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A Remarkable Year on All Fronts

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Reflecting on another exceptional academic year at Stevens, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of pride for all that our community has accomplished in recent months.

As you recall, just one year ago, we launched our new 10-year strategic plan, [Stevens 2032: Inspired by Humanity, Powered by Technology™](#), prioritizing four key goals: Student Experience and Success; Impact Through Research and Innovation; Connected Community; and Academic Reputation. I am pleased to report tangible progress toward each of these goals.

First, the most recent report of the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) shows a marked improvement in student engagement and success. We saw improved rankings by first-year students and seniors in 9 out of 10 engagement indicators for Stevens in the 2022 NSSE report compared with 2019.

In addition, 82% of first-year students and seniors rated the quality of their entire educational experience at Stevens as “Good” or “Excellent,” higher than in previous surveys and similar to the rating of students at all other groups of comparison institutions.

Additionally, the [Undergraduate Class of 2022 Career Outcomes Report](#) affirmed the success of our students and the value of a Stevens education, showing that 97.3% of graduates achieved their desired outcome — offers of employment or graduate school — within six months of graduation.

Success extends beyond the achievements of our students. Our faculty are making impressive contributions in transformational areas of research. Among the noteworthy accolades are several prestigious National Science Foundation (NSF) CAREER awards in areas such as virtual reality-based spinal cord-injury rehabilitation therapies, data density and storage capacity enhancement, and fairness in learning models. ([Learn more about research from some of our outstanding faculty in this issue.](#))



Additionally, Stevens has earned the respected Great Place to Work Certification™, an impressive designation based solely on the feedback provided by faculty and staff about their experience working at Stevens.

This edition of *The Indicator* features a [cover story](#) detailing the experiences of alumni who encountered critical turning points in their lives. On the other side of those turns, each of these individuals achieved great success. It is always a distinct privilege to witness our newest alumni experience their own pivotal moment at our Commencement ceremonies. Held at Newark's Prudential Center and keynoted by New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, this year's Commencement celebrates the largest cohort of graduates in Stevens' history — approximately 2,800 undergraduate and graduate students. Stevens is truly powering the innovation workforce of New Jersey and our region, and I look forward to staying in touch with these graduates as they go on to become successful alumni.

As we anticipate a rejuvenating summer and the arrival of the Class of 2027, I express my sincerest appreciation for your sustained engagement and support. You are essential to Stevens' continued success.

Per aspera ad astra,

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