

A photograph of a woman with long brown hair, a large white bulldog mascot with a red shirt, and a man with curly hair and a beard wearing a blue and white patterned cardigan. They are standing outdoors with trees in the background.

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# VITA IMPACT REPORT

SPRING 2025



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College of Family and  
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# UGA VITA PARTNERS

A heartfelt thank you to the College of Family and Consumer Sciences for its continued support of UGA VITA. We're also grateful for our partners in the School of Social Work, the J.M. Tull School of Accounting, UGA Extension, and International Student Life. This cross-campus and community collaboration strengthens our program and enriches the student experience. Our impact is further expanded through the support of partners like the East Athens Development Corporation, Georgia Southwestern State University, Hancock Community Development Corporation, and Piedmont University.



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# THE UGA VITA TEAM



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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.



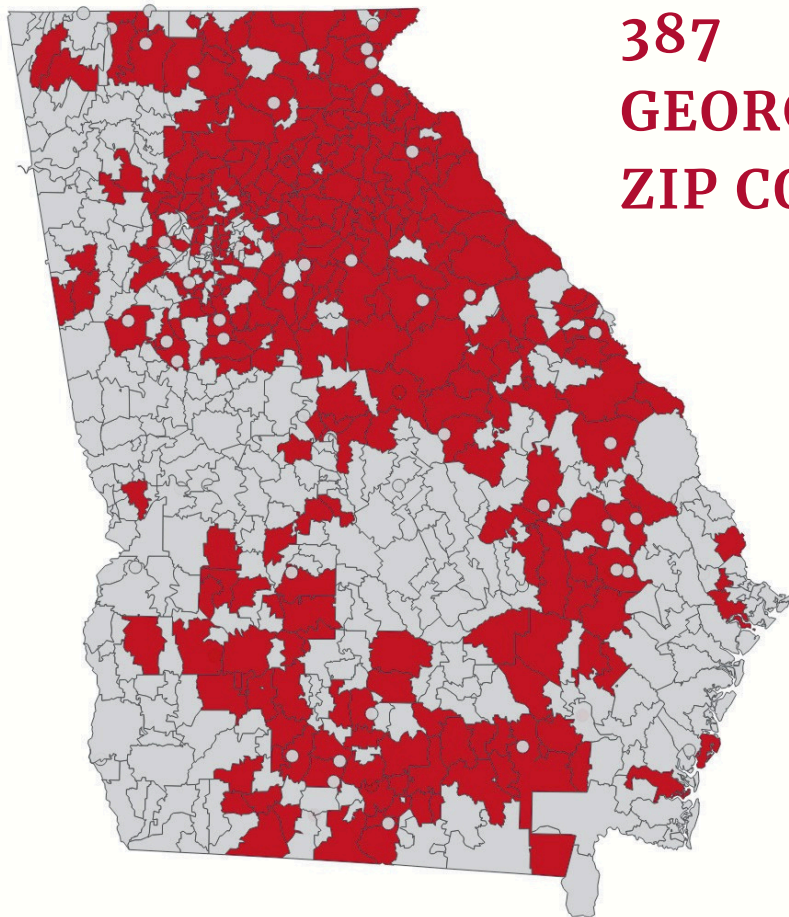
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“Throughout VITA I was given the opportunity to work with the International Tax Assistance Program (ITAP), where I learned so much and was able to diversify my tax experience. The tax system can be hard to navigate for anyone, so it can be very tough 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**

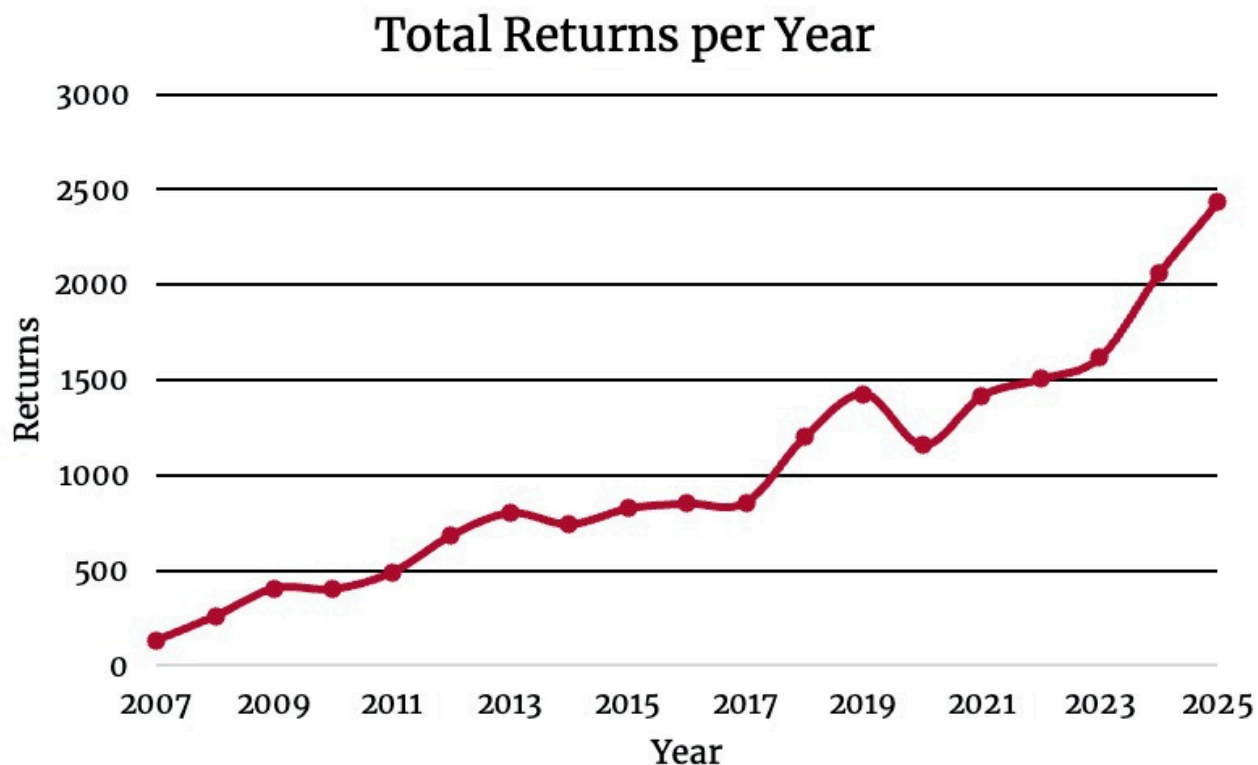
Education Credits  
Claimed

**\$458,587**

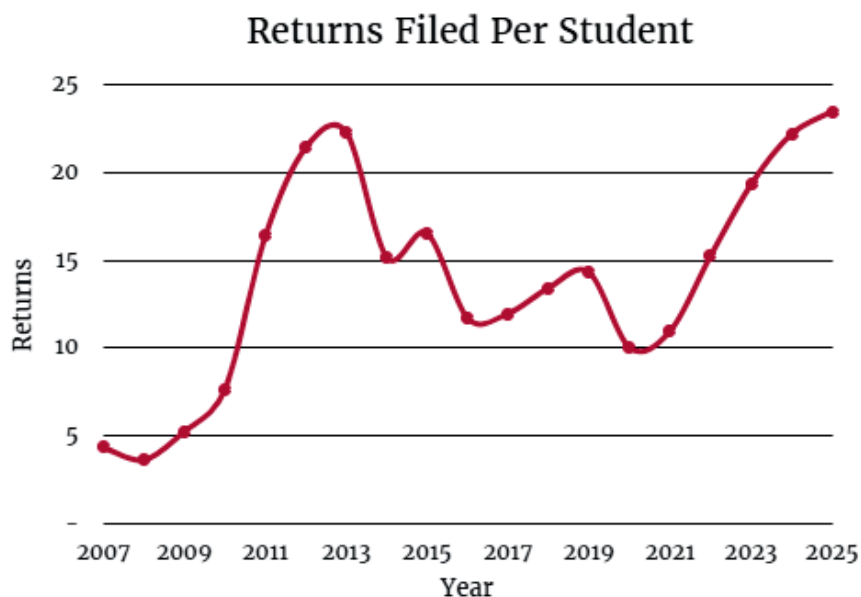
Earned Income Tax  
Credit Claimed

**\$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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