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To the Stevens Community,

I am pleased to report that the University's ranking in the [2017 U.S. News & World Report's "Best Colleges"](#) issue reached what we believe to be an all-time high, moving up to 71st place from 75th last year. Over the last five years, Stevens has risen 17 places, from 88th in the 2011 ranking of best national universities, and making Stevens the third fastest rising university in the nation among the *U.S. News & World Report* top 100.

While this is a remarkable ascent, this ranking is only one indicator of the progress occurring in all areas across the University as measured against the goals set forth in our 10-year strategic plan, [The Future. Ours to Create.](#) We are working hard to create a premier, student-centric, technological research university—not for the purpose of enhanced rankings, but to achieve the vision we articulated when we developed our strategic plan. However, when external organizations such as *U.S. News & World Report* take notice of our progress, it gives us the opportunity to reflect on our achievements and take pride.

Thank you to all members of the Stevens community for all you do to increase our impact.

Per aspera ad astra,

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