BuzzFunds
Annual Report
FY2023

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FY2023 Overview

Campus Services supports student events by awarding its BuzzFunds allocation to registered student organizations and campus departments that seek additional funding to enhance their events and engage with the campus community.

The fiscal year 2023 brought more BuzzFunds requests than FY22, likely due to the number of events increasing across campus. Additionally, BuzzFunds received more requests for smaller events with smaller dollar amounts requested. BuzzFunds began to see Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) build community with smaller events, but with some of the event enhancements of larger events that BuzzFunds is able to provide for RSOs. For this fiscal year, we have added two new pieces of information to this report. Every requestor had to identify which of the Georgia Tech Strategic Plan Values their event supports. Requestors had to do this last year but could select multiple values in FY22.

98	**$178,029**	**$1,817**
Events	*Awarded*	*Average Award*

This year, they could only select one option to really tell us which of the values Campus Services BuzzFunds most supports through award allocations. Another new component in this report is information about the Campus Life Scholarships that were awarded to 7 students this year from Campus Services BuzzFunds Allocation. The Campus Life scholarship seeks to recognize and reward students that have positively impacted the Institute community through their leadership, scholarship, and service.

In FY23, Campus Services supported Registered Student Organizations (RSO) in their efforts to welcome students to campus during Week of Welcome. The summer can be a challenging time for RSOs to plan events, obtain funding for their events, and then come together as an organization to implement the event. Because Campus Services teams plan Move-in and Week of Welcome, Campus Services through BuzzFunds assisted RSOs in funding their events. In the first year of offering this funding for our student organizations that host events for Week of Welcome, Campus Services awarded $7,592 to a total of 12 RSO events.
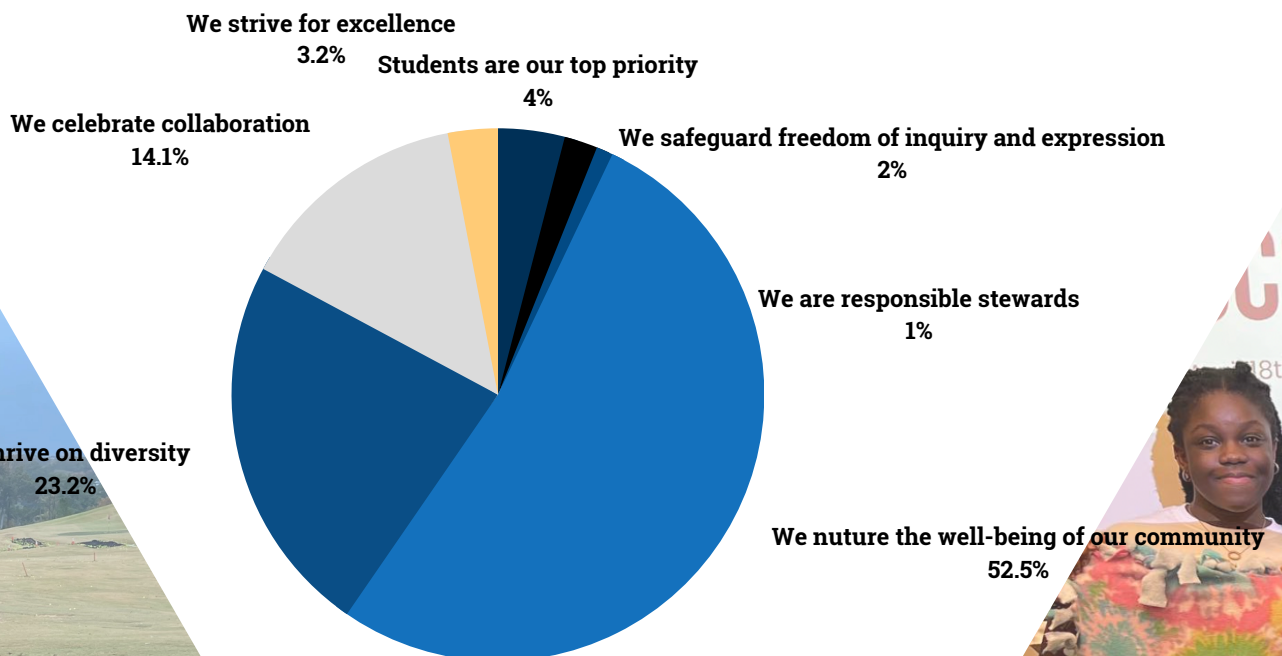
The Campus Life Scholarship itself is not new. However, it has not been included in the previous years' reports. But this year, we saw a record number of scholarship applications and very qualified students that went through the selection process for this scholarship for student leaders that have made a profound impact on Georgia Tech's campus.
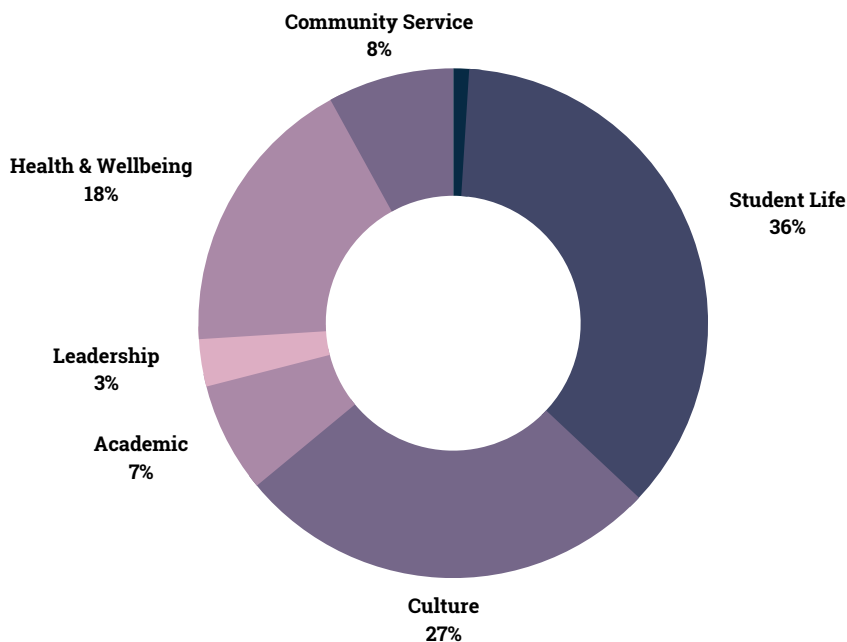
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Supporting the Strategic Plan

This year once again, the BuzzFunds request process focused on how BuzzFunds can support the Georgia Tech Strategic Plan through supporting student events. The request form asked event planners to select one of the nine values of Georgia Tech they feel that their event will help to support and achieve. In the past, requestors were allowed to self-select as many of the values as they felt applied to their event. This year, we only allowed event planners to self-select the one value they feel is most supported by their event to get the most accurate representation of the values that were supported.

Of the 98 events that BuzzFunds allocated funding to this year, the requests showed that the number one Georgia Tech value that BuzzFunds supported events tended to support was "We nurture the well-being of our community." 52 of the 98 events reported that their event supported this value within Georgia Tech's nine values. The second most prevalent value reported was "We thrive on diversity," with 23 of the event planners indicating that their events support this value. And the third most reported value in BuzzFunds-funded events was, "We celebrate collaboration," with 14 event planners selecting this value for their event.

We strive for excellence
3.2%

Students are our top priority
4%

We celebrate collaboration
14.1%

We safeguard freedom of inquiry and expression
2%

We are responsible stewards
1%

We thrive on diversity
23.2%

We nuture the well-being of our community
52.5%

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Event Categories Breakdown

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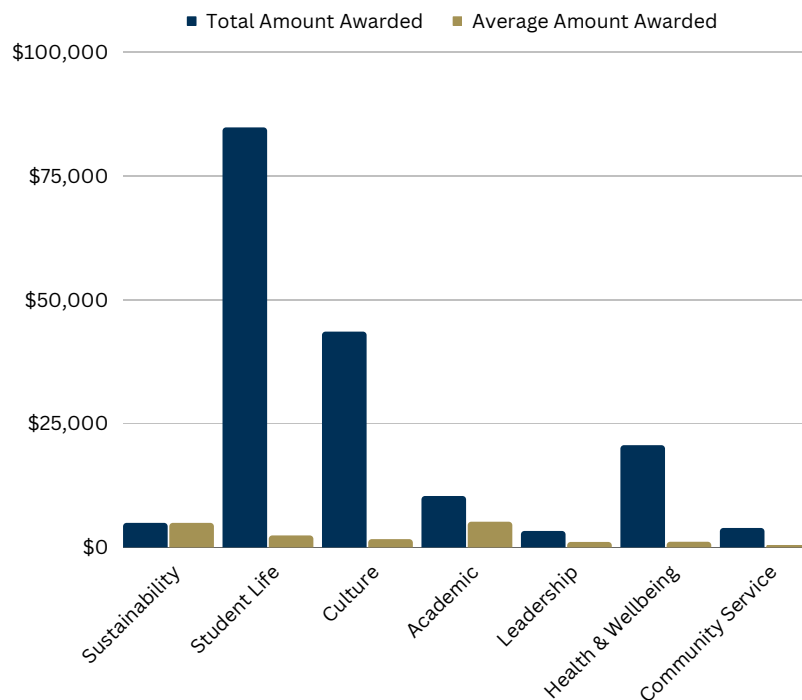8%

Student Life
36%

Health & Wellbeing
18%

Leadership
3%

Academic
7%

Culture
27%

In FY23, Campus Services was able to award a total of $178,029 to student organizations and departments for 98 events held from August 2022 to April 2023. Of the 98 events that were funded, the greatest amount of events funded were in the Student Life category of events with 35 Student Life events funded. Likewise, when breaking down the categories by amount funded, Student Life also was the greatest category with $84,697

From there, the next most funded category was Culture with $43,478, and Health and Wellbeing with $20,557. This data is very much in line with FY23's financial breakdown by category. Not all $178,029 that was awarded was actually spent after the award was given. Several events were canceled or overestimated their expenses. As a result, BuzzFunds was able to award more money than the annual allocation, because event planners informed us that they would not be using their award. We were then able to reallocate that funding to other groups.

Total Amount Awarded   Average Amount Awarded

$100,000

$75,000

$50,000

$25,000

$0

Sustainability   Student Life   Culture   Academic   Leadership   Health & Wellbeing   Community Service

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Campus Life Scholarship

The Campus Life Scholarship seeks to recognize and reward students that have positively impacted the Institute community through their leadership, scholarship, and service. Applicants must be current undergraduate or graduate students.

The process included an open nomination process where anyone on campus could nominate a student with their name and email. Students who were nominated would then be sent the application and were encouraged to apply because someone on campus nominated them. Students completed the online application with essay questions, proof of a 3.0 GPA or higher, and one on-campus reference that could speak to the applicant's character, leadership, commitment to campus community building, and role in the relevant program, service, activity, or initiative. References were required to be from a faculty member, staff member, or administrator. After applications and references were reviewed by the selection committee of 7 staff members from departments all across campus, the top 10 finalists had an additional 20-30 minute interview with the scholarship selection committee.

This year was a banner year for the Campus Life Scholarship process. With a record 42 applications received, the scholarship selection committee had a hard time selecting the top 10 finalists to interview. The committee was originally planning to only award five students scholarships. But they quickly found in the interview process that the top 10 finalists were very active and involved in their campus community. The committee ended up awarding seven candidates a $3,000 scholarship for a total of $21,000 because there were just too many great students in the final round of selection. The winners all came from different registered student organizations, projects, and communities on campus and have had a major impact on the Georgia Tech community.

Scholarship Winners

Caleb Buchanan was awarded the scholarship based on his work through the African American Male Initiative at Georgia Tech, working to elevate the lives of Black students on campus. He has done many other things at Tech including being a Scheller Business Ambassador, a leader through his faith community, and a Challenge Counselor.

Nadia Quotb was awarded the scholarship based on the work she has done advocating for underrepresented groups through her positions in the Society for Women in Physics. Nadia student supported the initiative to get a handicap-accessible women's restroom installed in Boggs and cameras installed around Howey to promote safety and inclusivity in the physics building.

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Maeve Janecka was awarded the scholarship for her work on the Undergraduate Judiciary Board where she has supported students in improving transparency within the student conduct process, implemented critical implicit bias training into the justice training, and created a fund to support students in financial need to support their mandatory AOD assessment reducing financial stress for at-risk students.

Eli Winterscheidt was awarded the scholarship for his work in the Georgia Tech Community Garden. This individual has worked with hundreds of volunteers and has been a part of the planning group for the expansion that recently tripled the size of the community garden which will benefit students, staff, and faculty alike.

Natasha Valluri was awarded the scholarship for her work in Pride Alliance. This individual played an instrumental part in bringing back PrideFest, a celebration of Georgia Tech's LGBTQIA+ community with over 500 attendees and 20 student organizations coming together. Natasha has also done a variety of work with Bits of Good and Youth for Women in Technology, a non-profit that strives to achieve gender equality in the tech industry.

Sun Graham was awarded the scholarship for her work through the Asian American Student Association. Sun played an instrumental part in bringing back Tour of Asia to campus at its full capacity and establishing it as a signature annual event to celebrate Asian culture. She has done a variety of work to amplify Asian voices – a demographic that encompasses over 40% of students and cultural organizations on campus.

Jason Juang was awarded the scholarship for his work with ElectrifyGT, an organization that promotes a commitment towards sustainability through electrification. In his time at GT, he has supported many initiatives around research, advocacy, and education, including working with GT Landscaping to convert all gas-powered equipment to electric alternatives and working on the report detailing the full electrification of Georgia Tech's fleet vehicles.

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Event Testimonials

Step Into STEM

Our event was a tremendous success. We were able to reach out to more APS families than last year and ended up with 23 more children at our event this year compared to last. Without the help from BuzzFunds our event would not have been possible. We wouldn't have had the funding to pay for any of the food at the event. Providing food is extremely important to us as we want to make sure our event is accessible and nearly cost free for those attending. We also wouldn't have been able to rent the tables and chairs that the demonstrations are set up on, which is a crucial part of the event.

- Aman Jain, Junior STEM

World Cup Watch Party

Because of BuzzFunds, we were able to plan an exciting event for almost 200 students at Georgia Tech and provide a venue for soccer fans to come together to watch the game and take part in some activities. Without Buzzfunds, our event may not have been possible. BuzzFunds was able to provide the necessary funding to make our event happen, when our other funding sources fell through.

- Christian Duetemeyer, SCPC

Positivity Pumpkins

The event used almost exclusively BuzzFunds without which the event would not have happened. If we did not have BuzzFunds, we would not have been able to purchase the pumpkins that students were able to decorate. This was the most important part of the event

- Heather Fleming, SMILE

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Events Awarded

Event	Award Amount
AASU Onyx Ball	5,000
Alternative Service Breaks - ASB Trip to Dominican Republic and New Orleans	363
Arab Student Association - ASO BBQ and Game Day	387
ASHA Athletics - Harry Potter Trivia	750
ASHA for Education Fall 2022 Race	601
Asian American Student Association - South Asian Fashion Show	424
Bridge Club - Double Dummy Event	830
Chinese Student Association - Hot Pot Run January	624
Chinese Student Association - Hot Pot Run March	617
Club Math - Pies and Pi	500
College Democrats - Your Thoughts Matter	200
Computer Science Grad Association - PhD Welcome Event	3,606
CRC - Halloween Holla	3,500
Cure Your Cravings	2,428
Diwali	4,000
Drama Tech Week of Welcome and Open House Events	1,679
Energy Club - Southeastern Energy Conference	271
EnVision - EnVision Week of Welcome Events	1,735
EnVision - Sustaining Mental Health	416
Fellowship of Christian Graduate Students - End-of-Year Community Gathering	200
Filipino Student Association - Family and Filipino Heritage Night	251
Filipino Student Association - March Social	775
Filipino Student Association - November Dance Workshop	578
Grad SGA - CRIDC	3,000
GT Filipino Student Association - Traditional Filipino Games Workshop	215
GT Girls Who Code - Trips to Nearby Schools	936
GT Science Olympiad Club	4,270
GT Startup Exchange - Diversity in Innovation	826
GTIA Night Market	3,574
Hindu YUVA - Ami Ganatra - Speaker on Campus	1,500
Hindu YUVA - Dharma Awareness Week	4,000
Hindu YUVA - Swagatam	1,012
Iranian Student Association - Game Night	150
Iranian Student Association - Nowruz Celebration	599
Iranian Student Association - Picnic at Tech Green	400
Iranian Student Association - Valentine's Day Event	38
Iranian Student Association - Welcome Event Bowling Night	268
Iranian Student Association - Yalda Night	293
Junior STEM - Step into STEM	1,521
LEO - Catapult Experience for Hands on ATL	102
LEO - Silly Putty Experiment with Hands on ATL	368
LEO Paper Airplanes	95
LEO Static Electricity Butterfly Experiment	313

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Event	Award Amount
Materials Science Engineering - Science of Golf Lab	800
MOVE Into the Streets	4,525
Muslim Student Association - Healthy Happy Hour	2,671
Pakistani Student Association - Board Game Night	150
Pakistani Student Association - Saqafat	750
PAUSE - Pause and Think: Healthy Relationships Awareness Event	700
Piano Forte Winter Concert	1,765
Public Health Student Association - Black History and Public Health	690
Public Health Student Association - Heart Health Awareness Initiative	750
Public Health Student Association - Why Public Health Matters	182
Qbios - Lunch and Coffee (February)	300
Qbios - Lunch and Coffee (January)	300
Qbios - Lunch and Coffee (March)	300
Qbios - Lunch and Coffee (October)	300
Qbios - Lunch and Coffee (September)	300
Science.Art.Wonder Meet and Greet	310
SCPC - Battle of the Smoothies	415
SCPC - Grammy's Watch Party	110
SCPC - GT Night at Six Flags	16,000
SCPC - GT Night at the Aquarium	7,000
SCPC - Mardi Gras	150
SCPC - Mercedes Benz Tour	2,815
SCPC - Open Mic Night	306
SCPC - Sting Break	4,000
SCPC - Take A Prof	500
SCPC - World Cup Watch Party	1,178
SCPC Black Panther	3,774
SCPC Fall Concert	2,473
SCPC GT Night at the Circus	2,814
SCPC Jackrobots	1,023
SCPC Take a Prof	1,000
SCS Graduate Student Association - SCS Hangouts	1,256
SKY - A Dialogue on Mental Wellness in Campus Life	3,775
SKY - November Wellness Sessions and Yoga Series	1,350
SKY - Weekly Wellness Sessions (February)	950
SKY - Weekly Wellness Sessions (March)	1,000
SKY Happiness	600
SMILE - Hearts for Campus	970
SMILE - International Night	1,310
SMILE - March Gladness	10,000
SMILE - Positivity Pumpkins	1,900
SMILE - Smiles Beyond Skiles	710
SMILE Cookies and Complements	1,595
SMILE Finals Encouragement Bags	4,595
SMILE Give Thanks	1,495
SMILEntine's Day Special	950
SMILE's on Skiles	1,540
Society of Women Engineers - Taste of SWE	349
Starter Bikes Space Expansion	4,875
Student Cancer Coalition - Blanket Making for CURE for Childhood Cancer	190
Students Organizing for Sustainability - Campus Sustainability Trivia	100
Tech Dining - Food Truck Rally	10,000
Vietnamese Student Association - Moon Festival	8,000
VSA Spring Gala	7,000
Women in Materials Science - Connect and Dine	1,955

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