

Office of the President

Strategic Plan 2032: Year 2 Progress Report

From: Nariman Farvardin, President

To: The Stevens Community

I am pleased to share this annual <u>Strategic Plan Progress Report</u> for the second year of Stevens' ambitious strategic plan. Year 2 marks the period of Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) — July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 — and enrollment and related statistics for Fall 2024.

True to the title of our 10-year strategic plan, <u>Inspired by Humanity</u>, <u>Powered by Technology</u>, this Year 2 progress report encapsulates Stevens' commitment to utilize the power of technology to advance society and improve humanity. This commitment is exemplified through the ever-expanding and groundbreaking research conducted by our faculty — in diverse domains that directly affect all of us — to the educational experience that will "future proof" our graduates for a long career.

I am particularly proud of the way Stevens has navigated through uncertainty and challenges during the last year. FY24 presented us with opportunities to demonstrate our agility in financial management when the COVID-related surge of international graduate students from one country returned to prior levels. It also highlighted the importance of a careful, thoughtful approach to respecting divergent viewpoints about world events that deeply affected some members of our community. In both cases, we listened to our community, avoided taking extreme positions and were able to emerge a stronger, more cohesive institution.

Year 2 marked a significant milestone in a number of strategic initiatives that will have profound, long-term impact on our university: the implementation of the SUCCESS curriculum, the launch of the College of Professional Education, the opening of NJ FAST, planning for a new School of Computing and preliminary preparations for a new building, among many others. As we undertook many of these ambitious initiatives, we also made important strides in caring for our community, as demonstrated by improvements in our Great Place to Work and National Survey of Student Engagement scores.

We can all take great satisfaction in the progress we have made during Year 2. But we are a community of strivers. We aim for even greater achievements, and we aspire to the vision we adopted in our 2022-2032 strategic plan:

By 2032, Stevens will be a national and global leader in technology-centric education and research, serving as a magnet for exceptional students from all backgrounds who will fuel the innovation economy and for world-class faculty who create knowledge and technologies that transform the future.

Thank you to all members of the Stevens community for your dedication, perseverance, commitment, collegiality and creativity. Stevens is what it is today — and together we will make it the institution we aspire it to be — because of you.

Per aspera ad astra.

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