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To the Stevens Community:

As an institution of higher education, Stevens is committed to developing an active and informed citizenry among its students and, more broadly, among the entire Stevens community. Stevens recently joined the [All in Campus Democracy Challenge](#), a non-partisan organization of more than 700 campuses committed to working to increase voter engagement and making participation in local, state, and national elections the social norm. With a national election and many Congressional and local elections to be held on November 3rd, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all members of the Stevens community that it is your right and duty to register and to vote. This memorandum provides some useful information and links regarding voter registration and voting and highlights some changes that have been implemented due to COVID-19 restrictions:

- Detailed instructions, polling locations, and additional information for **Hoboken** residents may be found on the [City of Hoboken, City Clerk website](#).
- Detailed instructions for **New Jersey** residents including how to register online, register by paper application, and to check your voter registration status may be found on the [2020 New Jersey Voter Information Portal: Register to Vote](#).
- Residents of **other states** may locate voter registration and voting information at [vote.gov](#).

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 is the last day for residents of the State of New Jersey to register to vote for the November 3, 2020 General Election. To register to vote in New Jersey, you must be: a United States citizen; at least 17 years old, though you may not vote until you have reached the age of 18; a resident of the county for 30 days before the election; and a person not serving a sentence of incarceration as the result of a conviction of any indictable offense under the laws of this or another state or of the United States.

New Jersey Voting Instructions for the November 3, 2020 Election

As a result of the pandemic, this election will be conducted primarily with mail-in ballots with limited in-person voting options available. All active registered voters in New Jersey will automatically receive their ballots for the November 3, 2020 General Election in the mail, at the address where the voter is registered.

To vote, you may:

- **Return your ballot by mail:** It must be postmarked on or before November 3 and be received by your county's Board of Elections on or before November 10.
- **Place your ballot in a secure ballot drop box:** It must be placed in one of your county's secure ballot drop boxes by 8:00 p.m. on November 3.

- **Deliver your ballot to the Board of Elections Office:** It must be delivered in person to your county's Board of Elections Office by 8:00 p.m. on November 3.
- **Bring your ballot to your polling place:** It must be brought by you to your local polling place by 8:00 p.m. on election day, November 3.
- **Vote in person at your polling place:** You may vote from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on election day, November 3, and will be provided a [provisional paper ballot](#).

Detailed instructions including drop box locations, polling locations, how to track your mail ballot, FAQs, and more may be found on the [2020 New Jersey Voter Information Portal: How to Vote](#).

Voter Engagement Activities for Stevens Students

In support of the All In Campus Democracy Challenge, a number of events have been planned and are being promoted via DuckLink, newsletters, direct email to on-campus residents, and Stevens' student social media accounts. Among them:

- Information about voter registration and elections is being provided on the [DuckLink student engagement platform](#) when students login, in partnership with TurboVote, an online voter engagement platform.
- A new civic engagement program series has been created called [Ducks 4 Democracy](#) to help cross-promote elections and events on the DuckLink student engagement platform.
- Presidential debate watch parties will be held on September 29, October 15, and October 22, 8:30-11:00 p.m.
- A vice-presidential debate watch party will be held on October 7, 8:30-11:00 p.m.

Please refer to [DuckLink](#) for more information about these activities.

Lastly, and importantly, as a non-profit, tax-exempt entity, the university is prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in or intervening in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for elective public office.

I encourage all members of the Stevens community to become active and lifelong participants in American democracy by exercising your right to vote!

Sincerely,



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