



April 25, 2016

To the Stevens Community,

I am pleased to report that we are approaching the final stages of the search process to identify the university's next Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Campus visits have been scheduled for four finalists beginning this week. The dates of the campus visits are:

- Thursday and Friday, April 28-29, 2016
- Monday and Tuesday, May 2-3, 2016
- Thursday and Friday, May 5-6, 2016
- Wednesday and Thursday, May 11-12, 2016

The finalists will be meeting with a variety of administrative and academic leaders, faculty, staff, and undergraduate and graduate student leaders. In addition, each candidate will make a brief presentation on the following topic at 4 p.m. in Babbio 122 on the first day of his/her visit, followed by a reception in the Babbio Atrium for all faculty and staff:

Current Challenges Facing Higher Education and Opportunities for Stevens—as an Institute of Technology Focused on Innovation—to Address Those Challenges

We encourage all members of the campus community to attend these presentations.

In addition, faculty and staff who may wish to meet the candidates in a small group format are invited to participate in an open session at 11 a.m. on the second day of each candidate's visit. These sessions will take place in the Taylor Board Room, 14th Floor.

Please note that each of the finalists currently holds a senior academic position in an institution of higher education. Each has requested that this campus-wide interview process remain as confidential as possible. For this reason, the curriculum vitae of each candidate will be posted on a [secure site](#) two days before his/her scheduled campus visit, and accessible only to those with valid Stevens credentials. Members of the Stevens community are asked to refrain from disseminating any materials, including the curriculum vitae of the candidates, and not to discuss the identity of the candidates with those outside the Stevens community.

In addition, all members of the campus community are invited to submit their input about the candidates via individual surveys. These surveys are linked on the [secure site](#) and will be open through Friday, May 13th at 12 p.m. Please see the individual web pages for each candidate on this site for the schedules, CVs, and the survey pertaining to each candidate.

Thank you for dedicating time to this important process. I hope you will join me in sharing the upward trajectory and tremendous potential of this university with each of the candidates and in helping to recruit a stellar Provost to Stevens.

Per aspera ad astra,

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President