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Byers Inducted In Technology Hall Of Fame

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[Kenneth Byers Jr.](#) has been inducted into the Technology Hall of Fame of Georgia.

Byers, 66, is founder and president of [Byers Engineering Co.](#), which provides technical services and software products to the utilities industry. The firm, which employs 1,000, has been included in the Atlanta Fast Tech 50 list for the past 20 years.

Byers, a Georgia Tech alumni, is also a director of [The Alpine Group, Inc.](#), a public manufacturing company, and chairman of [eQuorum Corp.](#), a private software company.

Byers younger brother, [Brook](#), is a named partner in blue-chip venture firm, [Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers](#).

Byers will be honored at the [Technology Association of Georgia's](#) (TAG) annual technology summit on March 24.

The Technology Hall of Fame of Georgia was established in 1993 to recognize the achievements of members of Georgia's technology community.

"The fact that I am joining this group is just thrilling," Byers said in a phone interview. "I am just very humbled that I was asked to join the Hall of Fame."

Previous inductees include tech heavyweights, [Tom Noonan](#), co-founder of [Internet Security Systems](#) and [Sig Mosley](#), president of [Imlay Investments](#).

Inductees into the Technology Hall of Fame are builders of companies and community, TAG President [Tino Mantella](#) said.

"Byers exemplifies the balance," Mantella said. "He grew his company to be one of Georgia's most prominent, while creating a legacy of support to his field through his many contributions to Georgia Tech."

Byers began honing his engineering chops at the age of 13, when he discovered amateur radio (K4TEA) and became interested in electrical engineering.

Byers' contributions to the Georgia technology community include his endowment of the Kenneth G. Byers, Jr. Eminent Scholar Chair in Optical Networking in 1986 and sponsorship of three Byers Professorships at GT's [School of Electrical and Computing Engineering](#).

He was also involved in the creation of [SciTrek](#), Georgia's former science and technology museum, and was chairman of its board of directors from 1997 to 1999.

Byers is trustee of The Georgia Tech Foundation. In the past, he served as chairman of the School of Electrical & Computing Engineering advisory board.

"It is the combination of Ken's career achievements, along with his significant contributions to the community that make him truly exceptional — and the clear choice for this year's inductee," noted Maureen Morrison, partner at [PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP](#) (PwC), the lead sponsor of the Georgia Technology Hall of Fame.



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