

INTRODUCING COMMUTER STUDENT ENGAGEMENT @ GT

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A LITTLE ABOUT ME



- **Georgia Tech Alumna: BSBA '13**
- **8 years in Higher Education, 6 years in Corporate**
- **Areas Overseen:**
 - **Commuter Student Engagement**
 - **Graduate Student Programming**
 - **Community Hub Spaces**
- **Outside Work:**
 - **Avid Outdoor Enthusiast**

WHAT IS COMMUTER STUDENT ENGAGEMENT?

Commuter Student Engagement is dedicated to connecting, supporting, and engaging non-residential undergraduate and graduate students at Georgia Tech.

We offer engaging programming, promote campus resources, and help advocate for an elevated commuter student experience.



WHO IS A COMMUTER STUDENT?



Georgia Tech defines Commuter students as those students enrolled in a residential program (i.e., not fully online) who do not live in on-campus housing managed and operated by Georgia Tech.

SNAPSHOT: THE COMMUTER STUDENT @ GT

- **90% live with at least one other person**
- **>50% live within 5 miles of campus; 27% live more than 15 miles from campus**
- **>50% of respondents would attend events off-campus**
- **During academic year 2024-2025, 35% of respondents attended at least one on-campus event each week**



FALL 2025 SUCCESSES



- **Launched the Commuter Student Assessment**
 - **Survey - 312 responses**
 - **Focus Groups - 2 sessions, 5 participants**
- **Hosted the First-Year Commuter & Transfer Student Convocation Mixer**
- **Launched the Commuter Student Advisory Board**
 - **GTPD, SGA, PTS, HRL, SCEC**
- **Hosted the Inaugural Commuter Student Appreciation Week**

SPRING 2026 EVENTS

- **Weekly: Hive Hangout**
 - **Begins January 26**
- **February 11: Floral Workshop at Paper & Clay**
- **March:**
 - **March Madness Watch Party**
 - **March Madness Bracket Challenge (virtual)**
- **April: End of Year Carnival**



CONNECT WITH US!



Commuter Student Engagement

- Website: <https://studentcenter.gatech.edu/commuter-student-engagement>
- Email: gtcse@stucen.gatech.edu
- Yellow Jacket Family Hive Group: [Families of Commuter Students](#)