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VITA IMPACT REPORT

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OUR STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

By preparing tax returns for the local Athens community and surrounding areas, student volunteers in UGA VITA have a chance to build real-world skills while serving the community. Students gain hands-on experience, strengthen their understanding of tax laws, and grow more confident in explaining financial information. It's a meaningful way to learn, lead, and make a difference!



"Through the VITA program, we don't just help clients with their taxes - they help us grow too. Every return we prepare is also a lesson in communication, empathy, and the real-world skills that make us better tax preparers and better people." - Scott Leslie, *Senior Accounting Student*



SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



At the University of Georgia, tax education for student-athletes helps them understand their unique filing requirements. Through presentations and one-on-one support, student athletes learn how to report income, make estimated payments, and avoid tax pitfalls that could impact their eligibility and future earnings.



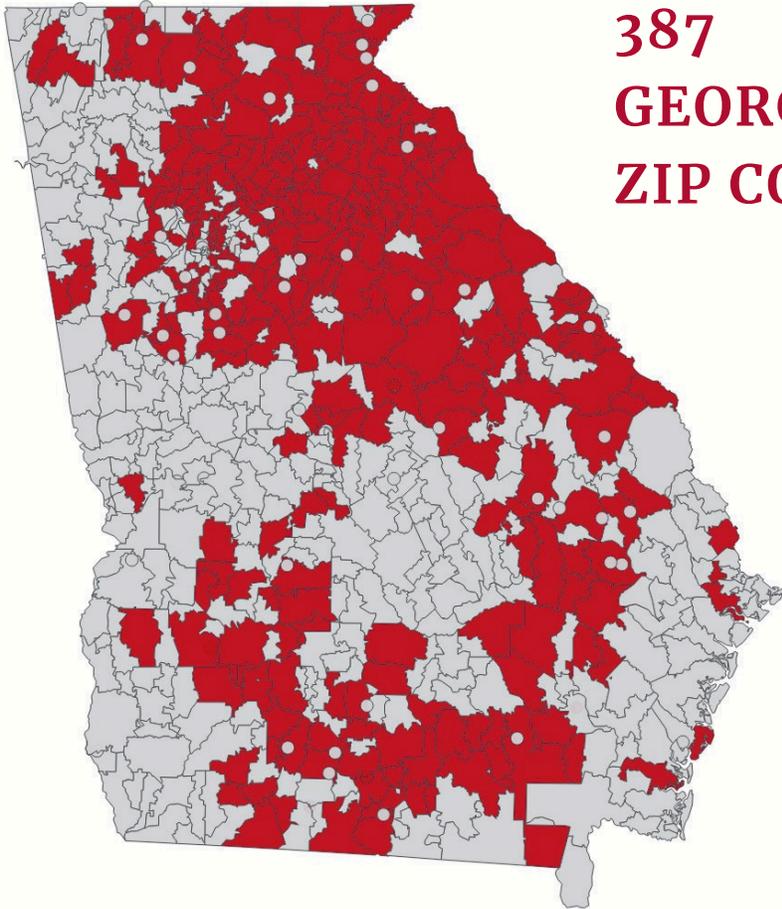
International Student Life
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“Throughout VITA I was given the opportunity to work with the International Tax Assistance Program (ITAP), where I learned so much and was able to diversify my tax experience. The tax system can be hard to navigate for anyone, so it can be very tough and confusing for foreign students. It was a very rewarding experience to get to help foreign students complete and understand their taxes.”

- Audrey Jordan, *Site Coordinator, Master of Accountancy Student*

UGA VITA ACROSS GEORGIA



387
GEORGIA
ZIP CODES

STATES REACHED BY UGA VITA

Colorado
Connecticut
Georgia
Idaho
Illinois
Texas
Iowa
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Tennessee
Massachusetts
New York
North Carolina
Florida

"Participating in the VITA program is one of my favorite things I get to do in my job. The relationships developed with clients are priceless and I love the opportunity to see the direct impact of this service on the people in my community." - Ashleigh Geurin, *Extension Agent*



"Serving as a manager for UGA VITA not only deepened my understanding of tax law but also taught me important lessons about leadership, communication, and community impact. Managing a team and assisting real people reminded me that knowledge is most valuable when it's used to help others."
- Leah Jackson, *Master of Accountancy Student*

**2025
ECONOMIC
IMPACT**

**“These are incredibly
valuable programs for
Georgians, as well as
our students.”**

UGA President, Jere W. Morehead

\$5,863,400

ECONOMIC IMPACT*

\$1,134,000

FEES SAVED**

2,835

**FEDERAL RETURNS
ACCEPTED**

\$549,800

STATE REFUNDS



“VITA has given me a unique opportunity to deepen my understanding of tax concepts while advancing my professional development. It's incredibly fulfilling being able to identify opportunities where clients can save money on their taxes and help grow their financial literacy.”

- Alondra Gonzalez Reynoso, *Senior Financial Planning Student*

*Based on the IRS's definition of economic impact.

**Based on the IRS's definition of value of service.

A RECORD BREAKING YEAR FOR UGA VITA!



\$135,755

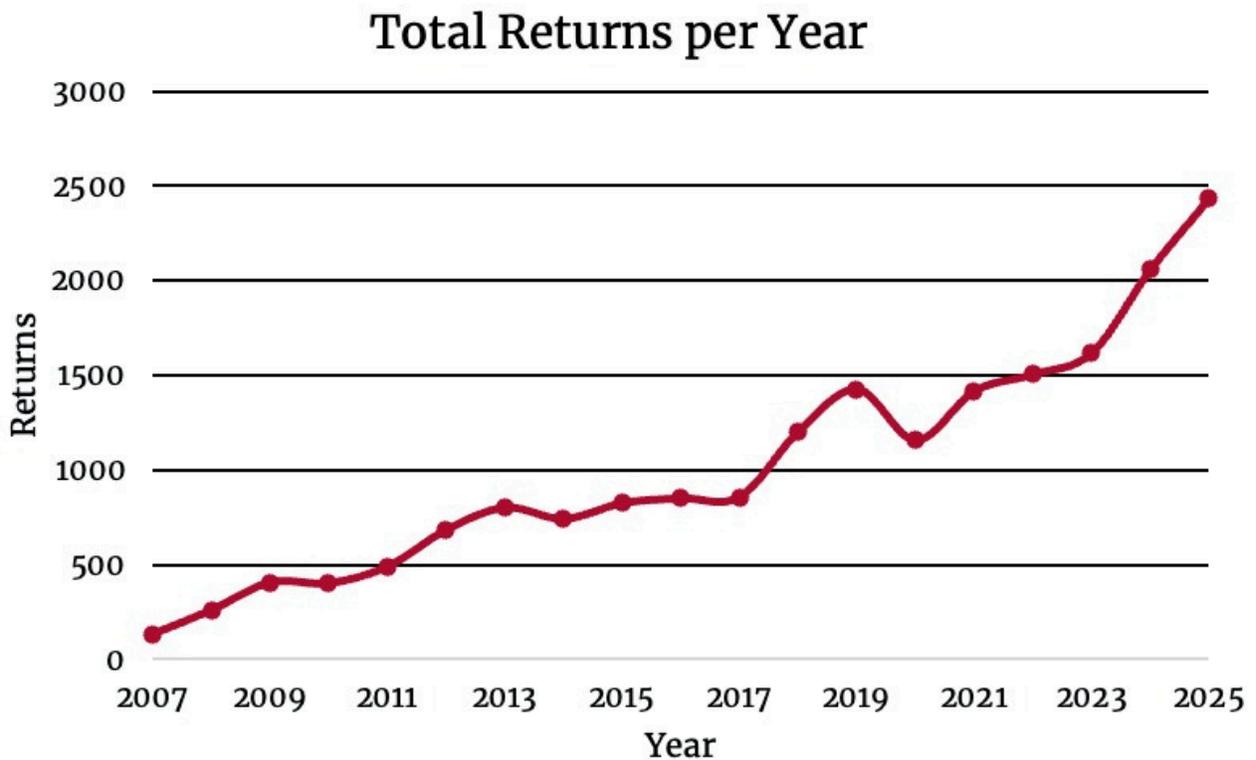
**Education Credits
Claimed**

\$458,587

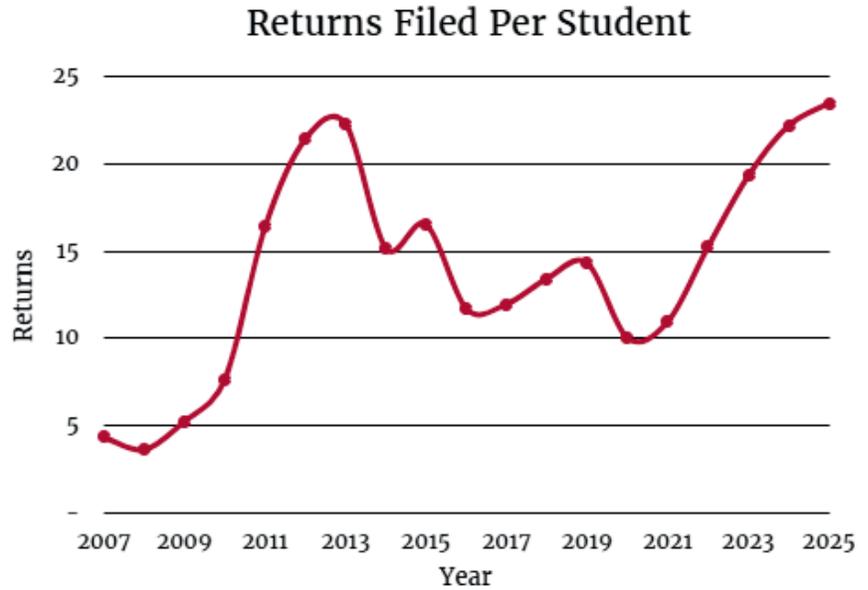
**Earned Income Tax
Credit Claimed**

\$219,149

**Additional Child Tax
Credit Claimed**



OUR TEAM



121

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

24

EXTENTION AGENTS

ON - CAMPUS STAFF



“VITA forms such an important part of the Extension program in Banks and Habersham. It establishes the Extension office as a trusted source for information on financial well-being, and it creates an opportunity for local university students and others to volunteer with a tangible impact on our community. The economic impact of VITA in Banks/Habersham is significant in our small, rural counties.” - Susie Burton Medina, *Extension Agent*



OUR TEAM

**UGA VITA would
not be possible
without our
team of
students and
staff!**

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