February 5 - 8, 2015, Student Alumni Association Vice President of Operation, Ria Banerjee traveled to Orlando, Florida to attend the CASE ASAP District III Conference hosted by the University of Central Florida. At the end of the conference, student organizations were honored for their commitment to advancing student life on their respective campuses. GTSF, along with the GT Student Alumni Association, walked away with six (6) out of 15 district awards.

**Outstanding External Program - Allocation Process**

The External Program award highlights an organization's specific efforts to improve their campus. The allocations process exemplifies this award. Each semester GTSF distributes over $16,000 in grants to student initiatives that benefit and enhance the quality of life on campus. The grants are funded from our $1.1 million dollar endowment and project proposals are evaluated based on their novelty, impact to students, increasing philanthropic efforts to Tech and the sustainability of the idea. Through the Allocations process, GTSF has awarded over $550,000 to 470+ student initiatives over the last 29 years.

**Outstanding Internal Program - Freshman Leadership Initiative**

The Internal Program award highlights an organization's specific efforts to improve upon the quality of the organization. The Freshman Leadership Initiative is a Georgia Tech Freshman Leadership Organization that takes sixteen (16) freshman each year. They attend networking socials and participate in professional development activities. Their major events include a fall fundraiser and spring philanthropic event, Freshman Leadership Initiative Challenge, which is a two-week drive to inform freshman of the importance of philanthropy and to also increase the number of freshman donors. At the end of the year long program the students have the skills & experiences to grow into leadership roles within Student Foundation and the campus.

**Outstanding Student Leader - Chad Sims**

Chad Sims is the Chief Administrative Officer for Student Foundation. Graduating May 2015, Chad has been a member since he was a freshman in the Development Committee. He has served as a director for both the Development and Marketing committee. Around campus, he has held leadership positions with the Student Alumni Association and served as a Georgia Tech Ambassador.

**Outstanding Organization - Student Foundation**
The mission of the Georgia Tech Student Foundation is to enhance the experience of each and every Georgia Tech student by developing future leaders and loyal alumni who contribute to the Institute not only during their time as a student, but also in years to come. The Georgia Tech Student Foundation provides funding for student-centric initiatives, offers professional skill development through the management of its endowment, educates the student body on the spirit of philanthropy through donations to GT Roll Call, and develops strong leadership among its members. Since J Erskine Love Jr. established our endowment with $100,000 in 1986, Student Foundation as determinedly pursued its mission with passion and reverence for our past.

The Student Alumni Association received awards for Outstanding Organization and Outstanding Internal Program with their Speed Networking event in the Fall.

With winning these awards both Student Foundation and the Student Alumni Association will advance to compete for the national awards at the 42th Annual CASE ASAP Network Convention, August 6-8 in Washington, DC.

Last year, GTSF won district awards for Outstanding Tried and True Program, Internal Program and Advisor of the Year. We received the national award for Most Outstanding Internal Program with our Investment Committee Mentorship Program.

CASE ASAP (Affiliated Student Advancement Programs)

CASE ASAP comprises student alumni associations, student foundations and similar organizations at more than 300 CASE member institutions. Its goal is to foster and enhance student involvement in all areas of advancement—from alumni relations and communications to fundraising, marketing and related areas.