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G. Wayne Clough, Ph.D., P.E.

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1:30 pm
Virginia Tech

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Secretary Emeritus of the Smithsonian Institution
President Emeritus of the Georgia Institute of Technology

Wayne Clough served as the 10th President of the Georgia Institute of Technology from 1994 to 2008 — the first alumnus to do so — and as the 12th Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution from 2008 to 2014.

Clough earned his bachelor’s and his master’s degrees from Georgia Tech, and went on to receive his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. Clough was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 1990 and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2010. He has received honorary doctorates from 12 institutions.

Georgia Tech’s national rankings rose into the top 10 among public universities during Clough’s tenure. The student population increased from 13,000 to 19,000, and funding for external research more than doubled. The Institute embarked upon two successful national fundraising campaigns and Clough also oversaw more than a billion dollars in campus construction and improvements.

Clough’s tenure as Secretary of the Smithsonian was marked by a number of firsts including a national fundraising campaign, a national branding campaign, an institution-wide commitment to sustainability, and laying the framework for the Digital Smithsonian. More than $1 billion in philanthropic gifts were raised, and, he also presided over more than a billion dollars in renovations and new construction.

A native of Georgia, Clough has taught at Duke, Stanford and Virginia Tech, where he served as Chair of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Dean of the College of Engineering. He also served as Provost and Vice President of the University of Washington.

Hugh and Ethel Kelly Lecture Series

With a generous fund from the Kelly Gift to the Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Science and the College of Engineering, the Hugh and Ethel Kelly Lecture Series was established in 2013 to honor the many technical accomplishments of Mr. Hugh Kelly and the deep love that he and his wife Ethel had for Virginia Tech. The inaugural lecture, “How to Create a Bell Labs 2.0 in Today’s Realities,” presented by Nobel Laureate Dr. Steven Chu in 2013, was attended by over one thousand members of the Virginia Tech community. The lecture series provides an opportunity for students, faculty, and the surrounding community to meet and learn from the eminent, creative visionaries we bring to campus. The Hugh and Ethel Kelly Lecture Series is an outstanding forum for new knowledge and a catalyst for future research.