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To the Stevens Community:

I'm pleased to share the [President's Report 2016](#), a compendium of the extraordinary momentum that has taken place at Stevens over the last five years.

Due, in large measure, to the collaborative energy of our community, Stevens has made remarkable progress across all metrics against which we measure our work and throughout all areas of the university.

Two of the most memorable moments of my tenure as President of Stevens were our response to Hurricane Sandy in October 2012 and Stevens' first-place finish in the prestigious U.S. Department of Energy's 2015 Solar Decathlon. I could not have been more proud of how our community came together to overcome each and every challenge that "Super Storm Sandy" hurled at us; how our students initiated and led volunteer efforts in the City of Hoboken, volunteering more than 2,000 hours to help keep the City going and keep residents safe; and how our faculty distinguished themselves on national media during and after the storm and immediately got to work on research to better understand, predict and mitigate future extreme weather events.

The SURE House, Stevens' entry into the 2015 Solar Decathlon, was a direct outgrowth of Hurricane Sandy, as the team of faculty and students was inspired to not only meet the challenge of creating a net zero energy solar home, but to develop solutions and innovative technologies to preserve property and quality of life in future storm events. My wife, Hoveida, and I were thrilled to be a part of the last days of the competition, and we literally jumped for joy when we heard that Stevens had won the entire Solar Decathlon competition.

Of course, there is so much more to the Stevens success story of the recent past: student successes, alumni engagement and philanthropy, faculty research, admissions selectivity, innovation and entrepreneurship, and more. Many of these highlights across many areas of the university are included in the [President's Report 2016](#).

I hope you will find the [President's Report 2016](#) an interesting read. I look forward to celebrating many more successes in 2016 and beyond.

Thank you to my colleagues and friends across the university for all you do for Stevens.

*Per aspera ad astra,*

Nariman Farvardin  
President