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TO INSPIRE, NURTURE
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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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Laura Bilodeau Overdeck

Laura Bilodeau Overdeck, founder of Bedtime Math and chair of the Overdeck Family Foundation, is a social entrepreneur and philanthropist who has moved the needle on math and science education reform.

Through her work at Bedtime Math, Overdeck developed an application that delivers nightly math problems for parents and kids to solve together, giving parents a free, simple tool that provides long-lasting gains in their children's math skills, effectively changing their academic trajectories. In addition to the app, which has garnered more than 250,000 downloads, Overdeck has also written four books and launched Crazy 8s, the nation's largest recreational after-school math club, which enables young children to explore math through play.

In parallel, the Overdeck Family Foundation is a nonprofit organization that supports math and science education reform in the U.S., focusing on new school and teacher training models, informal STEM learning programs and early childhood programming. The foundation provides funding across five focus areas — early impact, exceptional educators, innovative schools, inspired minds and data for action — encompassing the whole child from birth through graduation both inside and outside the classroom.

Overdeck's success has been accompanied by proven results. A study published in *Science* found that within just one school year, kids who used the Bedtime Math app improved their math achievement on average by three months more than children who didn't use the app.

A Johns Hopkins University study on Crazy 8s, which is a free program, showed that the club significantly reduces children's feelings of math anxiety after eight weeks of participation. The effect was most pronounced among younger kids in the kindergarten through second grade club. Since 2014, 140,000 children have participated in 10,000 Crazy 8s clubs across the country.

Prior to founding Bedtime Math in 2012, Overdeck worked for Stanford Research Institute/SRI Consulting, where she helped high-tech clients build mathematical models to forecast sales for new products.

A native of New Jersey, Overdeck is a trustee at Princeton University and board vice chair at Liberty Science Center, and serves on the advisory boards of Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth, Khan Academy and the Governor's School of New Jersey. She received an A.B. in astrophysical sciences from Princeton and an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business.

FIRST IN CLASS



Justin Barish

Justin Barish of Kings Park, New York is first in the Stevens Institute of Technology Class of 2019. He has earned a bachelor's in computer science and a master's in cybersecurity with a 4.0 GPA.

Barish is the recipient of several prestigious Stevens scholarships including the Presidential Scholarship, the FIRST Robotics Scholarship and the Stephen L. Bloom Scholarship, which is awarded to computer science majors who are actively involved in music. On campus, Barish has been a member of the Stevens Concert Band (euphonium) and Jazz Band (piano).

Barish belongs to Upsilon Pi Epsilon, the computer science honor society, and serves on the dean's undergraduate advisory board in the Schaefer School of Engineering and Science.

Through two summer internships at Zebra Technologies, he gained valuable experience in 3D Vision algorithm development. After graduation, Barish will return to Zebra Technologies to begin a career as a software engineer in the areas of computer vision, machine learning and cybersecurity.



Matthew John McCreesh

Matthew John McCreesh of St. James, New York is first in the Stevens Institute of Technology Class of 2019. He has earned a bachelor's in computer science with a 4.0 GPA.

McCreesh is a member of Upsilon Pi Epsilon (UPE), the international honor society dedicated to the computing and information disciplines. An avid sports enthusiast, he is a member of Stevens' baseball club team.

During his time at Stevens, McCreesh accumulated an impressive array of work experiences in software development and IT through internships at Cablevision (now part of Altice USA), K2 Intelligence, SPHERE Technology Solutions, LGS Innovations and, most recently, Microsoft. At the software giant's headquarters in Redmond, Washington, he was given significant freedom to design and direct his own projects in the area of network monitoring. After graduation, McCreesh will return to Washington to begin his career at Microsoft as a software engineer.



Carolina Velasquez

Carolina Velasquez of Weehawken, New Jersey is first in the Stevens Institute of Technology Class of 2019. She has earned a bachelor's in Finance with a 4.0 GPA.

Outside of academics, Velasquez has contributed to Stevens in its mission to attract students of richly diverse talents and backgrounds. As a student ambassador, she has shared valuable insights and perspectives about the broad undergraduate experience at Stevens to many prospective and accepted students.

In summer 2017, Velasquez took a major step toward her career goal of working in the financial industry when she gained valuable experience through an internship at one of the "Big Four" accounting firms, EY, an international leader in assurance, tax, transaction and advisory services. Her impressive performance there earned a second internship at the global firm the following summer. After graduation, Velasquez will assume a full-time position in EY's structured finance division in New York City.



The candidate list and honor/high honor designations are compiled with information accurate as of April 1, 2019 and may not reflect actual degree completion. The listing does not constitute an official record of graduation.

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