

Making Meaningful Connections

getting involved with students outside of the classroom



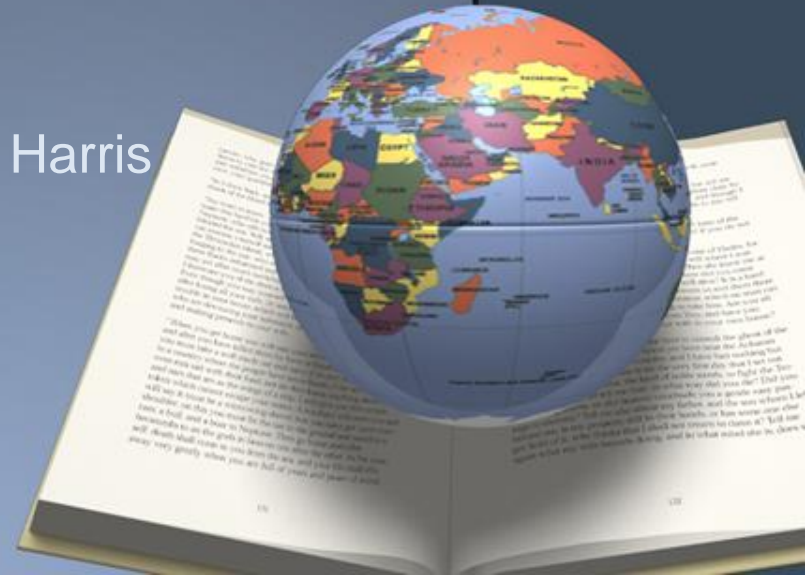
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Opportunities to connect with First-Year Residents



Freshmen Partners

Engage with residents throughout the semester to talk about the collegiate experience and address successful transitioning in to the GT community.

Ideal Candidates:

Faculty, staff, or alumni

Time Commitment:

One semester with a minimum of 2 programs per semester



Freshmen Partners

Program Ideas:

- Bowling
- Braves game
- Cook with residents
- Dinner at a local restaurant
- Coffee house
- Performance at the Fox Theater
- Campus event
- Play games with students in the lounge

Funding is available for most programs

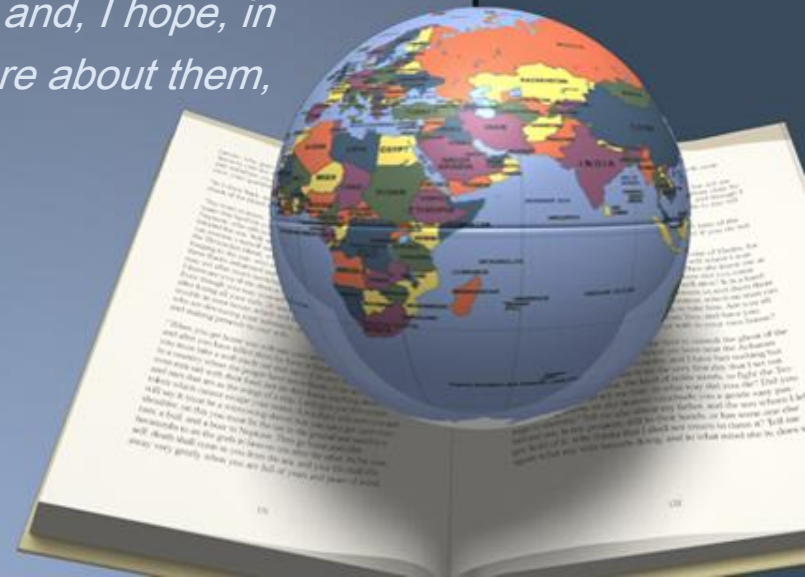


Freshmen Partners

Testimonial:

"The Freshman Partner Program has provided me with wonderful opportunities to interact with GT freshmen on an informal, social basis. I have attended dorm barbecues, chocoholic parties and other large events, -- as well as dinners at the dining hall, ice cream runs to Marble Stone Creamery, Ray's NY Pizza night at Tech Square and other more intimate gatherings. I am delighted to have the chance to get to know our students on a personal level, and to hear about both their struggles & triumphs as they begin their college journey with us --- and, I hope, in return, they get to know me and see that GT faculty care about them, and are approachable & fun!"

~ Lori Critz, GT Librarian



Academic Dinner Series

Engage with 10-15 first year residents over dinner and discuss current trends in your academic field.

Ideal Candidates:

Faculty

Time Commitment:

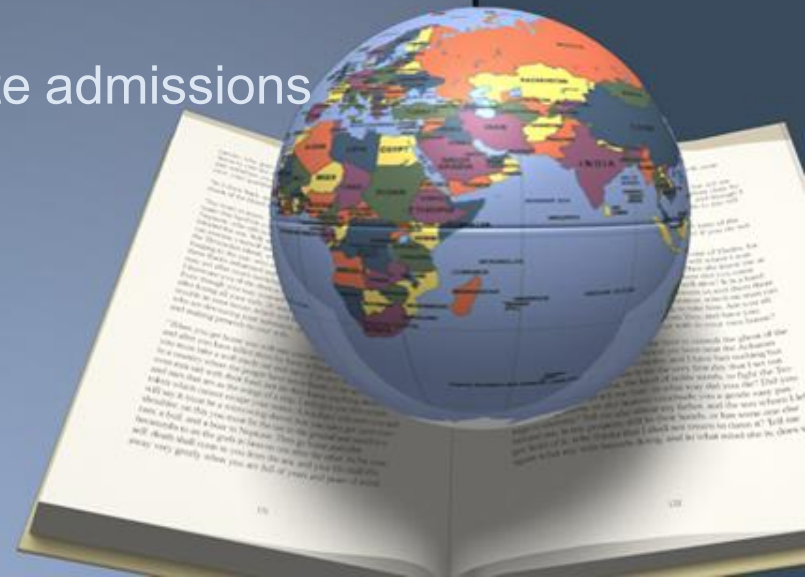
One 2 hour commitment in the evening



Academic Dinner Series

Recently Held Topics:

- Weapons of mass destruction
- Healthcare reform
- Space exploration
- Human Alteration
- Lego Robotics
- Undergraduate research
- Statistics in sports and undergraduate admissions





Dr. Joel Sokol (ISYE) enjoys dinner with students from Field and Hopkins Halls

Dr. Wendy Newstetter (BME) relaxes with Glenn Hall students while emphasizing the importance of undergraduate research.



TechTalks

Communicate a broad message to all first year residents about important services or processes of which they need to be aware.

Ideal Candidates:

Student Services Personnel

Time Commitment:

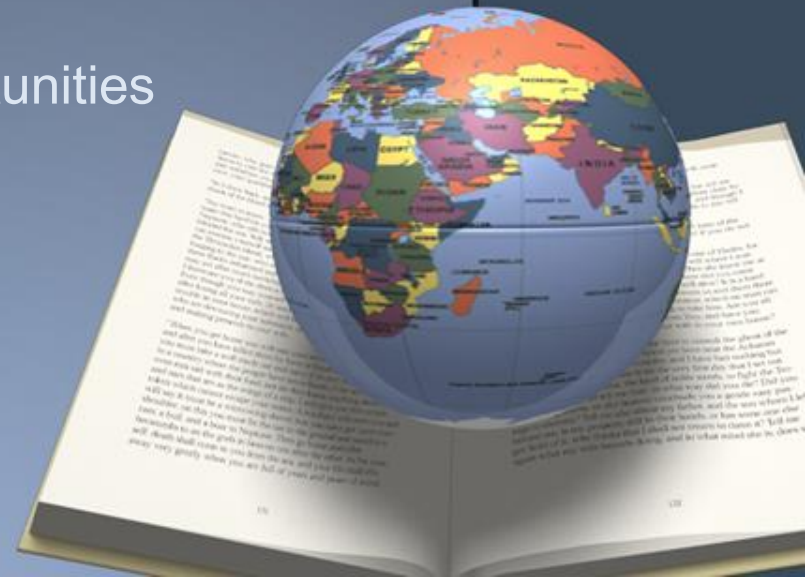
One 1-2 hour commitment;
podcast opportunities available



TechTalks

Topic Ideas:

- Financial Aid
- Registration
- Academic Support
- Student Involvement
- Co-op & Internship opportunities
- Research opportunities
- Study Abroad & Work Abroad opportunities



Opportunities to Connect with 2nd - 5th year Residents



"When you get home you will take your mother and after you have killed them by force or trick you must take a well-made cup and carry it on your shoulder to a country where the people have never known of the world and even milk salt with their food, for they know nothing about it and ears that are as the wings of a ship. I will give you this cup and token which cannot escape your grasp. A water-fowl will give you and will say it must be a waterfowl about that you have got upon your shoulder; on this you must fix the ear in the good and sacrifice a ram, a bull, and a bear to Neptune. Then go home and offer hecatombs to all the gods in heaven one after the other. In the year self, death shall come to you from the sea, and your life shall fly away very gently when you are full of years and peace of mind."

...I have had nothing but
...country, and I have had nothing but
...the very first day that I set out
...the kind of noble steeds to fight the Trojans.
...did he ever sacrifice you a gentle easy possession to eternity? Tell me also about my father, and the son whom I left behind me; is any property still in their hands, or has some one else got hold of it, who thinks that I shall not return to claim it? Tell me again what my wife friends doing, and in what mind she is; does she

Community Colleagues

Engage with residents throughout the semester to discuss the collegiate experience, address successful transitioning, current research, and professional opportunities.

Ideal Candidates:
Faculty & Alumni

Time Commitment:
Varies; ideally 2 programs per semester; 1 to 2 hours per event



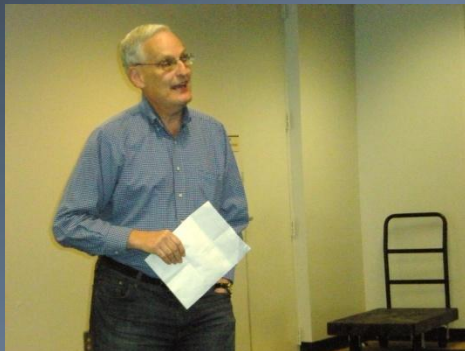
Community Colleagues

Program Ideas:

Intramural sports, dinner, bowling, cookout, GT event, roundtable discussion, research presentations, or professional development panel

Testimonial:

"The residents were really curious about the area of internet law and were surprised to learn about some of the laws and their consequences." - Rathi Bala [RA - CSA]



Community Colleagues

Testimonials:

“Residents enjoyed the opportunity to team up with a professor for the intramural indoor soccer team”

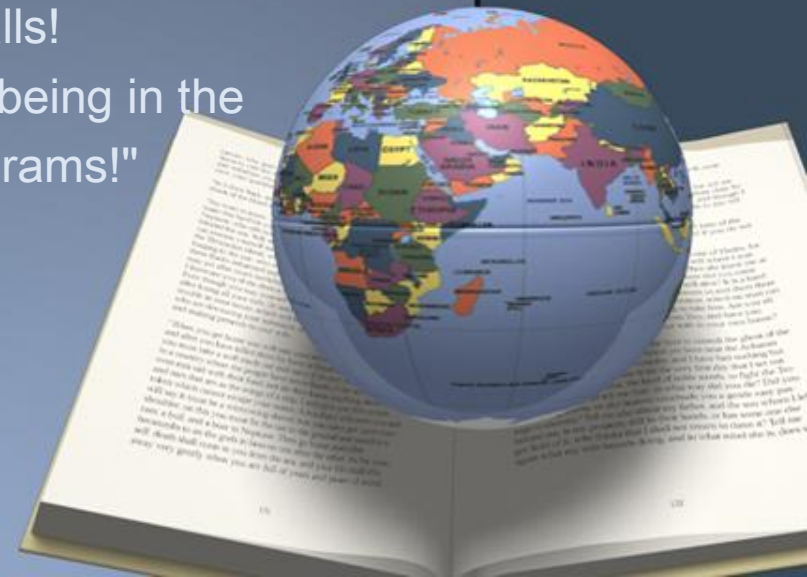
– Lawrence Jarvis [RA – ESA S&W]



"I love to work with faculty in the residence halls!

The students really seem to enjoy the faculty being in the buildings and seem to get more from the programs!"

Michael Davis [Hall Director – WDF]



FastForward

Engage with residents through pre-professional panels or presentations to address topics in the collegiate experience, professional opportunities, as well as career choices and avenues.

Ideal Candidates:

Faculty and Alumni

Time Commitment:

1-2 hours per event; multiple events are encouraged



FastForward

Topic Ideas:

Career choices, the GT experience, transitioning, research, networking, and/or professional etiquette.

Testimonial:

New department initiative! Be the first to give a testimonial!



ThinkBig @ Tech

Unique opportunity for faculty to develop and engage in a residential community with 30-50 residents focused on a social or academic topic of your choice.

Ideal Candidates:

Tenured faculty*

Time Commitment:

Kick-off program, retreat, weekly social hour, 1-2 monthly programs, and community wide programs

Incentive:

One month summer salary



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Current Topics:

Human Alteration

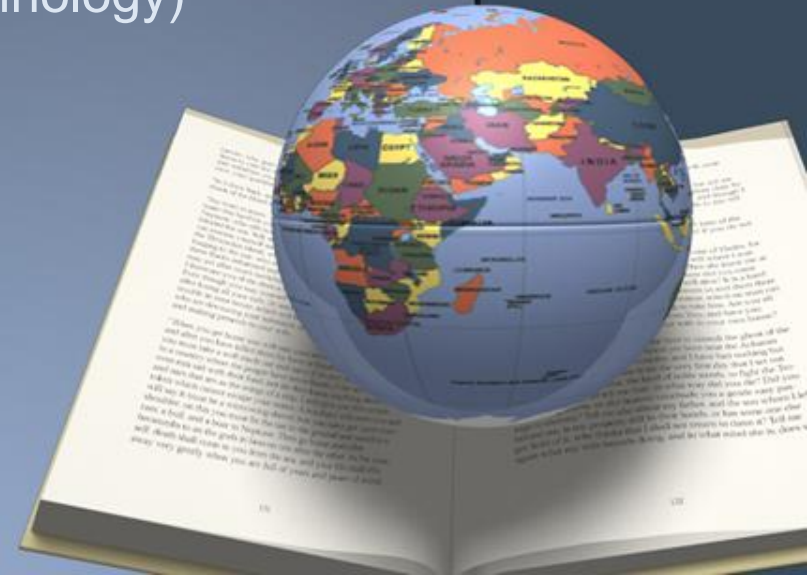
LegoRobotics

Urban Outdoor Adventures

Humor & Innovation

I-House (International House)

WST (Women, Science, & Technology)



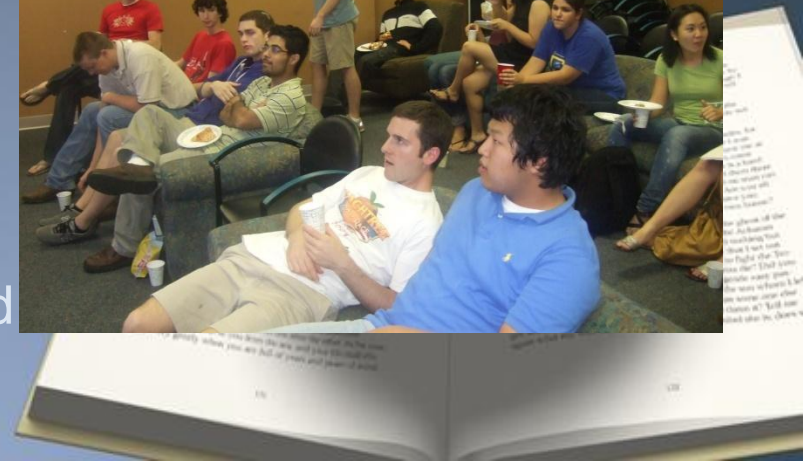
ThinkBig @ Tech - Quick Facts

83.4% of survey respondents reported that were with either “very satisfied” or “satisfied” with the following:

- Community overall
- Faculty Involvement
- Hall Director Involvement
- Resident Assistant Involvement
- Weekly Social Hours
- Programs

68.5% of respondents “agree” that their community meets their expectations

75% of respondents “agree” that they would recommend ThinkBig to another student



ThinkBig @ Tech

Testimonials:

"I currently work with the ThinkBig program and get to work with a faculty member weekly. This experience has been great! I have had the opportunity to get to know a faculty member outside the classroom and get to watch residents learn more from the faculty member than inside classroom material." - Brittney Caristinos [RA – RA WDF]

Want to know more about what students think?
Check out the Technique Article:

<http://nique.net/focus/100257>.



ThinkBig @ Tech

Application Process:

Submit a proposal form to Dr. Dana Hartley
(hartley@gatech.edu) by November 30th

The Proposal should include:

- 1) A Title and Brief Description
- 2) A Semester Schedule Plan for the first term (Fall 2010)
- 3) Signature page

Proposal will be reviewed by the ThinkBig
Task Force

For more specific details and a copy of the
proposal form, visit:

www.undergradstudies.gatech.edu/llc/



Questions?



When you get home you will take your mother and after you have killed them by force or trick you must take a well-made cup and take it to a country where the people have never known of the war and mix salt with their food, for they know anything about taken which cannot escape your eyes. A wife will give you this corn-shoulder: on this you must fix the ear in the good and sacrifice a ram, a bull, and a bear to Neptune. Then go home and offer hecatombs to all the gods in heaven one after the other. As the year self, death shall come to you from the sea, and your life shall fly away very gently when you are full of years and peace of mind.

...I have been near the Achaean country, and I have had nothing but peace from the very first day that I set out... the land of noble steeds, to fight the Trojans, at all the rest, in what way did you die? Did you... or did he ever sacrifice you a gentle easy passage to eternity? Tell me also about my father, and the son whom I left behind me: is my property still in their hands, or has some one else got hold of it, who thinks that I shall not return to claim it? Tell me again what my wife friends doing, and in what mind she is: does she

How to get involved?

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Discussion



...and after you have killed them by force or fraud, you must take a well-made cup and take it to a country where the people have never been of the world, and mix salt with their food, so that they know anything about it which cannot escape your eyes. I will give you this cup on my shoulder: on this you must fix the ear in the good and sacrifice a ram, a bull, and a bear to Neptune. Then go home and offer hecatombs to all the gods in heaven one after the other. In the year of your death shall come to you from the sea, and your life shall end away very gently when you are full of years and peace of mind.

...I have been to consult the ghost of the Achaean who has not been near the Achaean country, and I have had nothing but a bad dream from the very first day that I set out to sea. The kind of noise sounds to fight the Trojans, and I did hearken to it. I will give you a gentle easy passage to eternity. Tell me also about my father, and the son whom I left behind me: is my property still in their hands, or has some one else got hold of it, who thinks that I shall not return to claim it? Tell me again what my wife friends doing, and in what mind she is: does she