

Meet the Candidates

Jackson Caruso

Major: Public Policy

I love Georgia Tech, plain and simple. As a summer freshman, I had the privilege of studying here six weeks before the start of the fall semester. In that time, I not only learned my way around campus, but I also began learning the campus-- meeting my classmates, creating connections, and listening to why we all chose the Institute to further our education. That is who this campus is. I want Georgia Tech to be a campus that does not just include everyone but ensures each student can thrive and succeed from day one, and we are well on that path. This year's entering class is one of the most remarkable ones in Tech's history, and such an accomplishment requires representation that is willing to listen, work, and problem-solve in a way that strengthens and tends to the freshmen class. I will be such a representative, and that is why I hope students will give me their vote.

Ajanta Choudhury

Major: Biology

All four years of high school, I was in debate, and I still remember the first time I gave a speech: the rush I got from having the platform to express myself represented the first—but not last—time I realized how much I care about advocating for my community. It's thanks to this experience, and many more, that I'm running to be a Freshman Representative. I'm very community-oriented. When I'm wrong, I'm always willing to acknowledge my mistake and rectify it because doing otherwise would be immoral and counterproductive. At the same time, if I truly believe I'm in the right, I'll be assertive in helping to improve our community. As a representative, you can count on me to always prioritize learning more about our community. I want to learn everything there is to know about campus—extracurriculars, people, and projects—and above all else, help bridge any gaps within our community, so that every first-year feels acknowledged, welcomed, and at home.

Matthew Dedman

Major: Chemical Engineering

My name is Matthew Dedman and I stand for the voice all students on Georgia Tech's campus. Georgia Tech is an environment full exceptionally gifted people, and as a representative my hope is to give every single individual on this campus the greatest possible opportunity to achieve their potential and beyond. My goal is for us to make Georgia Tech the most prestigious institution in the world. Go Jackets!!!!

Anna Gardner

Major: Chemical Engineering

In an academically strenuous environment, it is easy for the needs and desires of students to become lost amid a pile of assignments and chores. It often requires great efforts to affect a needed change on campus when more often than not the words being spoken never pass the threshold between the students and administration and faculty.

Despite the uphill battle of such efforts, I know they are necessary in order for the university to develop progressively with the times and also for the immediate health and fulfillment of our student body. While I expect my course load to be challenging at Tech, I intend to devote all of the time and effort physically possible towards improving this school. It is imperative to me that I stand as an advocate and avid supporter of the undergraduate student body whether or not that includes holding an official position.

Divyesh Gutta

Major: Business Administration

If elected as a freshman representative, I would work on creating a method allowing students to easily address their concerns to the SGA. With the adoption of a system such as an online form, any student would be able to bring to attention an issue of any size which would be carefully considered and, if necessary, brought to the attention of the committee at large.

Another issue I would address is the limited availability of take-out and late-night dining options around various parts of campus. I would work with the SGA and GT Dining Services in an effort to implement another Simple-to-Go location (or similar concept) in the North Avenue Community Restaurant, as it is open later and on weekends. Finally, I would work to create a more intuitive system to address the problems many students have with the existing transportation and parking options on campus.

Carter Hebert

Major: Business Administration

All opinions are equal - that's the motto I have based my past leadership experiences on and that's the motto I plan to base this campaign on. Too often do people tend to value the opinions on one person or group over that of another, and their reasons are unjustifiable. "They just don't know what they are talking about," most people will respond. "They don't understand how THIS process works." But, they fail to recognize one crucial point - sometimes new and outside opinions and ideas are the most valuable. Sometimes they are wait push people towards success. And that's what I want to focus on if elected - ensuring that everyone's opinions and voices are heard. And not only are they heard, but they are pondered over and given crucial thought. Because, if you have an opinion, it deserves to be put out there. It deserves to be heard. You deserve to have a say. A say that is equal to that of your friends and peers. So vote me, Carter Hebert, as Freshmen Rep, to finally let your voice be heard.

Kristian Lockyear

Major: Chemical Engineering

As an SGA Freshman Representative, my goals are to increase access to the undergraduate house of representatives for the student body, especially first-year students. I will also strive to improve communication between representatives and students by informing them of the problems that were addressed at each SGA meeting and the proposed actions to be taken. Additionally, I would like to find a solution to increase the options available during late night dining where selections can become limited, and I will work to gain more dining options for people with dietary restrictions during the day and late at night. Finally, I plan to increase the information available to students on how they can help create a more sustainable campus by creating an online platform that informs students on ways to increase their own sustainability.

Sydney Morlan

Major: HTS

One thing I value the most in life is giving back to communities that provide for me, and one of my favorite ways to do that is to serve my school on Student Government. I was fortunate to serve on my high school's student council all four years, serving as secretary my junior and senior year. My leadership and organization helped my student council tackle tasks such as a screen on the green event, a legendary homecoming dance, and football student sections that had the whole city talking. Specifically for me, I was Homecoming chair my Junior and Senior year and got to plan and organize Homecoming and all of the homecoming week activities. I would love to continue to use my skills to better Georgia Tech!

Mikhail Patel

Major: Chemistry

I stand for creating policy to benefit my fellow students and peers. I will do everything to make sure the things students want get translated into action. Whether that be Super Bowl parties, mixers, more buses routes, more time in between classes, or a more intuitive version of Buzzport or Canvas, I will work to make sure student needs are met. I like to have fun, and I want to be a part of the culture that brings fun to Georgia Tech and its diverse body of students.

Parker Reed

Major: Applied Language and Intercultural Studies

In today's day and age, one's political standings and beliefs are at the forefront of conversation and scrutiny. For me, my outlook on life whether it may be political or social stands for people. I believe that it is of the crucial for people to feel comfortable being who they are without fear of scrutiny or rejection. If I were in a position to make decision or at least influence those decision, it is of the utmost importance that what I decide is mutually beneficial to everyone that is impacted by what I choose. Let's change Georgia Tech for the better!