



May 9, 2016

To the Stevens Community,

On Saturday evening, May 7th, Stevens launched “The Power of Stevens. Our Campaign. Our Impact.” This event marked the public phase of a \$150 million fundraising campaign aimed at providing the resources to enable Stevens to realize our strategic goal of becoming a premier, student-centric, technological research university that is addressing the most pressing problems of the 21st century. The campaign will be the vehicle through which current and future generations of Stevens students and faculty will enjoy the facilities, the tools, and the resources to make a significant impact on society. I am happy to report that \$85 million has already been raised toward this ambitious goal.

It is my distinct pleasure to commend the many members of the Stevens community whose planning, hard work, and commitment to excellence made this a truly extraordinary event. Approximately 500 people enjoyed an evening featuring an Innovation Festival, a visit from Edwin A. and Martha Stevens, the launch of our Hall of Achievement and its outstanding inaugural inductees, superb food and entertainment, and a riverside fireworks show. Even Mother Nature cooperated as the rain and fog gave way to sunshine for the event.

This was yet another example of “Through Collaboration, Impact.” Dozens of departments and individuals worked together to produce an unforgettable evening. I particularly want to thank Vice President Brodie Remington and the entire Alumni and Development team for spearheading the effort and planning a first-rate program. In addition, University Events, Communications & Marketing, Facilities & Campus Operations and many members of the faculty and the academic enterprise as well as our students played a very significant role in the success of the event.

As I have said in recent updates to the community, Stevens is entering a new era. Saturday night’s program provided a glimpse into our future as a top-tier university.

My congratulations and heartfelt gratitude to all who played a part in the evening’s success!

Per aspera ad astra,

Nariman Farvardin
President