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Dear Friend,

I am pleased to share with you some recent highlights that demonstrate the incredible upward trajectory of Stevens Institute of Technology:

*NJ.com* ranks Stevens number one on their list of [NJ colleges with the highest paid graduates](#), a ranking based on the *Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce* earnings data calculations for four-year colleges and universities throughout the U.S.

Once again, *The Princeton Review* named Stevens in their list of “[Colleges That Pay You Back](#).” Stevens’ [career placement](#) was ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the 2016 edition. *The Princeton Review* has also included Stevens as one of 50 schools in its 2016 book, “[Colleges That Create Futures](#).”

Also, in its 2016 edition, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Stevens [10<sup>th</sup> in the nation](#) for its online graduate computer information technology program; [33<sup>rd</sup> in the nation](#) for its online graduate business programs (excluding MBA), and [38<sup>th</sup> in the nation](#) for best online graduate engineering programs.

These rankings are contributing to unprecedented demand for a Stevens education: [applications to join the Class of 2020 have increased another 13 percent over last year](#), an overall [116 percent increase](#) in freshman applications since 2011. This increase in applications has allowed Stevens to become even more selective, enrolling an exceptionally talented group of students.

Our students, faculty, and alumni are rising to challenges on local and national stages:

[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NJ.com](#), [The Hudson Reporter](#), and others highlighted the heroism of mechanical engineering major Anthony Grasso '17 and his Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps team members who helped to deliver a healthy baby girl during the historic January blizzard.

According to [TIME](#), Stevens School of Business alumnus [Marques Brownlee '15](#) stumped the candidates in the January 17<sup>th</sup> Democratic debate in Charleston, SC. Brownlee, one of four YouTube personalities selected to pose questions to Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders, and Martin O'Malley via video, asked a question on encryption technology and privacy.

[Dr. Victor Lawrence, professor of electrical and computer engineering, was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame](#), joining an elite group of American inventors whose technological achievements have helped stimulate growth for our nation and beyond. Lawrence’s research and patents have improved transmission for the modern Internet, made high speed connections more universally available, and accelerated the development of the global Internet.



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[Dr. Yu-Dong Yao was elected a Fellow of the prestigious National Academy of Inventors](#) and becomes the sixth member of the Stevens community to attain this honor, following Provost and University Vice President George Korfiatis, Vice Provost Christos Christodoulatos, biomedical engineering professor Vikki Hazelwood, electrical and computer engineering professor Victor Lawrence, and myself.

[The New York Times](#) featured the work of Professors Alan Blumberg and Tom Herrington and their colleagues in the Stevens Davidson Laboratory in a February 7<sup>th</sup> article about Hoboken's plans to protect against the impact of future events such as 2012's Hurricane Sandy. [Davidson Laboratory's Hoboken flood map](#) illustrated the scenarios under consideration by the community to protect against future flooding.

Also, I would like to invite you to attend our annual Innovation Expo on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 1 – 7 pm on the Stevens campus. More than 140 student teams will display the products of their “senior design” experience ranging from mobile healthcare apps to sustainable energy devices to robotics to national defense and security projects. The Innovation Expo is truly a highlight of the entire academic year, and many students end the day having launched new companies, attracted venture capital, and built new corporate partnerships. Please reply to [president@stevens.edu](mailto:president@stevens.edu) if you would like to attend this event, and we will send you more details.

I look forward to the opportunity to share more of the positive momentum happening at Stevens and discuss how the university can do more to contribute to our City, State, and region. Please be in touch for more information or to schedule a visit.

Sincerely yours,

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