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To the Stevens Community:

I am pleased to announce that, with a \$15 million gift to the endowment from the A. James and Alice B. Clark Foundation, Stevens Institute of Technology has established the Clark Scholars Program. This is the largest endowed scholarship gift in the University's history. It will provide financial support and enhanced learning opportunities for exceptional undergraduate students who are underrepresented in engineering and computer science/cybersecurity, including first generation college students. The inaugural cohort of approximately 10 Clark Scholars will enroll at Stevens in Fall 2018; at steady-state, 40 Clark Scholars will be enrolled at Stevens through this program.

The Clark Scholars Program is the Foundation's signature academic initiative, combining engineering—and at Stevens, computer science/cybersecurity—with business, leadership and community service. The gift honors the legacy of the late A. James Clark, a noted engineer, philanthropist and president of the Maryland-based Clark Construction Group LLC, one of the nation's leading privately-held construction companies. As part of its commitment to build a pipeline of future engineers, the Clark Foundation has partnered with some of the nation's most prestigious engineering institutions to provide financial support to promising students. Other institutions that have established Clark Scholars programs include The George Washington University, Johns Hopkins University, the University of Maryland, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Virginia, Vanderbilt University, and Virginia Tech.

The Clark Scholars' core curriculum, which reflects Mr. Clark's values in business and in service to his community, includes a rigorous program of engineering or computer science/cybersecurity study with a minimum of two business or finance courses, participation in community and service-based learning projects, enrichment seminars, mentorship opportunities and events with professionals in the field. Clark Scholars will be selected annually based on financial need, academic achievement and community involvement. The program seeks students with leadership skills and a keen interest in the engineering or computer science/cybersecurity profession.

Mr. Clark was an inspiration, a mentor, and a friend to me, and I am profoundly honored that this program—a symbol of his legacy—will benefit current and future generations of deserving and talented Stevens engineers and computer scientists. Through the Clark Scholars Program at Stevens, we will create an environment that we hope will produce many more graduates who will make their mark on the world and who possess the rare combination of attributes that Mr. Clark embodied: remarkable leadership skills, unquestionable integrity, business acumen, engineering prowess, and a selfless dedication to humanitarianism.

Please join me in giving our campus's fullest support to the members of our community who will recruit, educate, and enhance the experience of the Clark Scholars who will join Stevens.

*Per aspera ad astra,*

Nariman Farvardin  
President