CHALLENGE

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Office of Institute Diversity
OMED: Educational Services

• OMED: Educational Services is the unit charged by Georgia Tech with the retention, development, and performance of the underrepresented student: African-American, Hispanic, Multi-racial, and Native American.

• Our mission is “to successfully transition and transform today’s gifted, yet inexperienced Georgia Tech student into tomorrow’s promising leader.”

• OMED Programs, while targeted to the underrepresented, are beneficial and open to all Georgia Tech students.
A Signature Program
Key Points of Challenge

• Started in 1980. Copied by other universities.

• 5-week, INTENSIVE, residential summer program for incoming freshmen.

• Targeted to the Underrepresented but open to all.

• Students take Calculus, Chemistry, Computer Science, and a Seminar from real GT professors.

• Students pay $500 to participate.

• Students can earn their $500 fee back by performance.
OMED Challenge Program

• Live in Freshman Dorms
• Corporate Field trips, workshops, sports, corporate interactions, team building activities, and much more.
• Learn Campus Life from UpperClassmen
• Build Lasting Relationships with other Participants
• Get Better First Semester GPAs than GT Avg!!
Coordination

- Admissions
- Math Dept
- Chem Dept – Prof & Labs
- College of Computing
- Housing
- Bursar’s Office
- Health Services
- FASET
- CRC
- Buzzcards
- Dining Services
- OIT – computer/wireless

- GT Police
- Dean of Students
- Career Services
- Counseling Center
- Office of International Education
- LCC Department
- ADAPTS
- Parking & Transportation
- Student Organizations
- GTBAO & GTHAN
Historically, students who participate in the Challenge Program graduate at a higher rate and with superior academic performance than their non-Challenge counterparts.
Tangibles & Intangibles

• Lots of summer internships as freshmen!
• Over a dozen become Housing RA’s
• Student Org leaders come from Challenge
• Facebook group that is a One Stop Shop of Peer to peer and Counselor to peer assistance
• The most receptive & accessible students
• Many students/parents claimed that Challenge and OMED is why they chose GT
### June 2013

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**Notes:**
- Students check into Residence Hall. Student and Parent Orientation will be held in the Student Center 1p-5p.
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**Notes:**

- **July 2013**
- Independence Day
- Ramadan begins
- Parents' Day
- Soccer Match evening
- Basketball Game evening
- FASET Review Sessions evening
- Soccer Match evening
- Parents' Day

**Additional Information:**
- **June 2013**
- **August 2013**

**Events:**
- Southwire Corporate Trip Day
- John Deere Corporate Visit to campus
- 3M Corp Night
- Kimberly Clark Corp Night
- P&G Corp Night
- Late Move Out
- Closing 12:30p-3:30p Move Out 4p-until
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- Seminar Presentations 9a-12p Talent Show 7p
- Review Session Chem & CS FINALS
- Final Review Sessions & Math FINAL
- Closing 12:30p-3:30p Move Out 4p-until
Thank You!!!!

For more questions you may contact us at:

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