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2021 Employee Recognition Ceremony

Warren Petty, Vice President for Human Resources
Maria Ouckama, Assistant Vice President for Human Resources

April 21, 2021





Congratulations to
celebrating
5 years



5 Years of Service

Employee Name	Employee Name	Employee Name	Employee Name	Employee Name
Alex Wellerstein	Brian Rothschild	Dina Iskaros	Feng Mai	Jean Lee
Alexander De Rosa	Carlo Lipizzi	Dipti Patel	Gail Baxter	Jennifer Marrero
Amy Wolf	Chihoon Lee	Dov Kruger	George McConnell	Jesse Melchor
Anthony Bonaventura	Christina Cox	Earl Sprague	Giuseppe Ateniese	Jiayang Chen
Anthony Russo	Christopher Francis	Eduardo Bonelli	Haoyu Wang	John Mauro
Aron Lindberg	Christopher Manzione	Elaine Henry	Jacqueline Williams	Julia Aitchison
Bianka Salomon	Claevens Estriplet	Ellyn Lester	James Walsh	Juliana Abraham
Brandon Griffin	Clarke Snell	Emily Kaczmarek	Jan Cannizzo	Keith Kinsella
Brendan Englot	Dibyendu Sarkar	Eric Williams	Jay Boucher	Kevin Connington



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Employee Name	Employee Name	Employee Name	Employee Name	Employee Name
Kevin Stockel	Mary Ann Piazza	Phillip Gehman	Theresa Macphail	Yan Chen
Kimberly Ding	Matthew Rudolph	Qiantao Shi	Thomas Lonon	Yangzi Mao
Kristen Murdoch	Maxine Fontaine	Rebecca Jennings	Timothy Legowski	Ye Yang
Kristyn Karl	Megan Clifford	Richard Snyder	Todd Robertson	Yeganeh Hayeri
Lindsey Cormack	Meredith Spencer-Blaetz	Sara Klein	Troy Figueroa	Yong Meng Sua
Lindsey Swindall	Minghui Wang	Somayeh Moazeni	Uihoon Chung	Zhenyu Cui
Lisa DeMarco	Nicholas O'Brien	Stefano Bonini	Valentina Prigiobbe	Zhongyuan Yu
Louis Mayer	Patricia Anne Muisener	Steven Hoffenson	Veronica Smith	
Lucas Mondadori	Paul Grogan	Sunil Paliwal	Xiaohu Li	



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Employee Name	Employee Name	Employee Name
Andrey Nikolaev	Kathy Schulz	Allison Ruppino
Christopher Robinson	LeAnn Blunt	Philip Orton
Denis Serbin	Maia Canlas	Pinar Akcora
Fei Tian	Marsha Melnyk	Sesha Sridevi Alluri
Jeffery Basile	Michael Hofmann	Todd Walker
Jonathan Kaufman	Michelle Crilly	Yazan Manna
Yong Zhang		



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15 years



15 Years of Service

Employee Name	Employee Name	Employee Name	Employee Name
Alexander Ushakov	Christopher Campbell	Ionut Florescu	Sarath Chandra Kumar Jagupilla
Alexei Miasnikov	Diana Bush	John Horgan	Stephen Napolitano
Andrew Brick	Emine Durakoglu	Jonathan Miller	Steven Gachko Jr
Anthony Barrese	Evangeline Alduey	Joseph Miles	Victor Lawrence
Brenda Nooger	Fabian Perez	Leonid Shnayder	Xiaojun Yu
Bruce Fraser	Hady Salloum	Marcin Ceglinski	Yi Guo
Bryan Mejias	Hongjun Wang	Robert Harari	



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Antonella Bove	Lisa Rigoux-Hoppe
Camilla Minervini	Lloyd Seecharan
Carl Russell	Lucy Mahbub
Darinka Dentcheva	Meagen Henning
Edward Stohr	Paul Rohmeyer
Jeffrey Parker	Rajarithnam Chandramouli
Karen Polyniak	Thomas Lechler
Koduvayur Subbalakshmi	Wei Li
Leslie Brunell	Yujun Zhao

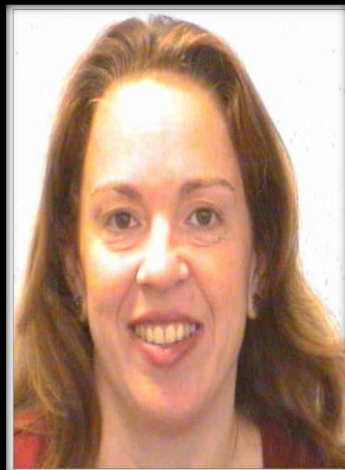


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**Russell Rogers,
Athletic
Director**



**Virginia Figueiredo,
Assistant Director
Of Student Accounts**



**Augustine Cilente,
Lock Shop
Leadperson**



**Khaldoun Khashanah,
Professor
School of Business**

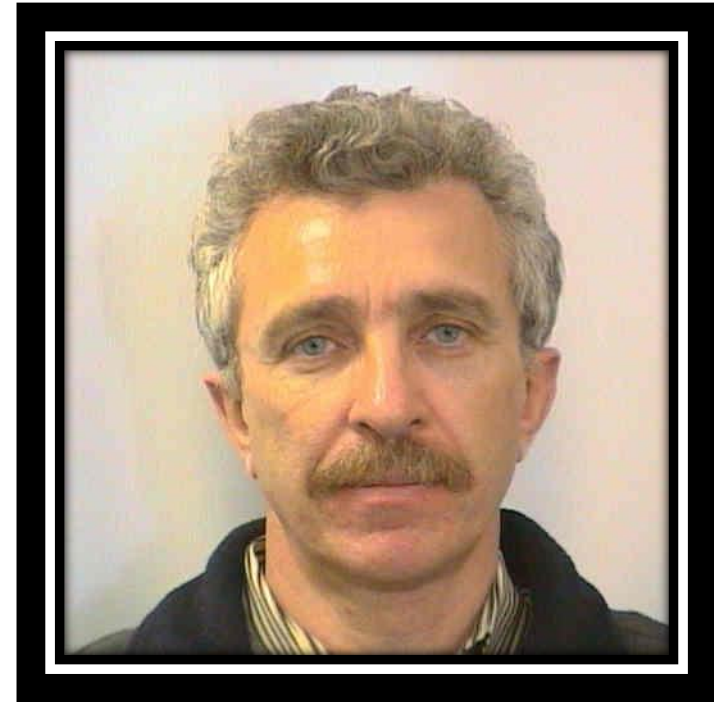


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30 years

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**Deborah Margaret
Sinnreich-Levi,
Associate Professor
College of Arts and Letters**



**Dimitri Donskoy,
Associate Professor
School of Engineering
& Science**



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**Robert Maiocchi,
Tradesperson A1 Lead**

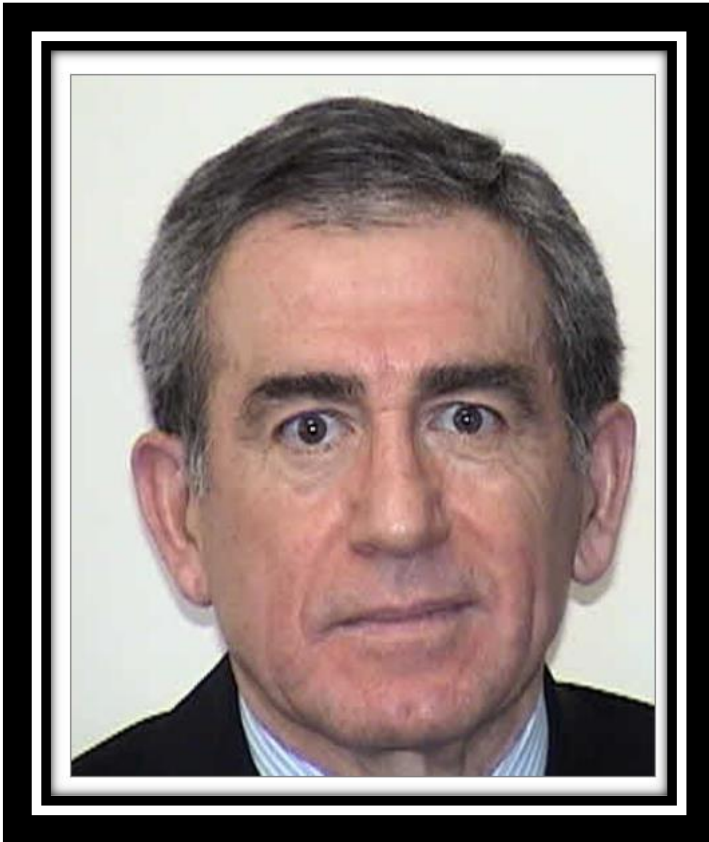


**Joseph Sylvester,
Tradesperson A1 –
Working Foreman**

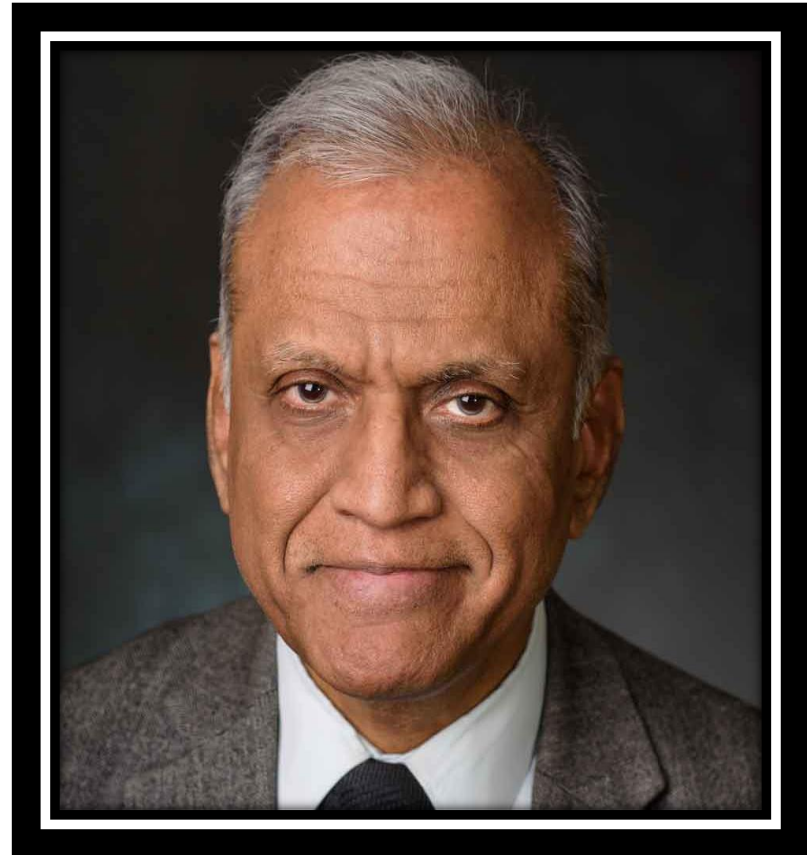


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**Erol Cismevasi,
Associate Dean**



**Siva Thangam,
Dean of Academic
Administration**



2021 Employee Excellence Awards



Excellence In All We Do



ToniAnn Biondolillo

Assistant Corporate Secretary & Executive Assistant
(Office of General Counsel & Secretary)



“She is deeply committed to her work and genuinely cares about Stevens. She is consistently proactive and excellent at seeing issues and solving them, often working closely with others across the university...Everyone who knows her appreciates her energy and dedication, and all rely upon her expertise and judgment. ToniAnn goes above and beyond the call every day for the benefit of the university and all who work with her.”



Paul Grogan

Assistant Professor (School of Systems & Enterprises)



“Paul tirelessly works to excel at all he does- be it in teaching, research or service. This positive attitude translates to his students and colleagues. He has been a critical mentor for new faculty in SSE, guiding and advising them through his experiences. He leads by example, and is loved by colleagues and students alike... He has received large research grants from diverse sponsors including NASA, Lockheed-Martin, and the National Science Foundation (including a prestigious NSF CAREER award), which recognize his excellent work, research ideas, and ability to communicate.

Jamie Houghtaling

Controller

(Division of Finance)



“This past fiscal year Stevens received high remarks from KPMG (external auditors) for the quality, efficiency, and accuracy of our financials. KPMG expressed that Stevens consistently stands out as best in class in their clientele. Jamie Houghtaling leads and manages this function for Stevens. Jamie also works tirelessly to ensure that her team and colleagues exhibit “excellence in all we do.” She invests significant time to ensure every member of the team has the necessary resources to perform at their best capability. She sets high standards of the level of work and deliverables to be accepted. She places great trust in her team to perform at such a level.”



Rainer Martini

Associate Professor &
Associate Dean for Graduate Studies (SES)
(School of Engineering & Science)



“About 80% of graduate students are with the School for Engineering and Science (SES). They are critical to Stevens' education missions and operational viability...we have seen very strong enrollment of graduate students in SES. In fact, the enrollment numbers are better! This is in sharp contrast to many fellow institutes in the US. I must say that it did not happen magically. There has been a lot of efforts across many departments to have made it happen. Prof. Rainer Martini, as the SES associate dean, is at the core.”



Technology At Our Core



Barbara Arnett

Senior Business Intelligence Architect
(Division of Information Technology)



“In the final full year of a multi-year project that covers every area of Stevens, Barbara has been the most important person to make the Workday Student project a success. The project will have a profound effect on life and business at Stevens, as it will be an upgrade of a decade-old student information system. The impacts of Workday Student will be felt by students, faculty, and staff alike. “

Dov Kruger

Teaching Associate Professor
(School of Engineering & Science)



“Professor Dov Kruger has made a big impact on Stevens through the use of technology. As COVID-19 hit, he was able to adapt teaching to zoom in innovative and effective ways. Realizing that Stevens faced an existential threat if freshmen did not have a good experience, he created the Stevens Computer Technology Committee (Stevens CTC), which is a student organization striving to build community while students are isolated online.”



Michael Scalero

Director of Learning Technology
Interim Director of User Support Services
(Division of Information Technology)



“Michael deserves to receive recognition due to all of the hard work that he had to handle while making our entire university's courses to go online for the past year. His area did an exceptional job of putting together the videos and training necessary for all faculty to get up to par. He obviously was instrumental in making sure the President's updates were always run smoothly.”



Strengthened Reputation, Increased Prestige



Kevin Klich

Senior Environmental Health and Safety Specialist
(Division of Finance)



“As part of an effort to benchmark the Stevens environmental health and safety program against recognized best practices, Kevin...led the effort to complete the requirements for the Campus Safety Health and Environmental Management Association’s (CSHEMA) Complete Environmental Health & Safety Program Award for Small Colleges and Universities competition...which resulted in the University's EHS operation receiving the top award from CSHEMA for top small colleges and universities. “



Christopher Robinson

Senior Director of Multimedia (Division of University Relations)



“Christopher has played an instrumental role in critical communications, virtual events and content production in support of key institutional objectives since the pandemic began...[he] worked at breakneck speed with Undergraduate Admissions to source an online platform for the Virtual Admitted Student Day. We received positive feedback from both students and their families, hearing from some that no other school they were considering had anything close to the level of polish and sophistication of the Stevens Virtual Admitted Student Day, reinforcing Stevens reputation as a technology-centric university.”



Shucheng Yu

Associate Professor
(School of Engineering & Science)



“Dr. Shucheng Yu has greatly contributed to the increased prestige and reputation of Stevens through his world-class research. He is an internationally recognized researcher in the area of information and network security. He has published over 70 high-impact research papers. According to Google Scholar, his paper citation has exceeded 10,000 times, the highest in the ECE/SES department and likely top 5 at Stevens. “



Through Collaboration, Impact



Vicky Ocasio

Senior Associate Director of Financial Aid
(Division of Enrollment Management & Student Affairs)



“Vicky worked with advisors in SSES and School of Business on advising needs for students who don’t meet financial aid satisfactory progress. This occurred because Vicky learned that these students were working through an appeal process without meeting with an advisor - thus missing out on a crucial opportunity to get the academic advising needed to successfully remain enrolled. Her work with advisors included education on the federal requirements, the process as well as delivery of a GPA calculator tool to help advisors with their work in this area. She is the liaison between Financial Aid and other departments; primarily the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. She is a mentor to many of us and I am grateful for her guidance and support...She's simply the best and deserves this recognition! “



Min Song

Professor

Chair of the Dept of Electrical & Computer Engineering
Interim Dept Chair of the Dept of Computer Sciences
(School of Engineering & Science)



“Min is a visionary leader. Min organizes the department into four clusters so that junior faculty can get help from established faculty in similar fields...Min is a tireless colleague...Min coordinates all of the logistics, such as educating students about how to do research, how to write a research paper, and how to prepare research posters. He also helps organize the mini-course workshop, departmental research lunch meetings, and many other beneficial faculty events. “



Edlyn Thompson-Mettle

Associate Director for Diversity Programs
(Division of Enrollment Management & Student Affairs)



“Edlyn joined Stevens STEP Office to lead the ACES program, an important initiative to enroll and support students from partner high schools in underserved communities...To make ACES successful, many areas must come together and coordinate their efforts (Admissions, STEP, Financial Aid, Pre-College and Development) and Edlyn is a great collaborator. She works closely all constituents - including high school counselors, students and their parents. “



Student - Centricity



Vivek Alex

Director of Student Accounts

(Division of Enrollment Management & Student Affairs)



“Vivek consistently goes the extra mile for all students and employees to make a better experience. He has streamlined and enhanced Student Account processes for the ease of the student. The refund process for credits has a quicker timeline than before. He has resolved and assisted students with the insurance questions and issues. Vivek has initiated various payment options to enable the students to enroll in Stevens without fear and worry in regards to ability to pay.”



Orlando Gamez Castro

Police Officer

(Division of Facilities & Campus Operations)



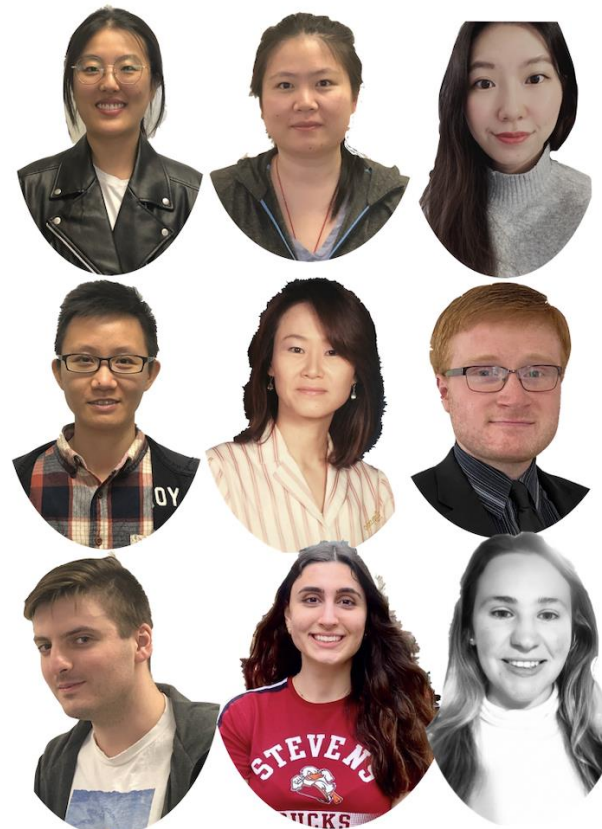
“Over the past year the law enforcement community has faced many challenges yet Orlando has never wavered in his commitment to prioritize fostering student success above all else. His easygoing engaging personality and his desire to engage the students has been a positive reflection for not only the Stevens Police Department but the law enforcement community as a whole at a time when many young adults are unsure of what to think about police officers...”

Faith Kim

Lecturer

(School of Engineering & Science)

“Faith is the “can-do” faculty in the face of uncertainty. Despite her busy schedule in managing the complex execution of CH117 hybrid lab, she worked with other faculty to plan and host the third CCB Awareness and Exploration Student Workshop as an extracurricular activity for students who were not invited to be on campus...Faith enabled the students' introduction to chemistry software applications, exemplifying “above and beyond the call of duty” to benefit our students.”



GenChemLab Team: Top left to Bottom right, Shuang Chen, Jingyu Sun, Jia-mi Chu, Beilu Zhang, **Faith Kim (leader)**, Stephen Cornwell, John Kaplan, Teny Odaimi, Lisa Mengotto and not in picture but team include (Scott Ruppel), (Lucia Wang), (Joshua Tingson), (Shenjia Lin)



Transformative Teamwork

Workday Implementation Team



Employee Name	Title
Barbara Arnett	Senior Business Intelligence Analyst
Andrew Bajana	Workday Support Analyst
Chen Cheung	Systems Analyst
Cindy Chin	Associate Provost
Steve Flanagan	Workday Student Project Manager
Susan Gross	Assistant Vice President for Financial Aid & Undergraduate Admissions
Anna-Lize Harris	University Registrar
Rebecca Jennings	Executive Director of Student Accounts & Auxiliary Services
Morgan Kellogg	Workday Support Analyst
Danielle Pagliuca	Associate Director of Graduate Academics & Student Success
Michael Parente	Assistant Vice President for Information Technology
Frances Salvo	Assistant Director, Academic Event Management
Kamal Tamna	Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Academics & Director of the Academic Support Center



Workday Implementation Team



“I have only listed the functional leads on the project. The larger project team consists of about 30 people. This is the conclusion of a multi-year project that will revolutionize the academic experience at Stevens. It will forever alter: the registration process, grading, reporting, student accounts, financial aid, and advising for every student at Stevens...It is a milestone achievement for the entire university and built on an extraordinary amount of work.

This project involved the Division of IT, Office of the Provost, Student Accounts, Financial Aid, Human Resources, Institutional Research, Graduate Admissions, Undergraduate Admissions, Office of Undergraduate Academics, and the Office of Graduate Academics. This project could not have been completed without the unity, professionalism and teamwork of the individuals in these departments. The end result of a shiny new system was always the end goal of the project, and it was known it would be transformational for Stevens. But this would not have happened without the teamwork and leadership of the individuals involved to get the work completed.”



Lifetime Contribution Award

Marguerite Cuning

Director of Health Services (EMSA)



- ❖ Maggie has served as the Director of Student Health Services at Stevens for over 20 years.
- ❖ For 19 of those years, she showed her dedication and Stevens pride by working diligently to support students in their most difficult moments - when they had their first illness away from home, when they had a serious injury, or battled a long-term illness. She was the person from Stevens who would spend time on the phone with the student and their family, who would call and check in on a student in the hospital, or who would see a student daily as they stopped into Health Services to manage their care.
- ❖ Year 20, of course, was like no other. Maggie immediately became the COVID-19 expert for Stevens, liaising with the local health department, isolating and caring for students with COVID, and contact tracing. She has worked around the clock for nearly one year, giving all of her time and energy to seeing Stevens and our students through this pandemic. Additionally, and outside of her typical scope, she has served as a guide for countless faculty and staff who have tested positive for COVID or who have had to quarantine.
- ❖ Stevens is eternally grateful to Maggie for all of her efforts.

Norman Horing

Emeritus Professor (SES)



- ❖ Professor Horing is a highly accomplished physicist in his research field of condensed matter physics and nanoscience.
- ❖ Professor Horing received his PhD in 1964 from Harvard University under the supervision of the legendary Nobel Prize winner Julian Schwinger.
- ❖ He joined Stevens in 1966 and has made an enormous impact to Stevens physics research and education.
- ❖ He has published more than 350 papers and 5 books.
- ❖ His research had been supported by various funding agency including NSF, ARO and DARPA.
- ❖ His recent monograph is listed in the one of most prestigious series (International Series of Monographs on Physics #186) published by Oxford University Press.
- ❖ Elected a Fellow of the New York Academy of Sciences Henry Morton Distinguished Teaching Professor 2005; Jess Davis Stevens Research Award 1986; Honorary Master of Engineering Stevens 1982





Diversity Leadership Award

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Deborah Berkley

Director
For Stevens Technical
Enrichment Program



Edlyn Thompson-Mettle

Associate Director
for Diversity Programs



Liliana Delman

Assistant Director
for Diversity Education

50th Commemoration of First Female Undergraduate



Martha Stevens Award

Martha Stevens Award



Susan Metz
Executive Director of
Diversity and Inclusion



Excellence Award Committee Members

Employee Name	Title
Michelle Crilly	Director, Student and Faculty Support Center
David Fernandez	Director, Environmental Health, Safety, and Insurance Risk
Bradley Fidler	Assistant Professor, College of Arts and Letters
Jaquion Gholston	Associate Director, Sponsored Accounting
Yuping Huang	Associate Professor, Physics
Eric Rose	Director of Counseling & Psychological Services, Student Affairs
Alex Wellerstein	Assistant Professor, College of Arts and Letters
Ying Wu	Assistant Professor, School of Business



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