



## **The Stevens Star is on the Rise**

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The campus has come alive with the return of students, faculty and staff! As I write this message, I am thrilled and energized to see students studying and playing frisbee on Palmer Lawn, faculty making their way to their classrooms and research labs, and colleagues helping our new students get oriented to their new home and to a new academic year.

This fall feels like a homecoming and a celebration, as does the cover story of this issue of *The Indicator*. This fall, we mark 50 years since a small number of undergraduate women first joined our campus. A half century later, I am proud that one-third of the Class of 2025 are women — a new record, as is the size of the class itself, at approximately 1,100 new students. In this issue, we highlight just a few of our many outstanding alumnae who are trailblazers and leaders in their fields.

I am also delighted to welcome Dr. Jianmin Qu as Stevens' Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Qu succeeds Dr. Christophe Pierre, who served with distinction as Provost since September 2016. Dr. Qu led transformative changes in education, research and entrepreneurship in his previous role as Dean of the School of Engineering and Karol Family Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Tufts University. His impressive record of achievement as a teacher, researcher, scholar and academic administrator will help to ensure that Stevens continues on its upward trajectory for many years to come.

As our community has come together during a worldwide pandemic, we also have united to ensure the bright future of Stevens. I am thrilled to report that this summer, the university successfully concluded its \$200 million fundraising campaign, *The Power of Stevens* campaign, the most ambitious in our history. This success story is due entirely to the renewed engagement and sense of pride of so many members of our community. I am enormously proud of and grateful to all who contributed to this effort through their generosity of spirit, time and treasure.

Finally, July 1, 2021, marked the tenth anniversary of my appointment as President of Stevens. My wife, Hoveida, and I are profoundly grateful that the Stevens community welcomed us with open arms, and we have truly cherished the opportunity to be a part of the remarkable progress story of Stevens over the last decade. I invite you to read more about Stevens' ascent over the past decade in this issue and at [rise.stevens.edu](https://rise.stevens.edu), and I look forward to working with you to bring your alma mater to even greater heights in the years ahead.

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for contributing to this transformation.  
Stevens is a national treasure, and our star is on the rise.

*Per aspera ad astra,*



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