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Stevens Continues Its Rise in 2013
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The year 2013 has started with incredible energy here on campus! With the momentum of the Strategic Plan, improvement in national rankings and recent major gifts to the Gianforte Complex, our community is moving ahead with speed, tenacity and excitement!

A strategic objective of our Plan is to simultaneously increase the size and the academic profile of our student body—both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. I am pleased to report that applications and selectivity are up in both categories—and quite substantially. I look forward to keeping you apprised of further updates.

Increasing our student body requires increasing our space— both academic and residential. We are doing everything possible to make use of the space currently available—through classroom renovation and upgrades, conversion of buildings for additional dormitory space, novel scheduling options, and exploration of blended learning options—to accommodate growth until new construction is completed.

As you know, Greg Gianforte '83 and his wife, Susan, have pledged the anchor gift toward the 75,000-square-foot Gianforte Gateway Complex. Another alumnus has stepped forward to pledge his support for Stevens' future. John Hovey '57 and his wife, Rosa, recently made a very significant investment in this building. We are enormously grateful to these generous alumni and their families and hope that their example will soon inspire other major gifts toward this critical campus priority.

Architects have been selected for the Gianforte Complex and for the Civil-Mechanical-Naval Engineering Laboratory Complex, an addition above the Davidson Laboratory made possible through another generous gift by the American Bureau of Shipping. We expect to begin construction of both projects within 18 months.

Thanks to Joe Weber '64, Chair of the Alumni Awards Committee, and a dedicated team, a new Stevens Awards program has been introduced, honoring very special members of the Stevens community for their professional achievements, societal contributions, and service to Stevens. The culmination of this process will take place at the Stevens Awards Gala in New York City on April 6. I hope you will join me to honor these special members of our community.

Many Stevens community members have been intensively engaged in searches for two key members of the leadership team—a VP for Communications and Marketing and a VP for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs. I am pleased to announce that Edward Stukane— an accomplished marketing strategist, public affairs and advertising executive and high technology business partner—joined Stevens in February as its first Vice President for Communications and Marketing. Edward has enjoyed great success during his 30-plus year career, and his clients have included notable global businesses and corporations such as AT&T, Siemens Medical Systems and General Electric. Most recently, he served as executive vice president and chief marketing officer of PlanITROL, an IT asset management and disposition enterprise. Meanwhile,

I expect that the second VP position will be announced very soon. These leaders will play a critical role in achieving our Recognition and Prestige goals and in meeting our ambitious enrollment goals.

Another big announcement I can share with you is that Susan Metz, a veteran member of the Stevens community, has joined the Office of the President in a part-time role as Director of Diversity and Inclusion. A mandate from the Stevens Strategic Plan, our diversity initiative will leverage a number of existing efforts on campus to ensure that our community benefits from our concurrent emphasis on diversity and excellence.

And lastly, over recent months, Hoveida and I have had the honor of meeting with many alumni in the New York/New Jersey metro area, the Washington, D.C., area, California, Texas, Florida, and around the country. We both continue to be awed by the emotional connection that so many of you have to Stevens and the attribution you give to Stevens for your career success. The more I learn about Stevens through these meetings with alumni, the more determined I am to work hard to help our University realize its full potential—both for our students and our country.

I look forward to working closely with you and the members of the Stevens community toward achieving our dreams.

Per aspera ad astra,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Farvardin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N".

Nariman Farvardin
President, Stevens Institute of Technology