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TO INSPIRE, NURTURE
AND EDUCATE LEADERS
IN TOMORROW'S
TECHNOLOGY-CENTRIC
ENVIRONMENT WHILE
CONTRIBUTING TO THE
SOLUTION OF THE
MOST CHALLENGING
PROBLEMS OF OUR TIME.

HISTORY OF STEVENS

Stevens Institute of Technology is named for the distinguished family known as “America’s First Family of Inventors.” The Stevens family changed the face of American engineering forever, designing steamboats, locomotives, railroad tracks and a host of other technical innovations that powered a new nation.

When inventor Edwin A. Stevens died in 1868, his will provided for the establishment of the university that now bears his family’s name. Two years later, in 1870, Stevens Institute of Technology opened, offering a rigorous engineering curriculum leading to the degree of Mechanical Engineer following a course of study firmly grounded both in scientific principles and the humanities.

Over subsequent decades, Stevens grew by leaps and bounds, evolving from a relatively small four-year undergraduate college of engineering into a leading global technical university with particular strengths in key fields such as computing, artificial intelligence, resilience engineering, complex systems, healthcare and biomedical research, and finance. The university produced two Nobel Prize winners and countless new technologies.

In 1971, Stevens opened its doors to women for the first time. In 1982, Stevens became the first major U.S. educational institution to require students to purchase and use personal computers in the classroom. At approximately this same time, Stevens also developed one of the nation’s first intranets, foretelling a revolution in information technology.

Today Stevens continues to grow, expanding enrollment, facilities and research programs. The university’s collaborations with industry and government include two National Centers of Excellence designated by the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Defense.

Stevens faculty and alumni continue to make a significant impact globally, building upon the legacy of its founding family.

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Frank Sorrentino III

Franks Sorrentino is Chairman and CEO of ConnectOne Bank, a full-service commercial bank that serves the New Jersey and New York markets. Mr. Sorrentino founded ConnectOne Bank in 2005 when he realized banks in his community were lacking a focus on the small to midsize business owner along with the financial features and superior client service he was looking for to support his construction business. To help solve this problem, he decided to build a bank that proved putting people first was a better way to do business.

Under Mr. Sorrentino's leadership, ConnectOne Bank has grown across the New Jersey and New York area to over \$6 billion in assets and 29 locations. In February 2013, ConnectOne Bank became the first bank to go public since the recession of 2007-2009. Since its establishment, the company has experienced rapid growth, complimented by two mergers, propelling the company to become one of the largest commercial banks headquartered in New Jersey. Today, ConnectOne Bank continues to grow its people-first business model into new markets within New York and New Jersey.

In 2011 and 2012, SNL Financial recognized ConnectOne Bank as a "Top 5 Best Performing Community Bank in the Country." Additionally, ConnectOne Bank has been named in the top 10 on NJBIZ's "50 Fastest Growing Companies" list and was a recipient of the Forbes Enterprise Award.

Mr. Sorrentino serves as a thought leader in the industry, frequently commentating on CNBC, Bloomberg and Fox Business and in *The Wall Street Journal* and *American Banker*. He is also a contributor to *Forbes.com*. In 2013, Mr. Sorrentino was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Bankers Association, where he served a three-year term. More recently, he was named the 2018 Executive of the Year by the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce.

Previously, Mr. Sorrentino served as president of FSS Construction, Inc., a family-owned third generation construction business that specializes in custom-built luxury residential homes. FSS was founded in 1979 and based in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. During his time at FSS Construction, Inc. he was named "Builder of the Year" in 1995 by the Builders Association of Northern New Jersey.

Mr. Sorrentino earned his B.S. in Construction Engineering Technology from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1987.

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE



Kishore Pochiraju

Kishore Pochiraju is an expert in the design, manufacturing and life-prediction of lightweight composite materials in the aerospace industry. He has been a faculty member at Stevens since 1997. A professor of mechanical engineering, Dr. Pochiraju currently serves as associate dean for undergraduate studies in the Charles V. Schaefer, Jr. School of Engineering and Science.

For a full decade, from 2005 until 2015, he directed Stevens' Design and Manufacturing Institute, shepherding the Institute through an era of rapid digital change. In 2015 Dr. Pochiraju founded and became director of Stevens' Innovation, Design and Entrepreneurship at Stevens (IDEaS) program, teaching hundreds of Stevens undergraduates about design, entrepreneurial thinking and the skills necessary to transform inspiration into reality.

As a research scholar, Dr. Pochiraju has authored or co-authored more than 40 journal articles and more than 100 conference papers in analysis and characterization of engineered materials, manufacturing (including 3D printing), systems modeling and other disciplines. He holds two U.S. patents in scanning and data transmission. He has performed research sponsored by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Army, the Office of Naval Research and the U.S. Air Force Office of Scientific Research, among other entities.

As an educator, Dr. Pochiraju has developed and taught undergraduate and graduate coursework across a range of engineering topics, including the design of machine components; modeling and simulation; fracture mechanics; design for manufacturability; the design and analysis of composite materials; engineering graphics; intelligent mechatronics systems; robotics; product development; manufacturing operations; and entrepreneurship.

He has advised doctoral students working on topics as varied as durability and life-estimation of structures; sensing and perception of environment; design of materials for 3D printing; and high-resolution simulation of aging and degradation of materials at high temperatures.

Dr. Pochiraju has also received two of Stevens' highest teaching honors, the Alexander Crombie Humphreys Distinguished Associate Professor Teaching Award and the Harvey N. Davis Distinguished Teaching Assistant Professor Award. In addition, he has received the Provost's Award for Academic Entrepreneurship & Enterprise Development.

Prior to joining Stevens, Dr. Pochiraju performed postdoctoral work in the University of Delaware's Center for Composite Materials and served as an adjunct faculty member in mechanical engineering and mechanics at Drexel University.

He has been a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) since 1988, a member of the American Society for Composites since 1992, currently serving as the society's vice president (president-elect). He is also an active member of the American Society for Engineering Education.

Dr. Pochiraju holds a doctorate in mechanical engineering and mechanics from Drexel University, a master's degree in mechanical engineering specializing in solid mechanics and design from the Indian Institute of Technology, and a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from National Institute of Technology in India.



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Jess H. Davis Memorial Award for Research Excellence

Anthony Pennino, Assistant Professor,
College of Arts and Letters

Henry Morton Distinguished Teaching Professor Award

Kevin Lu, Teaching Professor,
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering,
Charles V. Schaefer, Jr. School of Engineering and Science

Alexander Crombie Humphreys Distinguished Teaching Associate Professor Award

Eduardo Bonelli, Teaching Associate Professor,
Department of Computer Science,
Charles V. Schaefer, Jr. School of Engineering and Science

Harvey N. Davis Distinguished Teaching Assistant Professor Award

Lindsey Cormack, Assistant Professor,
College of Arts and Letters

Provost's Award for Excellence in Online Teaching

Kevin Ryan, Teaching Professor and Program Director of the Network and
Communications Management Services,
School of Business

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The academic gown and hood dates back to the early 14th century in England. In 1895, representatives of American colleges and universities met at Columbia University and prepared a code regulating the design and wearing of academic dress in this country. The code was revised in 1932 and again in 1960.

Each member in the procession wears the hood designating the college last attended and degree last received. The hood is worn over the shoulders and is lined with the official color or colors of the college attended. The color on the edging of the hood, a strip of velvet or velveteen about two inches wide, indicates the major field of study.

Some of the trimming colors that you will see today include:

Engineering, orange

Science, golden yellow

Humanities, white

Business, drab

Medicine, green

Economics, copper

Social Science, citron

Environmental Science, antique gold

Philosophy, dark blue

Music, pink

Law, purple

Fine Arts, brown

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