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October 6<sup>th</sup>

Black Staff Member Focus: From Student to Mentor

## Willy Barnett



Growing up mainly in Augusta, Georgia as a military child, Willy Barnett experienced many different geographical regions within the United States. This contributed to his adaptable and impactful personality he currently possesses as the Undergraduate Initiatives Coordinator and Website Manager for OMED at the age of thirty-two. Willy attended Georgia Tech from 1994 to 1999 and received a Bachelor's of Science in Electrical Engineering. His father served as his greatest inspiration to pursue engineering, for he always helped him with mathematical problems; however, it was his fascination with electronics and the popularity of the major at that time that guided him to study electrical engineering. Of all the courses he registered for as a student, Willy claimed that his easiest class was the Drama Tech class, which is no longer offered, in which he literally only had to wash costumes after 4 performances for one class and hang, then focus lighting for 2 meetings for another class to receive an "A" in both. His most difficult class was entitled Semi-conductors and Micro-electronics.

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## BGSA GT Networking Suite

Calling all student leadership, faculty, and GT Alumni! Bring your business cards and be prepared to develop your Georgia Tech network at the BGSA GT Networking Suite. In the interest of expanding your professional network, the Black Graduate Student Association, in conjunction with GTSBE, AASU, and the Student Advisory Committee to OMED (SACO), will be hosting a semi-formal networking event designed to foster the spirit of mentorship amongst current GT student leaders, faculty, and alumni. Taking place in Klaus 1116 event space on

**OCTOBER 3rd, 2008**  
from 5pm to 8pm.

\*RSVP to Lonnie Parker \*

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C.O.r.E.  
Workshop Series  
October 21<sup>st</sup>

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BGSA GT  
Networking Suite  
October 3<sup>rd</sup>

CAREER-ORIENTED EDUCATION

## CORE

WORKSHOP SERIES

All Held in  
Klaus Building  
Room 1456  
Workshop Titles:

- 1 - Interview Skills
- 2 - Business Etiquette
- 3 - Resume Writing
- 4 - Accepting a job offer
- 5 - Using Career Services and CareerBuzz

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Register Online at [www.gtsbe.org](http://www.gtsbe.org)



## Corporate Networking Dinner

- Think about your top three choices of employers. Would you enjoy accompanying one of them for a formal dinner?
- The CND pairs students with one of their top three employers for a business formal dinner. Dinner will consist of getting to know more about the company and their professionals.

October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008

Visit [www.gtsbe.org](http://www.gtsbe.org) to register & for more information

## TLC

### TLC (Total Leader Challenge) Workshop #1

- Communication Skills
- Develop all aspects of yourself and maximize your leadership potential through this informative workshop series. And get free food and awesome prizes while you're there!

Thursday, September 25  
6:30pm to 8:00pm

# NSBE's Mission

The NSBE Mission is to increase the number of culturally responsible Black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally, and positively impact the community.

## Membership

### 2 Easy Steps

1. To become a NSBE member you must register online at the NSBE National website and pay National Dues which are \$13.00. Go to [www.gtsbe.org](http://www.gtsbe.org) for more information.
2. Once you have registered at the NSBE National website you can become a NSBE member at the Georgia Tech Chapter. To become a NSBE member at Georgia Tech you must pay Chapter Dues. Chapter Dues are \$5.00. Just attend one of our Chapter meetings information.

Come by the GTSBE office and ask one of the CEB members to get your questions answered.



#### GTSBE Office Location

Student Center Room 331  
350 Ferst Center Drive, NW  
Atlanta, Georgia

#### Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm

#### Phone

404.894.2444

As a member of the Georgia Tech Society of Black Engineers, he believed that GTSBE "...shed the light on what's after college...and kept you serious." Although his studies meant a great deal to him, Willy always wanted to be a Challenge Program Counselor for the Office of Minority Education (OMED), since attending Challenge as a freshman under the leadership of Cedric Stallworth and S. Gordon Moore, Jr. to have an impact on Georgia Tech minority students. In fact, he was involved with OMED as a leader since his junior year in college, contributing to his interests in mentoring students and having important roles in the life of students to this day.

Willy believes that in order for undergraduates to be successful in the classroom and transition into the "real world" an individual must "...be able to sell himself or herself, step outside of his or her comfort zone, diversify relationships, and be willing to do things he or she have not done before." Willy regrets he never participated in the study abroad program while in undergraduate school; however, he realizes the importance of new experiences and seeks to study abroad as a graduate student at the Georgia State University where he is in pursuit of a MBA. Developing from a Georgia Tech student into a staff member for Georgia Tech that is respected by the students and fellow faculty and staff members, Willy Barnett continues to willfully and truthfully contribute to the success of students on the Georgia Tech campus.

*Interviewed by Ray Biggs*

## Region 3: Fall Regional Conference

Jacksonville, FL  
November 21-23



### Energizing Creativity to Achieve Exponential Growth

#### Registration

Early - Ends September 30  
Regular - Ends October 24  
Late - Ends November 13

#### Cost

Early: \$55  
Regular: \$75  
Late: \$95  
Onsite: \$115

Visit <http://www.nsbe.org/region3/frc/index.htm> for more information.



## MOTIVATION....



*Motivating the membership to serve the community academically, socially, and professionally.*