

Georgia Tech Black Community Support

A guide to supporting the Black community at Georgia Tech, and mental health and safety resources for everyone



How to Advocate

Call the following numbers:

- Your city's Chief of Police
- Your county's Sheriff
- Your State Patrol office
- Your Mayor
- Your Governor
- Your local accountability, human rights, or other relevant offices that vary by area
- Atlanta Police Chief Shields: 404-546-6900
- Fulton Sheriff Jackson: 404-612-5100
- Georgia Department of Public Services
Commissioner Vowell (oversees Georgia State Patrol): 404-624-7477
- Atlanta Mayor: 404-330-6100

Donate to Black organizations:

- GA NAACP (or your local NAACP chapter)
- George Floyd Memorial Fund
- Reclaim the Block
- Black Lives Matter
- Campaign Zero
- Black Visions Collective
- ATL Solidarity Fund site (or your local solidarity fund)
- Black Youth Project 100
- Color of Change
- National Association for the Advancement of Color People (NAACP)
- Southern Center for Human Rights
- The King Center
- National Center for Civil and Human Rights

How to Protest Safely

Warnings

- Only attend protests with transparent leadership linked to legitimate community/activism organizations
- If you are an international student, be aware that if you get arrested, you could lose your visa
- We are still in the midst of a pandemic, so wear a mask, socially distance if you are able, and try to quarantine after
- Under the 4th Amendment, you do not have to give your passwords for your devices to the police. Facial recognition passwords are not protected
- You only have to identify yourself by Name and DOB, so hold your responses and wait to speak to your attorney
- Always stay with your group, and let family and friends know where you are
- Plan your transportation

What to wear/bring

- Nondescriptive, comfortable, fitted clothing that is hard to grab
- Face masks (extra if possible)
- Thick sneakers or boots
- Heat resistant goggles
- Emergency contacts on arms
 - Atlanta jail support: (404) 689-1519 or your local jail support (google it!)
- Pull your hair back
- BRING:
 - Water
 - Cash
 - ID
 - Snacks
 - First aid
 - Protest signs
 - A backpack or fanny pack to carry your items

If you are tear gassed

- Remain calm and take the following steps:
- Avoid using oils/lotions because they can trap chemicals and prolong exposure
- Breathe slowly, blow your nose, rinse your mouth, cough, and spit
- If possible, shut your eyes
- Quickly move away from the tear gas canister
- Remove your contacts, or have someone with clean hands remove your contacts and throw them away, or wash your glasses
- Wash your hands and rinse your eyes If possible, use a solution of half antacid/half water, or use milk
- Get home, air out your clothes, wash your clothes, and shower

GT, Mental Health, and Black Student Resources

GT Resources

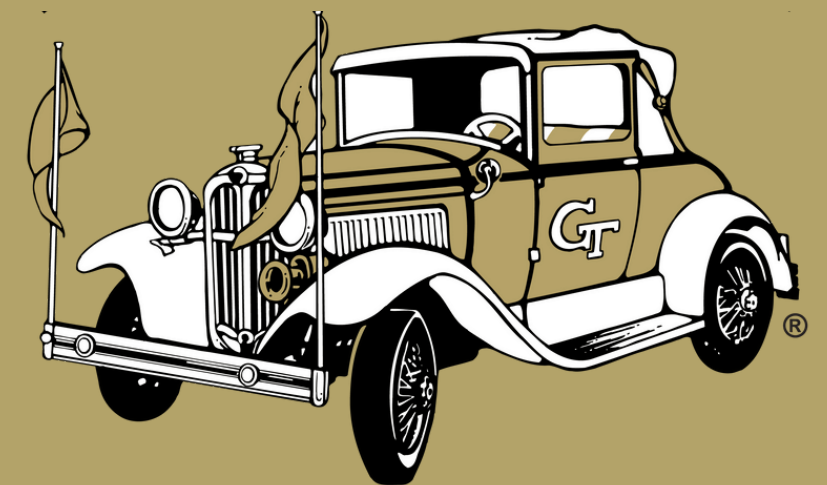
- Office of Minority Education
- Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion
- Center for Engineering Education and Diversity
- Health Initiatives
- Women's Resource Center
- LGBTQIA Resource Center
- GT Counseling Center
- SGA Legal Advising

Mental Health Resources

- The Steve Fund site
 - Text STEVE to 741741 to connect with a trained crisis counselor 24/7
- Therapy for Black Girls
- Therapy for Black Men
- Black Emotional and Mental Health
- Silence the Shame
- The Boris Lawrence Henson Foundation
- BetterHelp
- The Trevor Project
- NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Black Student Organizations

- African American Student Union
- African Student Association
- Black Graduate Student Association
- Black Student Recruitment Team
- Caribbean Student Association
- GT National Pan-Hellenic Council
- GT Society of Black Engineers



Tools to Learn More

Books available for Kindle through GT Library (gatech.overdrive.com):

- I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
- Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson
- The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin
- The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander
- The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson
- Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

Movies:

- 13th
- American Son
- Dear White People
- See You Yesterday
- When They See Us
- If Beale Street Could Talk
- The Hate U Give
- The Black Power Mixtape: 1967-1975
- Clemency
- Fruitvale Station
- I Am Not Your Negro