



FROM THE VP

Paul Strouts

Tomorrow (April 12) is the deadline to renew your

parking permit. I thought this would be a great opportunity to address parking on the campus. It's a topic that stirs a visceral reaction, mostly negative, and mostly as it relates to the price. Since parking is an important commodity for the campus, I think it's equally important that we understand what drives the price **...and what steps can be taken to minimize the impact...**

First, as it relates to cost, parking, like many of our operations is an auxiliary. As such, it does not receive any financial subsidy from the Institute. The cost drivers for the price are the usual factors - wages, fringe benefits, maintenance, overhead, etc. - and the big one - debt. We currently have total accumulated debt on our garages in excess of \$60million. The debt effect alone on our annual permits is approximately \$375 per parking pass. The good news: some of our garages will be paid off in the next several years, which may well reduce our parking fees. However, until that happens we are dependent upon the revenue we collect from parking permits, fees and fines.

I think it's important to note that this past year for the first time in 18 years, there was no increase in the parking rate. This was because of additional income that was derived from special operations (like soccer games and swim meets). I think it's also important to note that this year, for the second year in a row, there will be no parking fee increase. We can't promise that this will happen every year, but it does represent Parking's good faith effort to keep your costs down.



ROZE DANIEL EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations, Roze Daniel, our March Employee of the Month!

The Parking & Transportation Dispatch Office reorganized, making it a 24/7 operation and requiring staff to sometimes work additional hours to cover open positions. Not only did Roze take these changes in stride but she "accepted the changes with open arms," said Glenn Kurtz, Director of Parking. "She taught herself how to use the new complicated software and intercom."

She's also received customer emails, "thank you for the way you treated me."

For more on Roze, visit ImportantStuff.gatech.edu - Daniel

Welcome New Employees

- Carter, Ray Nathon** - Human Resources
- Corbie, Ricardo** - Housing
- Findlay, Kawanna** - Parking
- Gaskin, Lee J** - Info Tech Group
- Hargrove, Morgan** - Student Center
- Holder, Fred** - Housing
- Johnson, Allen** - Human Resources
- Logan, Bonita V** - Housing
- Manuel, Michelle** - Student Center
- Mendez, Herman** - Housing
- Outlaw, Antonio T** - Housing
- Queen, Joshua** - Parking
- Richards, Bradley James** - Business Serv
- Richardson, Donald Clyde** - Parking
- Smith, Pamela** - Housing
- Turner, Kristen G** - Stamps Health
- Worthy, Danielle** - Campus Recreation



Health Expo & President's Walk

Celebrate the end of spring semester at the annual President's Walk and Health Expo hosted by Health & Well-Being on Thursday, April 26th!

The Health Expo and check-in/registration for the President's Walk begins at 3pm. Pre-registration for the walk is encouraged but not required at crc.gatech.edu - my crc - programs - President's Campus Walk. The first 250 registrants will receive the official 2018 President's Walk & Health Expo T-shirt.

At 4pm, Health & Well-Being Executive Director, Suzy Harrington will be announcing the 2018 [Certified Healthy](#) recipients. "So many of our students and employees are doing wonderful things around campus and this initiative is a great way to highlight them," said Harrington. This year, Certified Healthy will recognize student groups and campus departments that have demonstrated a commitment to fostering healthy lifestyle choices across all dimensions of well-being.

Following the awards ceremony, President Peterson will give remarks and officially begin the walk at 4:30pm.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's walk rain or shine! For more information about the walk and the event, go to hwb.gatech.edu/walk.

THINGS TO DO

- Comedy Show: Jessica Williams** - Thursday, April 12, Doors open 7 PM. First Center for the Arts, \$7 tickets in advance at techstuff2.gatech.edu
- Learn Qualtrics Survey Software** RSVP - janine.vienna@gatech.edu ITG Training Room, 845 Marietta St. - Wed., April 18, 10 a.m.-noon