



Georgia Tech Announces \$100,000 Ivan Allen Jr. Prize for Social Courage

Initiative advances former mayor's principles

Atlanta (May 24, 2010) – The Georgia Institute of Technology is establishing the Ivan Allen Jr. Prize for Social Courage in recognition of the late Ivan Allen Jr., former mayor of Atlanta for whom the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts is named.

The international prize will honor individuals whose life and work embody the moral courage personified by former Mayor Allen. Funded in perpetuity by a grant from the Wibur and Hilda Glenn Family Foundation, the prize carries with it a \$100,000 stipend and will be awarded for the first time in 2011.

“Mayor Allen was well known to those who lived in the city and the region during the civil rights struggles of the 1950s and 1960s,” said Georgia Tech President G.P. “Bud” Peterson. “The Ivan Allen Jr. Prize for Social Courage will recognize those who represent the values of the former Atlanta mayor and who lead with integrity, compassion and courage.”

Allen was largely responsible for building Atlanta’s reputation as an international city through strong support for the business community, development of vibrant arts programs and the recruitment of professional sports teams. For all this to be possible, he first had to address the issue of racial segregation and became a pivotal leader influencing the passage of America’s civil rights bill.

The new prize replaces the Ivan Allen Jr. Prize for Progress and Service, which was awarded from 2001-2010. Georgia-affiliated recipients of that prize include former President Jimmy Carter, former U.S. Senator Sam Nunn, civil rights activist Jesse Hill Jr., and Georgia Cancer Coalition CEO William J. Todd.

In addition to Georgia Tech academic leaders, the nominating committee will be chaired by the Honorable James T. Laney, former ambassador to South Korea and former president of Emory University, and include Charles H. “Pete” McTier, retired president of the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation; Inman Allen, Chairman and CEO, Ivan Allen Industries, Susan Eisenhower, chairman emeritus, the Eisenhower Institute; Helene D. Gayle, PhD, CEO, CARE USA; and Former U.S. Senator Sam Nunn, director, Nunn Institute for Non-Proliferation of Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Weapons.

The Georgia Institute of Technology is one of the world's premier research universities. Ranked the 12th best engineering and information technology university in the world by the Times Higher Education-QS World University Rankings and seventh among U.S. News & World Report's top public universities,

Georgia Tech's more than 20,000 students are enrolled in its Colleges of Architecture, Computing, Engineering, Liberal Arts, Management and Sciences. Tech is among the nation's top producers of women and minority engineers. The Institute offers research opportunities to both undergraduate and graduate students and is home to more than 100 interdisciplinary units plus the Georgia Tech Research Institute.