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To Stevens Students, Faculty and Staff:

To our students and faculty who have returned from spring break, welcome back to what will be an exhilarating spring semester.

First, I am delighted to announce that the **Stevens community will welcome New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy as our 2023 Commencement speaker.** Gov. Murphy has distinguished himself on the state, national and international stage, and we are honored that he will offer his wisdom and advice to the Class of 2023, who will soon begin a new chapter in their lives. I look forward to celebrating the achievements of our students, faculty and staff with Gov. Murphy at our university-wide ceremony on May 24 at the Prudential Center in Newark.

I'm also proud to share the newest report affirming the success of our students and the value of a Stevens education. The [Class of 2022 Career Outcomes Report](#) shows that 97.3% of graduates achieved their desired outcome — offers of employment or graduate school — within six months of graduation. The figure for women graduates was 99%, and the average salary for the Class of 2022 was \$84,700, an increase of \$9,000 over last year.

Stevens' research enterprise continues to grow, and our faculty are making their mark in fields that are breaking new ground. Among the noteworthy accolades are the prestigious National Science Foundation (NSF) CAREER awards recently granted to biomedical engineering assistant professors [Yu Gan](#) and [Raviraj Nataraj](#), electrical and computer engineering assistant professor [Elnaz Banan Sadeghian](#) and computer science assistant professor [Jie Shen](#). These researchers add to the expanding roster of early-career Stevens faculty who are increasingly active and competitive in their fields. In addition, a \$1.3 million grant from the NSF to chemical engineering and materials science professor Matthew Libera and biomedical engineering professor Hongjun Wang will support [their work in the Growing Convergence Research \(GCR\) program](#). This grant is among those funded by NSF's "10 Big Ideas," a program aimed at tackling pressing research challenges, particularly those pertaining to societal needs.



This month, Stevens [celebrates Women's History Month](#), with numerous activities to honor the 50-plus-year legacy of women's contributions at Stevens and recognizing the women students and community members who are making a difference on campus and beyond.

As always, I encourage you to stay informed on university news by subscribing to our social channels — [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) — and visiting [Stevens News](#). Recent newsmakers include [assistant professor and director of the Fintech Certificate Program Zachary Feinstein commenting to The Hill](#) on the banking sector's turmoil and [associate professor of finance Suman Banerjee offering insights to CNBC](#) on how policymakers calculate the cost-of-living index and minimum wage.

As winter turns to spring, I look forward to seeing students and colleagues around campus and continuing to cheer on the Ducks in their spring season. For those who are local, I hope you'll join me on March 23 as our Men's Volleyball team, currently ranked No. 1 in the nation, hosts MIT in the Canavan Arena at 7 p.m. [Join us by livestream](#) if you can't be there in person. Go Ducks!

*Per aspera ad astra,*

Nariman Farvardin  
President