

Rotary Club of Gainesville Newsletter



Meeting Location:

First Baptist Church Banquet Hall
751 Green Street
Monday at 12:30 PM
Lunch begins serving at Noon
Founded in 1923

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Dr. G.P. ♦Bud♦ Peterson - Innovation in Higher Education



Dr. G.P. ♦Bud♦ Peterson
President, Georgia Institute of Technology

On July 15 Georgia Tech President G.P. ♦Bud♦ Peterson will speak to the Rotary Club of Gainesville on ♦Innovation in Higher Education.♦ This will be the fourth time he has addressed our club in the 10 years that he has served in his role at Georgia Tech.

In 2009 President Peterson led the campuswide development of a 25-year strategic plan, which has served as an important framework for many of the advancements and accomplishments during his tenure. Under his leadership Georgia Tech exceeded the \$1.5 billion goal for Campaign Georgia Tech by 20%, grew innovative collaborations and strategic partnerships, expanded the campus infrastructure, and increased national and global visibility. Notably, in the past decade total research expenditures and other sponsored activities have increased by 78% to \$908M. Enrollment has increased by 69 percent (24% for undergraduates and 159% for graduate students). The number of women in the first-year class has increased from 32 to 40 percent. Georgia Tech♦s first to second-year retention is 97 percent, a historic high.

Peterson came to Georgia Tech from the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he served as chancellor. Prior to that, he served as provost at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York, and for 19 years on the faculty and in leadership positions at Texas A&M University. He has worked for NASA and the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Throughout his career, Peterson has played an active role in helping to establish the national education and research agendas, serving on many industry, government, and academic task forces and committees. He has served on congressional♦s♦ional task forces, research councils, and advisory boards, including the Office of Naval Research, NASA, the Department of Energy, the National Research Council, and the National Academy of Engineering.

A distinguished scientist, he was appointed in 2008 by President George W. Bush, and again in 2014 by President Barack Obama, to serve as a member of the National Science Board, which oversees the NSF and advises the President and Congress on national policy related to science and engineering research and education. He is a member of the board of directors of the American Council on Education. He currently serves as chair of the NCAA Board of Governors, the highest governing body of the NCAA, as well as a member of the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics. In February 2018, he was named to the National Space Council♦s User Advisory Group. He is a member of the board of directors of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA).

Peterson earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, a second bachelor's degree in mathematics, and a master's degree in engineering, all from Kansas State University. He earned a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from Texas A&M University. He and his wife, Val, have four adult children, two of whom are Georgia Tech alumni, and three grandchildren.

In January 2019 he announced his intention to retire as president of Georgia Tech once his successor is in place. In June the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia announced that Dr. ♦Angel Cabrera, now president of Georgia Mason University, will become Georgia Tech♦s 12th president. Cabrera will assume his role as Georgia Tech♦s president in September. Peterson plans to return to research and teaching at Georgia Tech.

July is New Leadership Month



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Sergeant-at-Arms



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Assistant Governor



Upcoming Schedule

Date	Meeting or Event	Invocation and Pledge
July 22, 2019	Georgia Department of Human Services	Joey Tripp
July 29, 2019	District Governor Don Martin ♦ Official DG Visit	Lee Koontz
August 5, 2019	Janet Walden, Executive Director CASA Hall-Dawson	Mike McGraw
August 12, 2019	The Hub ♦ Dr. Jeremy H. Williams, Superintendent Gainesville City School System	Brian Lackey
August 19, 2019	Andra Watkins, Author	Brad Donnell
August 26, 2019	Joseph D. Pecorelli, PhD, Assistant Professor Portuguese and Spanish, UNG	Rick Young

Birthdays

[P. Fred Kelly](#)
July 18th



[Monica Berjon Hatfield](#)
July 21st



Wedding Anniversaries



[Frank Moore Henry](#)
July 16th

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