

Our People. Our Progress. Our Power. The Stevens Indicator, Spring 2016

The beginning of my second five-year term as President of Stevens Institute of Technology offers an opportunity to reflect on the remarkable strides we've made in such a short time. We are doing things differently at Stevens, and it shows. We practice innovation across all areas of the academic enterprise, from teaching and supporting student learning, to student and faculty research, to interdisciplinary collaborations and partnerships, to the commercialization of innovative products and ideas themselves. Year after year, our graduates go on to secure impressive career and salary outcomes. The quality of our applicants and enrolled students—both at the undergraduate and graduate levels—has never been higher, and over the last five years the demand for a Stevens education has surged 106% among undergraduate applicants and 84% for applicants to the graduate school. We are a community re-energized and are soaring toward heights greater than the university has ever seen before.

Each and every one of us should take great pride in the university's steep upward trajectory. It is the sum of our collective efforts, the strength of our will to see our university ascend, and our shared pride and perseverance that has powered Stevens forward. For all of the astounding accomplishments we have made at Stevens this year, I credit our power.

When the Stevens 2015 Solar Decathlon team developed the idea for the SU+RE HOUSE, their determination to protect shore communities from future storm damage powered them to a first place victory. When the Men's Volleyball team entered the final round of the NCAA DIII Championships, their diligence, teamwork, and Stevens pride powered them all the way to Stevens' first-ever national championship title. When Anthony Grasso '17 and his volunteer EMT teammates received an emergency call during the blizzard of 2016 to aide a mother in labor, their sense of duty for public service powered them to brave the elements and deliver a healthy baby girl. When our researchers are recognized by the National Science Foundation, the National Academy of Inventors, and the Air Force, they are powered by their commitment to advance the frontiers of science and technology. Our rising rankings among elite technical institutions in ROI, career placement, and for our innovative educational programs are powered by our students, faculty, alumni, and administration who strive for nothing short of excellence.

"The Power of Stevens," the name of the most ambitious fundraising campaign in Stevens' history, will require the engagement and participation of each and every member of the Stevens community to continue to power the university forward. You will bring about an historic new era for Stevens. This campaign is an investment in our students, in our infrastructure, in high-impact research, in upholding the Stevens legacy, and in shaping our university's future.

With your help, we will become the powerhouse that Stevens was meant to be.

Per aspera ad astra,

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