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To the Stevens Community,

I am delighted to announce that alumnus Greg Gianforte '83, M.S '83, H.ENG. '12 and his wife, Susan, have made a second major gift to Stevens, bringing their total giving toward the project previously known as Academic Gateway Complex to \$20 million.

This \$10 million gift, announced today, augments the previous \$10 million gift made by the Gianforte Family Foundation in 2012, making the combined total of \$20 million the largest gift to a single project in university history. With this gift, the Gateway Academic Complex will be named the Gianforte Academic Center. This gift brings the total raised in the Stevens capital campaign, *The Power of Stevens*, to \$105.6 million toward its \$150 million goal.

Scheduled to open in 2019, the Gianforte Academic Center will be a new state-of-the-art interdisciplinary educational and research facility dedicated to technological innovation. The new 89,950 square-foot, two-building facility will provide academic space and research laboratories to further advance research and education in areas of significant societal need, such as healthcare and medicine, sustainable energy, financial systems defense and security, and STEM education, supporting the fulfillment of the Stevens strategic plan. The Gianforte Academic Center is slated to add 17 smart classrooms, 6 advanced labs and 45 faculty offices, plus house the Department of Computer Science, an array of laboratories in healthcare technology, including the Semcer Tissue Engineering Lab, a Digital Learning Lab, and the Prototyping Manufacturing Facility.

As you may recall, Susan and Greg Gianforte's \$10 million gift in 2012 jump-started our fundraising efforts and provided critical momentum to our planned academic building. With this additional gift, Susan and Greg have demonstrated their confidence in Stevens and the impact the university will have in the future. I and the entire Stevens community are so grateful for their leadership, commitment, and extraordinary generosity.

Greg Gianforte has been a loyal and dedicated alumnus since earning his B.E. in Electrical Engineering and M.S. in Computer Science from Stevens in 1983. After graduation, Greg was elected as a young alumni trustee to the Board of Trustees. He has also been a member of the Edwin A. Stevens Society, the leadership giving society at Stevens, every year since graduation. He has been an entrepreneur and innovator in the computer networking and software industries and customer experience market. In 2012, he sold RightNow Technologies – the cloud-based customer service and support solutions company he founded and led – to Oracle for \$1.8 billion.

Greg also currently serves on the board of several companies and foundations and is the managing director of the Bozeman Technology Incubator and chairman of Petra Academy. Greg and Susan founded the Gianforte Family Foundation in 2005. A respected leader in the technology industry, he gave the keynote address at the university's 2012 Commencement ceremony and accepted an honorary Doctor of Engineering degree.

We look forward to welcoming Susan and Greg Gianforte back to campus for the groundbreaking ceremony of the Gianforte Academic Center, planned for Fall 2017. This ceremony will give us the opportunity to express our appreciation in person for their extraordinary generosity.

Sincerely,



Nariman Farvardin
President

