other black organizations participating and bidding for talent on the stage.

NEW INITIATIVES



COLLAB COOKOUTS
STARTED BY: AZEH NDIFOR

“I started this initiative to try to build relations between the NSBE chapters. There are many schools in the Atlanta area that seldom interact, and I wanted to use NSBE as an avenue for that. This was meant to be a purely social event so that people could see how this organization has professional and social aspects.
It was a cookout with a live DJ, games, and free food for attendees held once a semester. It was a very inviting space where people from many different schools could meet, talk casually and enjoy food and games. In both semesters the impact of this event was huge, with a massive turnout in the Spring and overall good vibes. Hopefully this initiative can continue to the future and evolve into a GTSBE tradition.”

GTSBE OFFICE TOURS
STARTED BY: STEVEN EXIL

Began by the Public Relations chair, Steven Exil, the GTSBE Office Tours were primarily launched to bridge the gap between black engineering students and the professional world by offering firsthand exposure to top companies around Atlanta. “By being in the space, students can learn a lot by observing how people carry themselves, seeing how teams collaborate in a real setting, and picking up on the energy of the environment. By organizing visits to companies like Nike, HPE, and Google, we can empower students and help them succeed professionally.”





BSO CALENDAR
STARTED BY: COLE BROWN

"I started the BSO Calendar to foster a further sense of unity amongst the different Black Student Organizations. Through the Calendar, the different organizations within BGT can schedule their events without conflicting with other organizations. In addition to the organizational benefit, the general public can benefit from the Calendar by being able to add it to their Calendar and keep track of all the different events that the Black Student Organizations have planned.
The initiative is a simple calendar that is intended to be utilized by the Black Student Organizations to efficiently plan and schedule events without conflicting with other organizations. It was launched Spring 2024, and can be viewed online at GTSBE.org.

The impact of this initiative is that it has just started this semester and is already being utilized by all of the historic Black Student Organizations. It is looking to include a total of 7-10 organizations before the conclusion of the semester."

THE SCHOLARSHIP DIGEST
STARTED BY: SULTAN ZIYAD

"The Scholarship Digest is a monthly release of scholarship opportunities for GTSBE members. The Scholarship Digest document outlines a variety of opportunities with eligibility requirements, deadlines, and quick links to applications. This is an impactful initiative because it makes applying for scholarships less intimidating and more accessible."





GTSBE OFFFICE HOURS STARTED BY: COLE BROWN

This initiative spanned several weeks, during which members of each zone of GTSBE (Finance, Programs, Membership, and Communications) scheduled office hours for people to come and inquire about the position and learn more about GTSBE overall. This is the first time GTSBE ever had anything like this, and it allowed students, especially underclassmen, to expand upon their interest in GTSBE. This initiative allowed each position in all of the zones of GTSBE to hold office hours virtually and in person so that people could come and ask questions about their specific position, the specific zone, and GTSBE overall. The impact this initiative had was great! This initiative increased the interest in underclassmen running for Executive Board positions and allowed the general public to learn more about what GTSBE is all about."

THIS WEEK IN THE VECTOR STARTED BY: COLE BROWN

"I, Cole Brown, The 2023-2024 Secretary of the Georgia Tech Society Of Black Engineers, started this initiative to better organize and advertise the organization's newsletter. Typically, the newsletter, including all of GTSBE's upcoming collaborations and events, has just been sent out to the BSO emailing List. But this year, I decided that we could utilize our Instagram page to advertise our events further, especially in a place that gets more traffic than the BSO emailing list.
The initiative was intended to market and advertise our events in a place other than the BSO emailing list to extend the opportunities and event information to even more students and faculty members. The impact of moving This Week In The vector to Instagram, in addition to the BSO emailing list, has increased event turnout and social media page interaction tremendously."



Message from the

GTSBE SECRETARY

MARISA JOHNSON



Describe some of the responsibilities and tasks you've undertaken as GTSBE secretary?

As Secretary, I record the minutes of each CEB Meeting, weekly updates via The Vector, updating the GTSBE calendar, and the zone lead for Communications Zone. But to me, it runs way deeper than the duties and responsibilities given on a sheet of paper. For me, GTSBE has been transformative . From engaging with Engineering Professionals to cookouts with local chapters to resume workshops to E-board retreats, GTSBE has shaped me into an incredibly well-rounded individual, giving me the skills that have not only broadened my perspective but empowered me to make an impact in everything I do. It is not an ode to GTSBE without mentioning the people behind the organization. The people I interacted with taught me how to step out of my comfort zone, supported me through tough weeks (and there were a lot of them), and overall, made my experience at Tech truly unforgettable.

Marisa Johnson

What motivated you to join GTSBE, become Secretary, and lead the Communications' Zone?



Recently recognized for a NSBE Scholarship from GEI Consultants at the 50th Golden Torch Awards during the National Convention

My journey with GTSBE has always been fueled by a deep passion for our mission and the idea that every challenge is an opportunity for growth, but one moment has driven my devotion to the leadership within it. Since learning about NSBE as a rising freshman, I knew joining the GT chapter would be one of the best decisions I've ever made, and I was right. Going to my first general body meeting and watching the E-board retreat video solidified my choice to be apart of the most influential leaders on campus. I walked up to the Membership chair at the time and I asked her: "How do I get on this E-board? This is so inspiring and I want to be apart of it." She laughed at first, but then directed me to LDR, where I ran for Secretary. That meeting began my unconditional love for GTSBE, but more importantly, the community it has created. Initially, I was not excited to run for Secretary. But witnessing the legacy of our previous Secretary, whose bold, innovative spirit and fearless leaps of faith ignited a spark in me, motivated me to step up and continue to lead and inspire others.

How does the annual magazine play a role within GTSBE communications zone and the broader community?

The Annual Magazine has been a cornerstone of GTSBE, and of Comms Zone, a record of the love poured into this organization year after year. Every page shines with our shared dreams (and accomplishments) and the personal stories, that bind us together. It's proof of the raw, authentic moments that define who we are and what we envision for the future. This magazine is where we celebrate our achievements and the everyday moments of inspiration that encourages us to push boundaries.

Acknowledgements



“As the 2024–2025 school year comes to a close, the GTSBE Publications Committee extends our heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to serve and share the stories of our vibrant chapter. This role has been about more than just creating graphics; it’s been about connection, growth, and collaboration.

Together, we’ve captured the dreams GTSBE has made real, using our creativity to reflect the heart of GTSBE in meaningful ways. This committee has allowed us to contribute to something greater than ourselves and gain a deeper appreciation for our mission and legacy. From learning the passion behind our initiatives to honoring NSBE’s history, our time on this team has been both inspiring and transformative. We’ve worked alongside talented, dedicated individuals, and we’re truly thankful.

Here’s to continuing to tell our story with heart, purpose, and creativity.”

—The Publications Committee