Short Biography

Nariman Farvardin
President, Stevens Institute of Technology

Dr. Nariman Farvardin is the seventh president of Stevens Institute of Technology. In 2012, under his leadership, Stevens undertook the development of a 10-year strategic plan entitled, *The Future. Ours to Create.*, setting 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 a strengthened financial profile.

These achievements have earned recognition from external agencies and organizations. In 2018, President Farvardin accepted the American Council on Education (ACE)/Fidelity Investments Award for Institutional Transformation in recognition of the innovative and dramatic changes that Stevens has made in a relatively brief period. In 2017, he 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 2020 “Best Colleges” edition placed Stevens at #74 among national universities, an ascent of 14 places since 2011, making Stevens among the fastest rising universities in the United States.

President Farvardin has launched a number of signature programs 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 the School of Systems and Enterprises has undergone a thorough review and reorganization. Also, in 2015, Stevens announced its most ambitious fundraising campaign in history, *The Power of Stevens*, which surpassed its $150 million goal more than six months ahead of schedule and has been expanded to a $200 million campaign.

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. He holds seven U.S. patents in data communication, image coding, and wireless communication. He 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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