



Office of the President

---

1 Castle Point Terrace  
Hoboken, NJ 07030  
[stevens.edu](http://stevens.edu)

**President Nariman Farvardin  
Congratulatory Remarks  
Summer 2022 Graduates  
August 27, 2022**

Good afternoon graduates, families and friends gathered virtually for today's Commencement ceremony honoring the very first cohort of graduates of Stevens' fully online master's program. That makes you "trailblazers," and I am so proud of you and grateful for the opportunity to address you and your families on this very special occasion.

This ceremony is not a "traditional" graduation ceremony, but you have not chosen a traditional path. You have chosen to pursue your degree completely online, which is all the more remarkable.

Earning a master's degree is a very substantial commitment in its own right—and even more so when students may also be pursuing a career, being a mom or a dad, contributing to their families and communities in many other ways, and navigating the changes that the pandemic has brought to our lives over the past two years.

You should be incredibly proud of all that you have accomplished to arrive at this point. You have dedicated yourself to mastering advanced skills and concepts; you have forged connections with your professors and your classmates; and you have become valued members of the Stevens community. Stevens is now your alma mater. You will experience what many other alumni across the globe have: A Stevens degree is a badge of honor, a passport to success, and a pathway to a career filled with opportunity.

Your Stevens degree, and the network you have created during your education will serve you well as you embark on the next stage of your journey. Welcome to the global community of Stevens alumni. You are a Stevens Duck and I sincerely hope you will stay connected to our flock. We look forward to welcoming you to campus at our upcoming Fall Festival, next year's alumni weekend or virtually on other special occasions in the months and years ahead.



I thank you for entrusting your education to Stevens, and I wish you the very best that life offers.

Congratulations!