



## Touro GST Summer Newsletter

*Celebrating the Class of 2026 and a Semester of Success*

Welcome to the Summer 2026 edition of the Touro Graduate School of Technology Newsletter. As we conclude another successful semester, we proudly celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2026 and reflect on the achievements of our students, faculty, alumni, and industry partners. Thank you for being part of the GST community and helping make this semester a success.



### **Congratulations, Class of 2026!**

We proudly celebrate the Class of 2026 and the dedication, resilience, and achievement that have defined their journey at GST. As our graduates begin the next chapter of their professional and personal lives, we look forward to seeing the impact they will make in their industries and communities.

[See More Graduation Moments Here](#)

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## Honoring a Legacy of Innovation

As Dean Issac Herskowitz retires after more than 35 years of service to Touro University, we celebrate his lasting impact on the Graduate School of Technology. Under his leadership, GST expanded its academic offerings, launched innovative technology programs, and strengthened industry partnerships that have benefited countless students and graduates. Watch His Retirement Message Here.

To honor his legacy, GST has launched a scholarship campaign to support future students and expand access to educational opportunities.

[Learn More About the Scholarship Fundraising Campaign Here](#)



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## Meet Our New Academic Chairs

The Graduate School of Technology is pleased to welcome a new group of Academic Chairs for Spring 2026. Their leadership, expertise, and industry experience will help further strengthen GST's innovative, career-focused technology programs.

Meet Our New Chairs:

- Navot Akiva — *Artificial Intelligence*
- Jenelle Hodges — *Educational Technology and Instructional Technology*
- Benjamin Lunzer — *Data Analytics, Technology Leadership and Project Management*
- Satchit Hegde — *Cybersecurity and Network Administration*
- Ilene Silverberg — *UX/UI and Interaction Design*
- Shmuel Fink — *Web and Application Development*

[Learn More About Our New Academic Leadership Here](#)

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## Touro Cybersecurity Program Ranked #2 in New York State

Touro University's M.S. in Cybersecurity and Network Administration has been ranked #2 in New York State in Cybersecurity Guide's 2026 Best Cybersecurity Master's Programs rankings. This recognition reflects GST's commitment to providing career-focused graduate education in one of today's most in-demand technology fields.

[Learn More About This Achievement Here](#)



As we look ahead to the exciting **summer semester**, we also take a moment to reflect on all that we accomplished during the **spring**.

## Cyber Risk Decisions: How Leaders Prioritize and Respond

This engaging panel explored how cybersecurity leaders assess risk, make critical decisions, and navigate an evolving threat landscape. Students gained valuable insights into career development, networking, and industry pathways while connecting with experienced professionals from the field.

[Watch The Recording](#)



## Alumni & Tech Networking Night

Despite the rainy weather, GST's 2026 Alumni & Tech Networking Night brought together students, alumni, faculty, and industry partners for an evening of connection and mentorship. Highlights included a keynote address by Adam Zeiff, '20, an alumni panel discussion, and the presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Mentor Award to Sherisse Brown, '18.

[Learn More About This Event](#)



## Citi Global Headquarters Site Visit

GST students recently visited Citi's Global Headquarters for an immersive look at careers in technology, finance, and cybersecurity. The experience included mentoring sessions, career panels, networking opportunities, and a behind-the-scenes tour of Citi's Cybersecurity Fusion Center.

[Learn More About This Event](#)



## Spring 2026 Tech Micro-Career Fair



The Spring 2026 AI, Data, and Tech Micro-Career Fair connected GST students and alumni with employers across cybersecurity, software development, artificial intelligence, and data analytics. Featuring organizations including Fabuwood, the NYPD, and the New York State Office of Information Technology Services (ITS), the event provided valuable networking opportunities and career insights.

[Learn More About This Event](#)

## Building a Tech-Driven Professional Brand with Curtis Cox

In this interactive workshop, Curtis Cox shared strategies for building a strong professional brand in today's technology-driven workplace. Students explored ways to leverage AI, strengthen their online presence, expand their networks, and showcase their skills to stand out in a competitive job market.

[Watch The Recording](#)



## Catch Up on Spring 2026 Workshops

Missed a workshop or want to revisit a favorite session? Explore the [full collection of Spring 2026 GST workshops](#) on our YouTube channel. We thank our guest speakers and industry experts for sharing their knowledge and experiences with our community throughout the semester.

- [Roles and Responsibilities in an AI Project Team - May 12](#)



- [Cloud Computing and Cybersecurity Part. 2 - Apr 29](#)
- [Cloud Computing and Cybersecurity Part. 1 - Apr 15](#)
- [What We Learned Building LLM-Powered Text-to-SQL - Mar 26](#)
- [Agentic Software Development: How AI Agents Are Changing Programming - Mar 16](#)
- [AI for Educators: Practical Tools Using Gemini, Copilot & NotebookLM - Mar 9](#)
- [From Code to Cloud: Managing and Publishing Software - Feb 12](#)



## GST Spotlight Video: Inspiring Journeys from GST

Our students' success stories are at the heart of GST. In this spotlight series, graduates share their academic experiences, career growth, and the impact GST has had on their professional journeys.

- [TL/PM Alumna Mailen N.](#)
- [UXUI Alumna Tazegul O.](#)
- [DA Student Sarkar](#)
- [DA Student Claudia F.](#)



## GST Blogs

Stay informed with the latest technology trends, faculty insights, and industry developments through the GST Blog. From artificial intelligence and cybersecurity to emerging technologies and educational innovation, explore articles that keep you connected to the future of technology.

- [Deepening Course Content Through Professional Networking and Online Media](#)
- [Stop Testing, Start Designing: The Power of Authentic Projects](#)
- [Data Cleaning: The Secret to Powerful Data Analysis](#)
- [From Coder to Builder: The Future of Software Engineering](#)
- [AI Hallucinations: How to Fact-Check Your AI Co-Worker](#)
- [Universal Tech - Simplified \(New\)](#)
- [Applied Tech - Simplified \(New\)](#)



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