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## **Georgia Tech students to launch Campus Kitchen to address hunger and food waste**

**ATLANTA** – On Friday, April 18, the Georgia Institute of Technology will join The Campus Kitchens Project network and launch the Campus Kitchen at Georgia Tech, a student-run organization that will provide free, healthy meals to Atlanta residents by using donated food that would otherwise go to waste. With the program’s official status, Georgia Tech will be one of 35 schools that are part of the national network.

“We are very excited to bring The Campus Kitchens Project to Georgia Tech and believe that the organization will fulfill our motto of ‘progress and service’ by allowing our students to serve free meals to our community throughout the academic year,” said Grant Grimes, student promotions coordinator for Sodexo at Georgia Tech Dining and Georgia Tech student.

At each Campus Kitchen nationwide, students lead efforts to combat food waste and hunger by collecting surplus food from dining halls, community gardens, restaurants and grocery stores and transforming it into healthy meals. The Campus Kitchen at Georgia Tech, sponsored by the Honor’s Program and Georgia Tech Dining, is the second Campus Kitchen in Georgia, joining the Campus Kitchen at the University of Georgia. Volunteers with the Campus Kitchen at Georgia Tech will serve Atlanta Mission and Atlanta’s Table, a project of the Atlanta Community Food Bank.

“I’m delighted to welcome the Campus Kitchen at Georgia Tech into our growing national network,” said Laura Toscano, director of The Campus Kitchens Project. “At the Campus Kitchens Project, we believe no food should go to waste while people are hungry. By joining this movement as our newest Campus Kitchen, Georgia Tech is offering its students the opportunity

to fight both hunger and food waste in the Atlanta community, and to develop valuable leadership skills in the process.”

Georgia Tech is one of seven universities that participated in the first-ever Campus Kitchen launch grant video competition sponsored by Sodexo Foundation in late January. A diverse group of campus representatives created a [video explaining why their community would benefit from a Campus Kitchen](#) and rallied thousands of supporters to vote for their video. By the end of the competition, Georgia Tech received more than 5,000 votes and won a \$5,000 grant to bring The Campus Kitchens Project to campus.

The Campus Kitchen at Georgia Tech will conduct cooking shifts in Georgia Tech’s Brittain Dining Hall and will recover food from all four on-campus dining halls with support from Sodexo-run Georgia Tech Dining.

In the last academic year, 33 Campus Kitchens across the country rescued more than 404,000 pounds of food and served 279,680 meals to 9,365 clients.

### **When**

- Friday, April 18, from 3:00pm – 5:30pm EST
  - official program launch event from 3:00-4:00
  - cooking shift and safety demonstration from 4:30-5:30

### **Where**

- Brittain Dining Hall, 649 Techwood Dr NW, Atlanta GA

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### **About The Campus Kitchens Project**

Founded in 2001, The Campus Kitchens Project is a national organization that empowers student volunteers to fight hunger in their community. On 35 university and high school campuses across the country, students transform unused food from dining halls, grocery stores, restaurants, and farmers’ markets into meals that are delivered to local agencies serving those in need. By taking the initiative to run a community kitchen, students develop entrepreneurial and leadership skills, along with a commitment to serve their community, that they will carry with them into future careers. Each Campus Kitchen goes beyond meals by using food as a tool to promote poverty solutions, implement garden initiatives, participate in nutrition education, and convene food policy events. To learn more about our work or bring The Campus Kitchens Project to your school, visit [www.campuskitchens.org](http://www.campuskitchens.org).