

President's Dinner '05

On a personal note...

A quote I have used often when speaking to alumni and student groups over these past months.....

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Your status as a Leadership Circle donor to the Roll Call... many of you for many years.....is a testament to your good handling of the necessities of life. Your ambition has driven you to create successful businesses or hold senior level management positions in others.....moreover, we share a passion for Georgia Tech like no other university on the planet.

We enjoy that passion.....

Because, as an institution, we have built on our strengths and bettered ourselves in every aspect, year after year;

It's because of our leadership in innovative technology;

It's because of our award winning Alumni Association, led by Joe Irwin and his passionate and most capable staff. It's all about maintaining our relationships through engagement, information management, communication, and fund raising.

And most importantly, it's about the unparalleled leadership of Wayne Clough.

This has been a bitter-sweet year for our family....”Bitter” because of the horrific sorrow of losing our son, Tyler. “Sweet” because of the outpouring of love and caring of our many friends, and thousands we do not know. Hundreds of contributions have been made to the Georgia Tech Foundation funding a scholarship in Tyler’s honor. Many of you have given generously.

Tyler’s inaugural scholarship was awarded last Friday evening, to Elizabeth Ward, a third generation legacy, incoming freshman from Woodward Academy.

Your honoring of our son and the care you have given to his family over the past months will forever be remembered and cherished.....

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During my tenure as your alumni chairman, I have been the beneficiary of a complete understanding of why you and I are so passionate about Georgia Tech. I now know, first hand, up front and personal why Georgia Tech has become the world class university it is today.

It is because of your ongoing, unequalled financial support of the Roll Call and the Georgia Tech Foundation. It’s also because of “the best thing to have ever happened to Georgia Tech”...Please join me in welcoming my friend and mentor, our president, Dr. G. Wayne Clough.