INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Living our mission.
2018 moved us forward.
The Institute for Leadership and Entrepreneurship’s (ILE) mission is to create a more equitable, just, caring, and sustainable society by inspiring, serving, and developing leaders and entrepreneurial mindsets.

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Creating space for conversations that matter.

**Excel Program** staff held conversations with 900+ students, teachers, parents, and employers throughout Atlanta. They conveyed Excel’s commitment to providing students with intellectual and developmental disabilities an inclusive college experience. Excel prepares students for employment and more independent, and fulfilling lives after graduation. Excel provides opportunities for Georgia Tech students to develop their leadership skills.

**Leadership Minor** students (Business Track) and MBA Social Impact Fellows attended 9 site visits and learned about sustainable community development best practices from our partners in Atlanta and Central Europe.

The **Leadership for Social Good Study Abroad Program** undergraduates spent 3 days networking with, and learning from, 250 social innovators, researchers, educators, citizen scientists, policy makers, artists, and activists from 33 countries at the Living Knowledge Conference in Budapest, Hungary.

The **Impact Speaker Series** hosted 20 conversations with successful corporate and nonprofit leaders as well as mold-breaking entrepreneurs. 500+ students expanded their awareness of career possibilities.

The **Servant Leadership Seekers** attended a leadership retreat where 12 students heard from 4 industry leaders on how a typical business career can be transformed into a life of serving.
Meaningfully serving communities near and far.

The Provost’s Emerging Leaders Program facilitated 15 days of leadership development with 16 faculty members across 6 colleges.

In partnership with Net Impact and the Ray C. Anderson Center for Sustainable Business, Pro Bono Consulting teams contributed the skills and expertise of 61 MBA students in service of building the capacity 18 non-profit organizations. These collaborations developed our MBA’s applied skills and understanding of the social sector, uniquely positioning them for values-based careers in private sector organizations upon graduation.

The Newly Tenured Celebration Workshop hosted a 3 day leadership workshop with 24 members of the Georgia Tech community gaining job related leadership skills.

21 Entrepreneurship Certificates were awarded at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

Through the Leadership for Social Good and Leadership Minor programs 25 students collaborated with 12 nonprofits, contributing more than 175+ hours of hands-on support. They enhanced our community partners’ capacity to serve their constituents.

175 students from 83 teams tackled pressing social and environmental problems at the Global Social Venture Competition (GSVC) and Ideas to Serve (I2S). The first in–person GSVC Regional Finals brought together 150 students, social entrepreneurs, and impact investors from around Atlanta at the Future of Social Ventures Conference.
In its eighth year, The Leadership for Social Good Study Abroad in Eastern and Central Europe continues to make social impact the core of its academic and extracurricular offering by providing students hands-on learning challenges. By the end of the summer, students understand the ins and outs of creating and leading effective and sustainable social enterprises.

This year, the cohort traveled to Prague, Czech Republic, Vienna, Austria, and Budapest, Hungary. In Vienna, students met with refugees from Syria, Iran, and Afghanistan who were preparing for the most important exam of their lives, earning their teachers accreditation. They had to take this rigorous test in German, a language some were entirely unfamiliar with when they arrived to Austria 18 months prior. Passing the test allows them to apply for the types of jobs they held before war and religious persecution had forced them to flee their country.

Over an authentic Syrian meal Georgia Tech students and these refugee teachers talked about the differences in education policy, student attitudes, and global cultural teaching norms. When students asked if they could return to their home countries one day, a woman stated the overwhelming reality: she has nobody to return to as her entire family was killed in the war. Another teacher said he has to return for the children. He explained, school-aged children in Syria have missed six years of school due to the civil war, and more than 6,000 schools have been bombed. When the war is over, every teacher will be needed to rebuild the entire education infrastructure of their country.

Read our student blogs from the summer ile.gatech.edu/studyabroad and read a great article about the program in the Georgia Tech Alumni Association Magazine.
The Excel Program is a four-year inclusive postsecondary program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) leading to two separate certificates. The program provides the opportunity for all students to realize their potential, in the areas of personal and social growth, academic enrichment, and increased independence.

Excel is now in its fifth year and provides services to 38 students over four separate cohorts. In the Spring of 2019, Excel will graduate their first cohort of students. In 2018, the focus was enhancing curriculum and outreach to professors and staff across campus and continued fundraising for program expansion. The program has grown to 90 student mentors and coaches, 14 tutors, and eight teaching assistants. In 2018, Excel hired traditional Georgia Tech students as tutors, teaching assistants, and mentors to support our students in the areas of academics, integration into campus life, and independent living. All in all these students logged over 10,000 engagement hours, most of which were volunteered.

Twice a year Excel students participate in a networking event that prepares the students for their job search and exposes employers to The Excel Programs’ talented students. These events also encourage employers to understand how to successfully champion inclusivity in their organizations.

Excel was most recently featured by Georgia Inclusive Post-secondary Education Consortium (GAIPSEC) highlighting the program’s comprehensive approach to supporting students.
Impact is a one-of-a-kind resource for students, faculty, and staff. It is an opportunity to hear from, and network with, industry leaders, often CEOs and founders, from both the corporate and social sectors. For students especially, these one-hour weekly talks are the equivalent of taking a crash-course on real world career paths. For some, hearing a speaker’s unique career journey and how they are making an impact can be life-changing.

Georgia-Pacific’s Kathy Walters kicked off the Fall 2018 Impact Speaker Series season by sharing candid thoughts on personal success and the importance of improvement and innovation in personal career outcomes. Other notable guests included: Kathryn Finney, Founder of digitalundivided, an advocate of black and latina women business founders; Frank Blake one of the most successful former CEO’s of The Home Depot, now a Distinguished Executive in Residence at Scheller College of Business; Sarah Morrison, CEO of the Shepherd Center, one of the nations premier spinal cord and acquired brain injury rehabilitation centers; and Alex Gregory (Textile Engineering ’70) who has served as the first non-Japanese president of YKK Corporation of America and earned one of the highest recognition given by the Japanese Government, The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette for his long and successful tenure.

Many of our speakers are alumni like Gareth Hedges (Public Policy ’03) who rose through the ranks at Redwoods Group to become the President and CEO. His talk was on how Redwoods Group, a Benefit Corporation, reformed the insurance industry by focusing on the safety and well-being of their communities. The lecture was a great example of how the power of business can create meaningful social impact.

All Impact talks from this past season can be found on ILE’s YouTube Channel.
GSVC empowers the next generation of social entrepreneurs by providing them with mentoring, exposure, and more than $80,000 in prizes. The competition empowers entrepreneurs to transform their ideas into ventures that address the world’s most pressing challenges. In 2018, GSVC received more than 600 entries from 65 countries. The Scheller College of Business at Georgia Tech is one of the nine global partners for GSVC.

In 2018, the ILE hosted the first in-person GSVC Regional Finals and invited the top four teams from the Eastern Region to present at Georgia Tech as part of the Future of Social Ventures Conference. Part of the teams’ Atlanta experience included a visit to the Martin Luther King Jr. Center where these social innovators met civil rights icon, John Lewis.

Eastern Region competitors came from top schools like Harvard, MIT, NYU, and Duke. At the regional level, four out of the forty-five entries were from Georgia Tech. After three rounds of judging, the top two teams from our region who moved on to the Global Finals, held in Milan, Italy, were NeMo (neonatal monitoring for mothers in low-resource regions) from John Hopkins University, and Street Smarts VR (immersive VR training platform for law enforcement organizations) from Columbia University.

Read more about our first in-person Regional Finals in this article.
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Wishing you the best for 2019.

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