Greetings From Dean Jacqueline Jones Royster

Thank you for joining us in celebrating a watermark in the history of Atlanta, the state of Georgia, and the international human rights dialog. This Founder’s Day marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of Ivan Allen Jr., the mayor of Atlanta from 1962 to 1970, and begins a special, year-long celebration of the concepts of social courage, social justice, civic vision, and compassionate leadership that are his legacy. Georgia Tech President G. P. “Bud” Peterson will make the inaugural presentation of the Ivan Allen Jr. Prize for Social Courage to a visionary leader at the forefront of efforts to reduce global threats from nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons: former United States Senator Sam Nunn. A series of events will continue throughout the year, peaking in 2012 with the 50th anniversary commemoration of Allen’s inauguration as mayor of the City of Atlanta.

This year-long celebration coincides with the beginning of our third decade as stewards of the Allen legacy. Since its founding in 1990, the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts has fulfilled that trust by engaging students, scholars, and the community through human-centered interdisciplinary teaching and research and through the awarding of the Ivan Allen Jr. Prize for Progress and Service (2001–2010). With the awarding of the Ivan Allen Jr. Prize for Social Courage, we herald a new era in our efforts to engage the citizens of Atlanta, our state, nation, and the global community in this legacy.

This is a signal opportunity to reflect on critical moments of our civil history and to carry the light of social courage, social justice, and ethical leadership into the future.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Jones Royster
Dean, Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts

The Honorable Sam Nunn

Sam Nunn is the co-chairman and chief executive officer of the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI), a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization working to reduce global threats from nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons of mass destruction.

Senator Nunn is active in the public policy arena as a distinguished professor in Georgia Tech’s Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, which was named in his honor in 1996.

Nunn also serves as chairman of the board for the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C. and co-chairs the Euro-Atlantic Security Initiative (EASI), an international commission sponsored by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

During his twenty-four-year tenure as a U.S. Senator from Georgia (1972–1996), Senator Nunn was the guiding force in reshaping American policy toward the former Soviet Union. As chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Nunn co-drafted the Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction Program, which assists Russia and the former Soviet republics in securing and destroying their excess weapons of mass destruction. The program has been hailed as “the most significant congressional achievement in nuclear affairs since the dawn of the nuclear age.”

Retired from the law firm of King & Spalding, Nunn was raised in the small town of Perry, Georgia. He attended Georgia Tech, Emory University, and Emory Law School, where he graduated with honors in 1962. After serving in the U.S. Coast Guard, he spent six years in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve. He received an honorary doctorate from Georgia Tech in 2008 and was the recipient of the Ivan Allen Jr. Prize for Progress and Service in 2004.
The Ivan Allen Jr. Prize for Social Courage

The Ivan Allen Jr. Prize for Social Courage is awarded in honor of Ivan Allen Jr., who was a pivotal leader during America’s struggle for racial integration during the 1960s. As mayor of Atlanta, he risked his place in society, his political future, and ultimately his life to testify before Congress in support of what became the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

It is Georgia Tech’s privilege to illuminate the legacy of this great man. Awarded for the first time in 2011, the Ivan Allen Jr. Prize for Social Courage recognizes those around the world who, by standing up for moral principle in the social arena, have positively affected public discourse at the risk of their own careers, their livelihoods, and even their lives.

Funded in perpetuity by the Wilbur and Hilda Glenn Family Foundation, the prize is accompanied by a $100,000 award.

Prior to the Ivan Allen Jr. Prize for Social Courage, the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts has awarded the Ivan Allen Jr. Prize for Progress & Service which has honored individuals associated with Georgia who have contributed to the progress and service of society through fields relevant to our curriculum. Here are the distinguished recipients of that award:

2010 - William J. Todd ('71), Georgia healthcare leader
2009 - Helene D. Gayle, world health expert and humanitarian
2008 - Ted Turner, Atlanta entrepreneur, media mogul, and philanthropist
2007 - Lessie & Charles Smithgall ('33), conservationists and philanthropists
2006 - Jesse Hill Jr., Atlanta businessman and civil rights leader
2005 - Will Wright, legendary designer of electronic games
2004 - Former U.S. Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia ('66)
2003 - Molly Ivins, nationally syndicated columnist
2002 - Former President Jimmy Carter ('47)
2001 - Former Governor and U.S. Senator Zell Miller

Research Roundtable:
8:30 AM–12:00 PM
Imperial Ballroom

Welcome & Introduction
8:30 AM
Jacqueline J. Royster
Dean, Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts

“Water and Conflict”
9:30 AM
Moderator:
Sally Bethea, Executive Director and Riverkeeper, Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
Susan Cozzens, Associate Dean for Research, School of Public Policy Professor, and Director of the Technology Policy and Assessment Center
Aris Georgakakos, Georgia Water Resources Institute Director and School of Civil and Environmental Engineering Professor
Barbara Deutsch Lynch, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs Visiting Associate Professor
Bruce Stiftel, Architecture Professor and Chair of the School of City and Regional Planning Program

Break
10:45 AM

“The Future of Media”
11:00 AM
Moderator:
Phil Sharpe, Senior Vice President of Digital Media Competitiveness and Strategy, Turner Broadcasting
Ian Bogost, School of Literature, Communication, and Culture Associate Professor and Director of the Graduate Program in Digital Media
Michael Best, Assistant Professor of the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs and the School of Interactive Computing
Alexandra Mazalek, School of Literature, Communication, and Culture Assistant Professor and School of Interactive Computing Adjunct Assistant Professor
Luncheon Recognizing the Honorable Sam Nunn

12:30 PM–2:30 PM
The Georgian Ballroom

Welcome
Jacqueline J. Royster
Dean, Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts

Poetry Reading
Thomas Lux
Professor, Margaret T. and Henry C. Bourne Jr. Chair in Poetry,
School of Literature, Communication, and Culture

Lunch
Remarks by the Honorable Mayor Kasim Reed

Ivan Allen Jr. Legacy Awards
Peter Brecke
Assistant Dean for Information Technology
Susan Cozzens
Associate Dean for Research
John Tone
Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies

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G. P. “Bud” Peterson
President, Georgia Institute of Technology

Founder’s Day Address
The Honorable Sam Nunn

The Legacy Awards are supported by the generosity of Col. Stephen and Mrs. Pamela Hall.

The Legacy of Ivan Allen Jr.

A civic leader of extraordinary courage, Ivan Allen Jr. (1911–2003) embodied our aspirations for graduates of Georgia Tech. A Tech alumnus (Commerce ’33), Ivan Allen Jr. combined his work here with his values and ability to treat all people with integrity, making a huge impact on history.

Born to one of Atlanta’s leading families, Mayor Allen stepped outside of his comfort zone and joined Martin Luther King Jr. and others to represent Atlanta to the world during the turbulent racial integration of the 1960s. He was the only white, southern elected official to testify before Congress in support of the Civil Rights Bill. Through his courageous leadership, Atlanta avoided the violence so prevalent in other southern cities and implemented peaceful paths to integration.

Mayor Allen’s commitment to integration made him a pariah to many Atlanta citizens including the prominent and powerful. It is this kind of moral and ethical courage that is the extraordinary legacy of Ivan Allen Jr. “The Allen legacy inspires the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts and the whole of Georgia Tech to represent in our teaching, research, and public service all of the human values the Allen legacy has come to stand for,” said Georgia Tech President G. P. “Bud” Peterson. “We intend to provide our students with the means by which they can make decisions based on the kinds of moral and ethical principles that led Ivan Allen Jr. to risk being ostracized by his peers in order to defend what is right. We want our graduates to be easily identified not only as preeminent in their respective fields, but as leaders with values and compassion.”