Dear Friends of the College:

It's hard to believe that 2015 is underway. When we were children, time seemed to stretch endlessly before us, but now it races ahead and seems to leave us few moments of pause. During the winter break, I had a chance to reflect on the past year and what the coming one holds for us in the College.

In 2014, we saw a record number of applications to Georgia Tech, with the majority of students interested in pursuing an engineering degree. That is a great sign indeed for news stories, which Tech now ranks as the best public university in the nation. By some estimations, it is now harder to get into Tech than to get out. However, the rising interest from our students in entrepreneurial activities has led to changes in how we teach. And, our faculty continue to make contributions in their respective fields, earning accolades both here and abroad.

In 2014, we were honored to have the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) recognize our College of Engineering. Georgia Tech leads the country in faculty members who have been elected to the National Academy of Engineering, and we are now tied for fourth best engineering program in the U.S. Fast-forward to this year, and we are now ranked number one in the nation.

One major effort for the coming year will be active learning. Framing the lessons of STEM in an engaging and interactive way is the focus of the College of Engineering. During the year, I will keep you posted on new initiatives within the College. As always, thank you for your support. Tech wishes for a healthy and happy 2015.

Sincerely,

Gary S. May, Dean