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To Faculty, Staff and Students:

I am delighted to share some news and updates as the Fall semester is in full swing.

It was an honor to welcome Dr. Giovanni Caforio to campus this past Wednesday as the speaker for this semester's President's Distinguished Lecture Series. Caforio, the board chair and chief executive officer of Bristol Myers Squibb, delivered a fascinating talk on the impact and potential of technology to accelerate the speed of drug discovery, advance personalized medicine and address health disparities. For those who missed this event, please look for an email containing a link to the lecture recording.

The beginning of the school year brings with it the unveiling of numerous college rankings, and Stevens continues to shine. [The Wall Street Journal/College Pulse ranked Stevens](#) at No. 36 nationally, placing more emphasis on student outcomes such as graduation rates and graduate salaries, while [The Princeton Review again recognized Stevens](#) as one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduates and ranked Stevens No. 17 on the "Top 20 Best Career Placement" list. In [the latest U.S. News & World Report Best College Rankings](#), Stevens ranks No. 25 nationally on the "Most Innovative Schools" list and moved up to No. 76 among 439 national research universities. Among private institutions, Stevens ranks second in New Jersey and stands at No. 10 in the region. Additionally, in a new ranking, Stevens received 4.5 out of 5 stars in [Money magazine's list of Best Colleges in America](#). These rankings reflect our commitment to excellence and are a source of pride for our entire community.

Two major events are planned within the Schaefer School of Engineering and Science: (i) the [relaunch and open house of the Stevens Institute for Artificial Intelligence](#), coinciding with the [SES Dean's Distinguished Lecture Series seminar](#) with Dr. Manuela Veloso, head of AI research at JPMorgan Chase, on Oct. 18 and (ii) the Semcer Center for Healthcare Innovation (CHI) Relaunch Celebration on Nov. 17. Please look for more information from Dean Zu on both events.



As always, our faculty are making news and being recognized as thought leaders on topics ranging from the impacts of a potential government shutdown to inflation to how to be a good mentor. I encourage you to stay informed on Stevens news by subscribing to our social channels – [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), [TikTok](#) and [YouTube](#) – and visiting [Stevens News](#).

I hope you are having a wonderful autumn season and invite you to [come out to some of our fall athletic games](#) and cheer on the Ducks!

*Per aspera ad astra,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "N. Farvardin".

Nariman Farvardin  
President