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To Faculty, Staff, and Students:

With upcoming national and local elections taking place next week, and particularly in this era of increased polarization and unrest in our society, I want to take this opportunity to reaffirm Stevens' commitment to academic freedom, freedom of expression, and to the principles of diversity and inclusion.

Especially in the days and months ahead, I ask each of us to work together to foster a welcoming, supportive, and inclusive environment; to promote civil discourse in our academic and interpersonal conversations; and to nurture mutual respect, collegiality, and understanding. Universities have a special place in our society, and as members of a scholarly community, we have an obligation to model critical thinking and constructive, evidence-based dialogue. These tenets are the pillars of the academy and the foundations of our democracy.

Stevens is enriched and strengthened by the talents, contributions, and engagement of each member of the Stevens community, regardless of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, and all other attributes protected by our nondiscrimination policy. As we continue to participate in the democratic process next week and beyond, let our community come together to exemplify our commitment to our values and to our Stevens community.

*Per aspera ad astra,*

  
Nariman Farvardin  
President

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