



Office of the President

To: Stevens Students, Faculty and Staff

From: Nariman Farvardin, President

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Subject: April Updates

April is a busy month at Stevens!

Stevens has taken a monumental step forward in futureproofing our graduates with the approval of **our new signature core curriculum, SUCCESS (Stevens Undergraduate Core Curriculum: Essential Skills for Success)**. Beginning in Fall 2024, SUCCESS will equip every undergraduate — regardless of major — with the skills, mindset and adaptability to thrive in the dynamic 21st-century digital economy. SUCCESS encompasses a transformative first-year experience; required courses in writing, communication, leadership, ethics, entrepreneurship and computing; and immersive technology experiences in AI and machine learning, data science and analytics, biotechnology, sustainability and quantum technology. This new core curriculum will be a distinctive feature of the Stevens education in the years to come and will set our graduates apart from their peers. I extend my deepest gratitude to the faculty, staff and administrators who developed the SUCCESS curriculum and will ensure its successful implementation.

I am also very proud that Stevens has been recognized as an American Talent Initiative (ATI) “High Flier” institution. ATI, a program sponsored by Bloomberg Philanthropies, brings top colleges and universities together with the philanthropy and research communities to expand access and opportunity for talented low- and moderate-income students. I recently had the privilege of **joining fellow presidents from ATI member institutions** to showcase Stevens’ progress toward this shared goal.

Thanks to a generous **\$1.45 million gift from the PSEG Foundation, Stevens established the Stevens Center for Sustainability (SCS)**. This new center demonstrates our mutual commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability. The SCS will serve as a hub for interdisciplinary research and innovation, addressing complex sustainability challenges and integrating principles of environmental justice into our work.

The findings of the **latest Stevens TechPulse Report** reveal the changing landscape of Americans’ perspectives on artificial intelligence (AI). Interestingly, public perceptions of AI have changed since the last survey, and Americans believe that individuals, government and business are most likely to misuse

AI, while public trust in the use of AI is highest for the U.S. military, healthcare organizations and higher education. The TechPulse Report was launched in 2021 to identify gaps in the public's knowledge of technology and its impact on society, providing opportunities for Stevens to educate and offer solutions in a rapidly changing world.

Admitted Student Weekend is just around the corner on April 13 and 14. The entire university community is making preparations, readying the campus and anticipating the arrival of more than 2,000 visitors over the weekend. Another upcoming highlight of our campus calendar is **Innovation Expo on April 26**, our annual showcase for student design, innovation and entrepreneurship, including the **Scholl Lecture for Visiting Entrepreneurs**, featuring Giuseppe Incitti '04 M.Eng. '04, CEO of Sitetracker, Inc., and the **Ansary Entrepreneurship Competition**.

Thank you for your continued dedication and support as we strive to advance our institution and empower our students for lifelong success.

Per aspera ad astra.

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