Blow on stern winds of Tech’s mighty crew,
To your compelling call we’ll e’er be true
Till each his part has played. ~ A.D.A.

Taken from “A Tribute to the Whistle,” as printed
in the 1914 Blueprint, Georgia Tech’s yearbook.

Kessler Campanile
5:15 p.m.
Thursday, April 2, 2015

When the Whistle Blows

Alma Mater

Music by Frank Roman
Words by I. H. Granath

Oh, sons of Tech, arise, behold!
The Banner as it reigns supreme,
For from on high the White and Gold
Waves in its triumphant gleam.
The spirit of the cheering throng
Resounds with joy revealing
A brotherhood in praise and song,
In memory of the days gone by.
Oh Scion of the Southland!
In our hearts you shall forever fly.

We cherish thoughts so dear for thee,
Oh, Alma Mater in our prayer.
We plead for you in victory,
And in the victory we share!
But when the battle seems in vain
Our spirits never falter,
We’re ever one in joy or pain
And our union is a lasting bond.
Oh! May we be united
Till the victory of life is won.

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When the Whistle Blows is one of Georgia Tech's most revered traditions. Today marks the 15th time the Institute has held a ceremony to remember students, faculty, and staff who passed away in the previous year.

The ceremony itself is steeped in the richest of Georgia Tech traditions. The Ramblin' Wreck, a 1930 Model A Ford and the Institute's first official mascot, leads families into the ceremony. Georgia Tech was one of the first universities in the nation to have a Reserved Officers Training Corps program, and members of our Army, Navy, and Air Force ROTC units provide escorts for the families. The unity candle represents the entire Georgia Tech community — the more than 27,000 students, faculty, and staff who comprise the Institute. The Alma Mater reminds us of our roots here at Tech and gives voice to the hope that we will always be united as a community.

And, of course, there's the tradition for which this ceremony is named — the Whistle. The Whistle dates back to the time of Georgia Tech's second president, Lyman Hall. Every time it blew, the sound resonated through Atlanta, becoming not only a trademark for the Institute, but a timepiece for the community. Throughout the decades, the Whistle has continued to keep time, whether calling students to class or celebrating a football victory. Today, as in years past, the sound of the Whistle remains a deeply ingrained, symbolic tradition unique to Georgia Tech, and we proudly remember those who are no longer with us with a salute from the Whistle.

At the 2006 ceremony, Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) Machine Services unveiled a miniature brass replica of the historic Georgia Tech Whistle. This unique keepsake is presented to the families of the deceased.

Nothing can replace the joy that a loved one or cherished friend brings to our lives. But we can heal and grow stronger ... together. This evening, we honor and celebrate the memory of those who have gone before us. May they forever remain in our hearts.

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**Program**

**Welcome**

*Welcome family, friends, and guests to When the Whistle Blows.*

**We Remember**

**Saamer Akhshabi**  
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College of Computing

**John Carrigan**  
Undergraduate Student  
College of Engineering

**Adrienne Harrington**  
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**Daniel Mitchell**  
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**Edward Rowe**  
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**Robert Thompson**  
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Facilities

**Marion Turner**  
Custodian  
Facilities

**Toby Turner**  
K9 Officer  
Georgia Tech Police Department

**Martin Wahl**  
Maintenance Worker  
Facilities

**Peter Wallace**  
Senior Research Associate  
Georgia Tech Research Institute

**Bryan Ward**  
Undergraduate Student  
College of Engineering

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**Alma Mater**

**The Whistle Blows**

**Flowers of the Forest**

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*** Please stand**