



STEVENS
INSTITUTE of TECHNOLOGY
THE INNOVATION UNIVERSITY

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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to share highlights and achievements at Stevens during Spring 2016:

Best Degree Programs ranks Stevens #1 among "30 Great Small Colleges for STEM Degrees" ahead of institutions such as Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Harvey Mudd College, Davidson College, Williams College, and Colorado School of Mines.

Forbes ranks Stevens #6 in their list "Colleges With Highest Salaries After Graduation," and *Business Insider's* list "The 25 best colleges for landing a high-paying job right out of school" showcased Stevens' recent top 10 ranking for career placement in *The Princeton Review's* "Colleges That Pay You Back." On Pix 11's "Financial Fix," Robert Franek, co-author of "Colleges That Pay You Back," underscored Stevens' financial aid and the high average starting salary of graduates. *USA Today* ranks Stevens #9 in the nation, out of 247 colleges, in their list of "The top 10 colleges for a computer science degree."

Our students are filing for patents, launching and spinning off companies, and winning national awards:

New Jersey Tech Weekly covered the recent acquisition of iubble, a start-up founded by Stevens alumnus Kevin Barresi '15, by FinTech Studios. As a result of the acquisition, Barresi was named CTO of FinTech Studios.

NJTV, News 12 New Jersey, *NJ.com*, and *The Hudson Reporter* featured many of the impressive student design projects at this year's Innovation Expo. A green infrastructure master plan (#2 in a national competition sponsored by the US Environmental Protection Agency), a line of ergonomic gym equipment, and a steering wheel that can detect heart attacks were among those projects featured.

The Stevens community is at the forefront of thought leadership and is engaging in national conversations across technology, government, and culture:

NJ.com featured Stevens President's Distinguished Lecturer, General Michael V. Hayden, former director of the CIA and NSA, who shared his comments on national security and foreign policy at Stevens in March.

HMag interviewed Carlos Alomar, Director of the Sound Synthesis Research Center for the Performing Arts and Distinguished Artist in Residence, to discuss his prolific career as musician, songwriter, and producer and his collaborations with David Bowie, Paul McCartney, Bruce Springsteen, and more.

Stevens' history was on display when the America's Cup race, founded by the Stevens family, came to the Hudson River this May. [Fox 5 NY](#) interviewed Dr. Alan Blumberg, Director of the Davidson Laboratory, on the Stevens forecast system that was providing real-time current and water-level data to teams sailing the race.

Stevens was proud to sponsor the Propeller Fest, the region's first tech and business summit. [NJBiz](#), [NJTV](#) and [NJ.com](#) highlighted Stevens' role, from a 3D immersive virtual reality chamber exhibit to the performance of the Human Digital Orchestra, a partnership with Nokia Bell Labs.

After a stormy winter season, Davidson Laboratory's Dr. Jon Miller discussed the condition of New Jersey's beaches this summer with [NJ.com](#), [CBS New York](#), [1010 Wins](#), [News 12 New Jersey](#), and the [New York Daily News](#).

College of Arts and Letters faculty members Dr. Alex Wellerstein, Dr. John Horgan, and Dr. Anthony Pennino lent their expertise to [The New Yorker](#), [Scientific American](#), and the [BBC](#) on subjects ranging from Hiroshima, to psychology, to Shakespeare.

A number of significant milestones are ushering in a new era at Stevens:

"The Power of Stevens," the most ambitious capital campaign in the university's history, was launched in May. Funds raised will go to support student scholarships, infrastructure improvements, faculty recruitment, and the university research enterprise. [University Business](#) and [New Jersey Business](#) covered a major gift to the campaign by alumnus Frank Semcer '65 and his wife Mary Jane to enhance the Center for Healthcare Innovation and its programs.

Stevens celebrated our [144th Commencement](#) at the Meadowlands Expo Center in May. Pam Cheng '92 M.Eng. '95, Executive Vice President of Operations and Information Technology at AstraZeneca, delivered the graduate ceremony address and Robert E. Fischell, scientist, engineer, and inventor, delivered the undergraduate ceremony address. More than 2,000 graduates received baccalaureate, masters, and doctorate STEM degrees.

Finally, I am proud to announce that we have appointed three accomplished scholars to Stevens' administrative leadership. [Dr. Christophe Pierre](#), Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Illinois, will serve as Stevens' next Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective September 1, 2016; [Dr. Kelland Thomas](#), former associate director of the University of Arizona's School of Information and director of the university's Creative Computing Lab, became dean of the College of Arts and Letters on June 1; and [Dr. Giuseppe Ateniese](#) was appointed the director of the Department of Computer Science and named the new David and GG Farber Endowed Chair in Computer Science, established by Stevens Trustee Emeritus Dave Farber '56 M.S. '61 and his late wife, Gloria.

It is a dynamic time at Stevens and I welcome the opportunity to explore new partnerships and collaborations for the advancement of our City, State, and region. Please be in touch for more information or to schedule a visit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Farvardin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N" and a long, sweeping underline.

Nariman Farvardin
President