Short Biography

Nariman Farvardin
President, Stevens Institute of Technology

Dr. Nariman Farvardin is the seventh president of Stevens Institute of Technology. Under his leadership, Stevens undertook the development of a 10-year (2012-2022) strategic plan entitled, The Future. Ours to Create., set a vision for Stevens to become “a premier, student-centric, technological research university.” The implementation of the Strategic Plan has resulted in a remarkable university-wide transformation, including a dramatic ascent in rankings and stature, enrollment growth, improved student success, alumni engagement, philanthropic support, modernized and expanded IT and campus infrastructure, and strengthened financial profile.

President Farvardin has spearheaded and launched a number of signature programs and initiatives during his tenure at Stevens, including the University’s 2015 first place win in the highly competitive U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon, the President’s Distinguished Lecture Series, which brings to campus distinguished thought leaders in science and technology; OnStage at Stevens, a performing arts series; the Stevens Venture Center; Stevens Connects, a community outreach partnership in Hoboken; and several programs, including the Clark Scholars Program and Stevens ACES (Accessing Careers in Engineering and Science) to increase and support talented, underserved and underrepresented minority students at Stevens. Under his leadership, the School of Technology Management has been transformed into a comprehensive and AACSB-accredited School of Business, and a review and reorganization of the School of Systems and Enterprises has been completed. Also, in 2015, Stevens announced its most ambitious fundraising campaign in history, The Power of Stevens, which has raised more than $135 million toward a December 2018 goal of $150 million.

In September 2017, President Farvardin was awarded the prestigious Carnegie Academic Leadership Award, and Stevens was highlighted in Forbes as “The Turnaround University” and “one of the most desirable STEM colleges in the nation.” U.S. News & World Report’s fall 2017 “Best Colleges” edition placed Stevens at #69 among national universities, an ascent of 19 places since 2011, making Stevens the second-fastest rising university among the top 100 in the nation.

Dr. Farvardin is an accomplished researcher in the areas of information theory and coding, multimedia signal compression and transmission, high-speed networks, and wireless networks, and holds seven U.S. patents in data communication, image coding, and wireless communication. Dr. Farvardin is a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), and a member of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE). He has co-authored more than 150 technical papers in journals and conference proceedings.

A native of Tehran, Iran, Dr. Farvardin earned his bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, in 1979, 1980, and 1983, respectively.

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