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Month		Topic
January 9	<p>Tamara Pearson, Senior Research Scientist, CEISMC (filling in for Lizanne DeStefano, Executive Director of CEISMC and Professor, School of Psychology)</p> <p>Leigh McCook, GTRI Principal Research Associate and Division Chief, Socio-Technical Systems Division, Information and Communications Lab</p>	<p>Creating the Next Generation of Engineers and Scientists through Excellence in K12 Partnerships.</p> <p>Discussed the many STEM programs and initiative in CEISMC and GTRI.</p>
February 13	<p>Liz Persaud, Training and Outreach Coordinator</p> <p>Rachel Wilson, Assistive Technology Specialist</p>	<p>AMAC and Tools for Life Accessibility for All</p> <p>A guided tour of the GT AMAC Accessibility Solutions &amp; Research Center and a Tools for Life Demonstration.</p>
March 13	<p>Leanne West, Chief Engineer and Innovation Officer, PTC</p>	<p>Driving Innovation in Pediatric Technologies at the Georgia Tech Pediatric Technology Center</p>
April 10	<p>Dr. G. P. "Bud" Peterson President, Georgia Institute of Technology</p> <p>Dr. Stephen Cross, Executive Vice President for Research</p> <p>Jim Wallace, Retirement Program Manager</p>	<p>President Peterson provided an overview of recent Georgia Tech initiatives and responded to Silver Jackets questions.</p> <p>Dr. Cross spoke next about the evolution of Tech Square. GTRI, the Colleges, and Economic Development work together on various projects and to maximize start-up companies.</p> <p>Mr. Wallace responded to Silver Jackets questions and suggestions about a possible Retiree ID, library access, parking discounts, and other campus benefits.</p>
May 8	<p>Doug Allvine, Assistant Athletic Director,</p>	<p>GT Athletics Innovation and Academic</p>

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	Innovation, who spoke on GT Athletics Innovation and Academic Achievement	Achievement. Mr. Allvine discussed student athlete academic performance and the GT Degree Completion Program.
September 11	Roger W. Lusby III, CPA CMA AEP CGMA Managing Partner - Alpharetta Office of Frazier & Deeter	The impact of 2018 tax law changes to investment strategy and estate planning in retirement.
October 16	Robert C. (Rob) Connolly Chief of Police, Georgia Tech Police Department	An overview of the GTPD. Chief Connolly discussed police operations on campus including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growth and organization of the Department</li> <li>• Crimes on campus and police response</li> <li>• Student involvement in police operations</li> <li>• Campus outreach and student collaborations</li> <li>• Future plans and challenges</li> </ul>
November 13	Dr. Stephen Nowicki, Professor Emeritus of Psychology, Emory University	Making Relationships Work at Any Age. Dr. Nowicki discussed the importance of relationships; how we are doing in relationships; verbal and non-verbal communications; and the three phases of relationships.
December 4	Holiday Luncheon arranged by Sally Hammock, SJ Social Committee	Held at Petite Violette restaurant.