



TA & Future Faculty Awards Ceremony 2025 Digital Program



Center for
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Program Schedule

11:30 a.m. **Welcome**
Tammy M. McCoy, Assistant Director, TA & Future Faculty Programs
Laura Carruth, Associate Vice Provost, TTL Executive Director, CTL

11:40 a.m. **Address: "Leading by Example"**
Abby Diering, Graduate Teaching Fellow and Ph.D. Student in the School of Chemistry and Biochemistry

11:45 a.m. **Lunch**

12:05 p.m. **Presentation of Awards**

Tech to Teaching and CIRTTL Recognition
Tammy M. McCoy

Graduate Teaching Fellows & International TA Liaisons
Sarah Kegley, ITA Program Manager

Thank-a-Teacher Recognition
Amanda Nolen, Assistant Director of Evaluation & Assessment

Outstanding TA Recognition
Tammy M. McCoy & Vincent Spezzo, Asst. Director of Teaching and Learning Online

Institute-Wide TA of the Year Awards
Tammy M. McCoy & Vincent Spezzo

Closing



Dear Colleagues,

I want to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you for joining our annual celebration of excellence in teaching. As we gather both in person and virtually, I am filled with admiration at the achievements and dedication represented at this event.

To all of the teaching assistants and future faculty in attendance: we are here to honor your outstanding contributions to academia, recognizing the invaluable role you play in shaping the minds of our students and enriching the academic community at Georgia Tech. Your tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to fostering learning environments that inspire and empower are truly commendable.

On behalf of the Center for Teaching and Learning, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the recipients of this year's awards. Your achievements serve as a testament to your passion for education and your relentless pursuit of excellence. We are immensely proud of you.

As we come together to celebrate another year of excellence in teaching, let us reflect on the profound impact we have on the lives of our students and the broader academic community. Let us continue to strive for excellence, innovation, and inclusivity in all our endeavors.

With warm regards,

Dr. Tammy M. McCoy

Assistant Director, TA Development & Future Faculty Initiatives

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The TA Awards

Each year, the Center for Teaching and Learning recognizes outstanding teaching assistants from five different categories:

- Graduate student instructors;
- Graduate teaching assistants;
- Online head teaching assistants;
- Online teaching assistants; and
- Undergraduate teaching assistants.

The teaching assistants on the following five pages were nominated by their schools as outstanding teaching assistants and then endorsed by faculty, staff, and students. Each person receives a certificate recognizing their commitment to excellence in teaching.

From this list, institute-wide teaching assistants of the year are selected via thorough committee review from each of the five categories. These TAs receive a \$500 stipend as well as a framed certificate of recognition.

Congratulations to all the outstanding teaching assistants!



Outstanding Graduate Student Instructors

Alex Wu

Meen-Sung Kim

Emtiaz Hossain Hritan

Minghao Li

Jeungyoon Lee

Pulkit Gupta

Jordan Kocher

Yeinn Oh

Julia Lin

Yuchen Zhao

Manasvini Sethuraman

Zack Tidler

Marwan Shagar



Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistants

Abby Hagwood

Jessie Wang

Selena Lin

Alessandra Luna

Jungmin Ha

Seulgi Kim

Anirudh Gattu

Kriti Verma

Steven Tarr

Bella Martincic

Lin Yang

Tran Duong Nguyen

Botao Li

Logan Hart

Vijay Marupudi

Chris Zhang

Lorenzo Caseiro

Yiyang Zhang

David Keefe

McKenna Downey

Yuchen Zhao

Faye Qin

Mikis Mays

Noor Jaleel



Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Assistants

Alan Tao

Alexander Merryman

Aryan Patel

Ava Paikeday

Ben Wellisch

Benedict Pursell

Kavya Selvakumar

Lily Gowens

Lorelei Linkel

Marcus Kurth

Mariah Castillo

Miya Zhu

Nora O'Kelly

Sutton



Outstanding Online Head Teaching Assistants

Anushka Mukhopadhyay

Elyana Crowder

Fatih Ilhan

Jack Sherling

Nathan Do

Weizhe Shen



Outstanding Online Teaching Assistants

Andrew Hamby

Chao Jiang

Melika Baghi

Melissa Leng

Natalie Pippin

Nayab Mithwani

Philip Mallory

Yasaman Gholami



CIRTL Associates & Tech to Teaching Program

Names with * completed the full Tech to Teaching Program

The Tech to Teaching program prepares graduate students and postdocs for college teaching positions. Participants who complete the foundation level of the program receive a CIRTL Associate Certificate; in order to complete the entire Tech to Teaching program, participants must then teach or co-teach a course for their teaching capstone.

Aakash Reddy Eetikala	Christian Douglas*	Luis Hatashita	Richa Ghosh
Abdullah Alzubail	Christian Waiblinger*	Maggie Straight	Robert Ford*
Abhishek Vasisht	Claire Breeden*	Mariam Tomori*	Samantha Hardin
Bhaskar	Clark McCall	Mary Kho*	Samuel Talkington*
Abigail Diering	Diana LaFollette*	Mauna Kareti*	Sanghyun Han*
Adair Garrett*	Elyse Carlson*	Meghan Meredith*	Sarah Roney*
Alex Wu*	Faaq Waqar	Mehmet Kilinc*	Seung Eun (Katy) Choi
Ana Mazmishvili*	Gillian Patterson	Melody Modarressi*	Steven Tarr*
Ananay Gupta*	Gretchen Johnson	Michelle Reckner*	Tavish Pattanayak
Anderson Cerqueira*	Ishant Tiwari*	Mina Song*	Tawfik Hussein*
Andrew Marsh*	Jacob Tjards*	Mohammad Najjartabar	Yifan Liu*
Anjolaoluwa Popoola*	Jake Watts*	Bisheh*	Yiling Xie*
Aradhya Rajanala*	James Gay	Myungeun Eom*	Young In Kim*
Ashwin Pothan*	Jennifer Reddig	Nicole Robertson	Zachary Brumbach*
Asif Rashid*	Kamisha Hill*	Niyem Bawana*	
Biswadeep Chakraborty*	Kamyar Fatemifar	Noah Solomon	
Bitu Jadali	Kathryn Kelly	Pranav Mathews	
Brandon Pries	Kelsey Cavallaro*	Qinghao Zeng	
Brian Johnstone	Keunhyoung Park	Rachel Donley*	
Carlissa Roush*	Kevin Wu*	Richa Ghosh	
Chase Sun	Lotem Buchbinder	Robert Ford*	
Cheyenne Phillips	Shadur*	Samantha Hardin	



Thank-a-Teacher Recipients

The Thank-a-Teacher program began in November 2005 and provides students with an opportunity to give feedback to outstanding teachers, teaching assistants, advisers, and mentors.

Aanan Biswas				Ruixi Wang
Aaron Redding				Saksham Malik
Aastha Singh				Samuel Hood
Abdulaziz Qwbaiban				Samuel Luong
Abigail Frese	Daniel Terrell	Jamie McPeck	Mark Grove	Sarah Rappaport
Abigail Hagwood	Danyang Cai	Jeff Shelton	Matt Manalo	Sascha Calkins
Adil Shaikh	Darren Mills	Jeffrey B. Faath	Matthew Spillman	Segovia Alexandria
Agnish Dutta	Darshi Shah	Jesse Dylan Ward	Maureen Wang	Seth Kinoshita
Ahmad Qader	Daveh Day	Jesse Hall	MD Ackas Ali	Seth Brunner
Aja Woolworth	David Gallagher	Jiangyue Zhu	Michael Davis	Shikun Liu
Akanksha Tanwar	David Neal	Jiaqi Guan	Mohammad Najjartabar	Shobhit Ranjan
Alain Esther Van Slootena	Derek Huang	Jingyi Chen	Bisheh	Shobini Palaniappan
Alexander Nanni	Diego Ruiz	Jingyi Feng	Mollene Denton	Shreyas Saraf
Amir Poorghani	Dongjae Lee	John Liu	Moontashir Siam	Shruthi Mohan
Andreina Gutierrez	Dylan Curran	John Mansfield	Nadim Hammoud	Snehil Mathur
Andrew Bartels	Emily Lentz	John Stavroulakis	Natalie Joseph	Sophia Brun
Anirudh Tatikonda	Eric Dong	John Walraven	Natanal Ha	Sophia Ebbutt
Archit Rede	Ethan Leventhal	Jonathan Greene	Nathan Smith	Spencer Starks
Ari Pomeranz	Ethan Ollins	Jonghyeok Lee	Nathan Kidwell	Stephen Romero
Arnav Hiray	Fang Zou	Joseph Carragher	Nathan Mcalpine	Steven Bryant
Aryan Mittal	Fatih Ilhan	Joves Luo	Neha Dossani	Sunmin Lee
Athena Malek	Gal Ovadia	Juan Antonio	Nicole Robertson	Swapna Gadre
Austin Shoemaker	Gian Marco	Robledo Lara	Nicole Roth	Tatenda Zvidzai
Ayesha Mirza	Grace Bennett	Junyang Tang	Niket Doke	Theodore LaGrow
Beau Sommerville	Grant Elder	Justin Almas	Nolan Capeheart	Thibaud Alemany
Ben Hoover	Hao (George) Wang	Justin Cherry	Nolan Eugene Capehart	Thomas Knehans
Bickston Laenger	Hayri Dortdivanlioglu	Justin Durkin	Novelly S. Simanjuntak	Tianqi Sun
Bojun Li	Heather Clark	Karishma Kamalahasan	Pedro Chen	Timothy Dunbar
Brandon Ho	Henry Bui	Kathryn Emily Fitzgerald	Pin Hsu	Ty Bondurant
Bret Hendricks	Hyuck Joo Choi	Kevin Swamy	Rahul Ghosh	Tyler Rion
Bruno Vizzone	Ian Beavers	Khushi Gupta	Rahul Sethi	Tzak Sing Lau
Caleb McGoldrick	Ignat Georgiev	Kibria M	Raymond Jia	Umar Ahmed
Can Firat Usanmaz	Irene Hyun	Kimber Wolff	Rebecca Anderson	Unnathi Kumar
Cara Bennett	Irene Ng	Krishna Ravishankar	Rebecca Ho	Vahe Hagopian
Carlos Sanchez	Isabel Berry	Lawrence Heckel	Rebecca Ott	Varun Gupta
Carly Kimpling	Ivan Rocha	Leo Liu	Richard Duenas	Xinlin Wu
Caroline Gerage	Jack Hayley	Lucy Mendez	Robert Taylor	Xu Yufei
Cheyenne Phillips	Jack Henderson	Lydia Lazor	Rocko Graziano	Yali Ren
Chi Ho Chan	Jacob Harrison	Malaika Taylor	Ron Guter	Yilun Zha
Christian Duetemeyer	Jacob Pichelmeyer	Manan Jain	Ruihui Xu	Yingting Gao
Christopher Clay	Jaehoon Song	Marcus Giorza		Yuchen Zhu
Christopher Cui	James Ashworth			Yue Wu
Cody Henderson	James Lohse			Yuhui Zhao
Cory Wang				Zach Brumbach
Daniel Rodgers				Zoe Daniel
Daniel Canales				



Graduate Teaching Fellows

Graduate Teaching Fellows are a cohort of graduate students from various disciplines who work with faculty in the Center for Teaching and Learning in support of TA and future faculty programs.

Abby Diering

Akif Ağlar

Chandler Thornhill

Marina Haldopoulos

Maugan Lloyd

Marwan Shagar

Paul Horton

Savannah Howard

Victoria Godwin

Ximena Pizarro-Bore

Yuchen Zhao



International Teaching Assistant Liaisons

International Teaching Assistant (ITA) Liaisons support ITAs across campus through classes, consultations, orientations, and more.

Chang Ding

Kseniia Shilova

Ehsan Asadollahi

Ximena Pizarro-Bore

Ianne Lauder

Yu (Oli) Wang



Thank You

On behalf of the Center for Teaching and Learning, we would like to thank you for participating in tonight's program. Your support of the Georgia Tech community is invaluable.

We would also like to give special appreciation to the Class of '57 and Class of '72 endowments for support of this program.

The watercolor images used in the TA Awards materials are from a series painted by Bill Suttles and displayed throughout the Student Center.

