AI-Driven Education Growth: 64% More Degrees

How Georgia Tech’s online expansion redefined access to technical talent.

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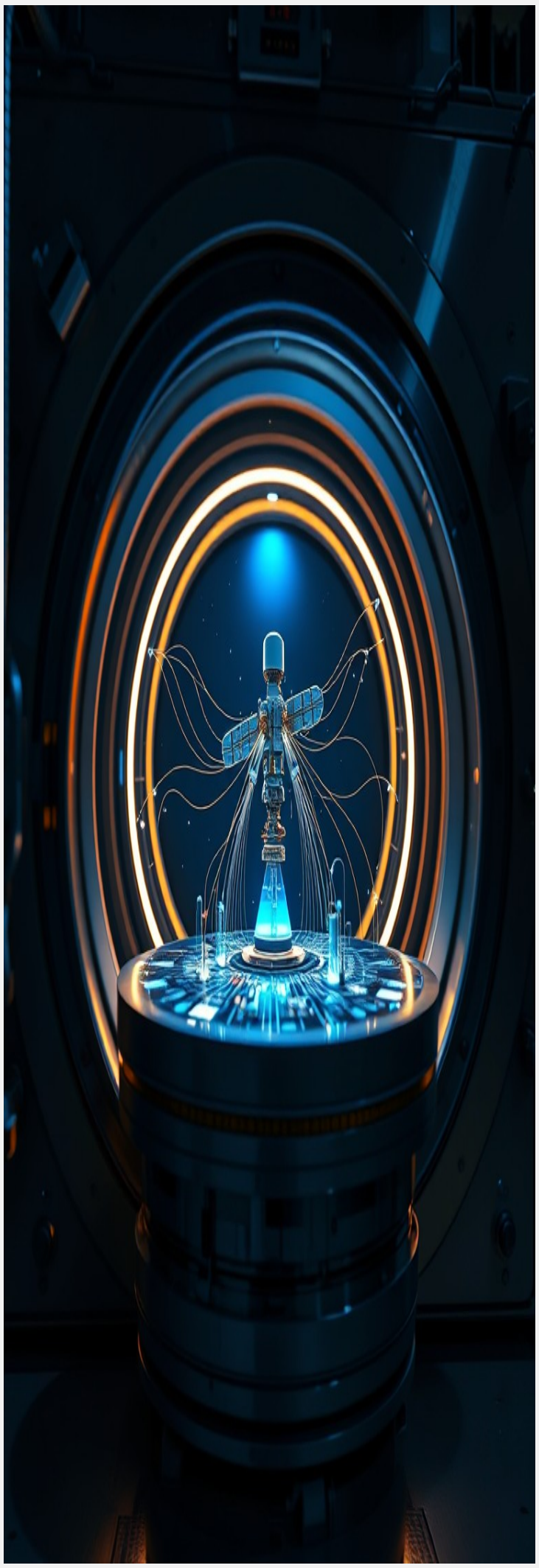
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Degree Conferrals Growth

Over seven years under President Ángel Cabrera’s leadership, Georgia Tech saw a 64% increase in degrees conferred.

This surge reflects a strategic pivot toward scalable, AI-optimized online education — not just enrollment growth, but actual credential completion. The rise in conferrals signals that AI-powered platforms are not only increasing access but also improving retention and time-to-degree outcomes in high-demand technical fields.

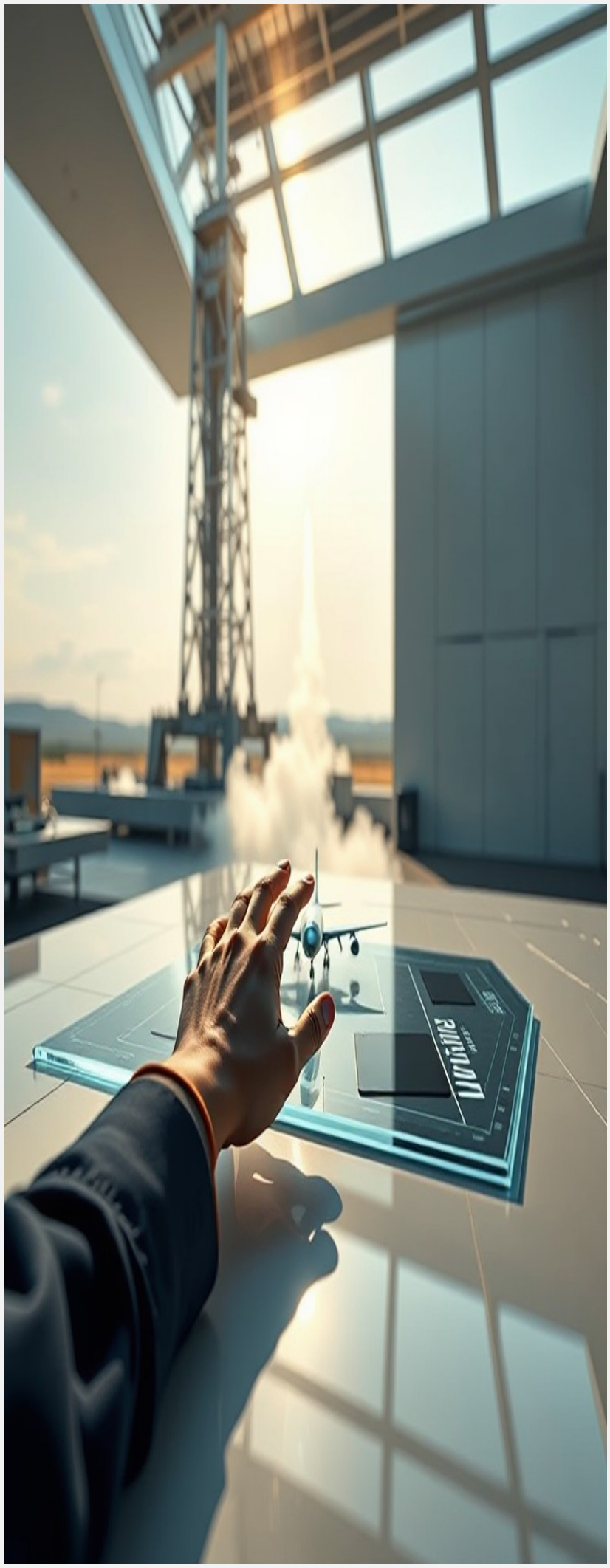


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AI Scales Talent Without Sacrificing Quality

The 64% increase in degree conferrals coincided with a rise in graduation rates — from 51% to 75% in four years and 94% in six years. This shows that AI-enhanced delivery models can improve both access and academic rigor, challenging the long-held belief that online education trades quality for reach. For commercial space and aviation, where precision and certification matter, this proves that AI can support high-stakes credentialing at scale.



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Innovation Is Measured in Outcomes, Not Just Enrollments

Cabrera’s legacy isn’t in the number of students who enrolled, but in the number who graduated — 14,000 diplomas in 2025-26 alone. This shift from enrollment to completion is a critical signal for AI in aviation and space: success is not about volume, but about reliable, verifiable outcomes. For industries reliant on certified expertise, the real metric is not how many trainees start, but how many earn credentials that are trusted and deployable.

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