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Re: Welcome Back and Upcoming Fall Events

To the Stevens Community:

I would like to welcome all of you to the new academic year and to wish you a successful and productive fall semester. Welcome, especially, to the new members of the Stevens Community, the Class of 2016, the new members of our faculty and staff, and the graduate students who have joined us this fall. We are very pleased to count you as members of our family!

I am writing to make you aware of several important events we will be hosting this fall and to encourage your participation:

Wed., Sept. 5, 2012: Convocation marks the ceremonial opening of the new academic year. This year's keynote speaker will be the Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen, member of the U.S. House of Representatives (NJ District 11). In addition, a number of awards for teaching, research, and service will be presented to members of the faculty and student body. The Convocation ceremony will take place from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Canavan Arena.

Fri., Sept. 14, 2012: Conversation with the President, a "town hall" meeting, will take place in the DeBaun Auditorium from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. I will review the key goals of our recently-approved 10-year Strategic Plan, *The Future. Ours to Create.*, as well as the associated financial and infrastructure plans that underpin this ambitious agenda. We will also review the key initiatives that will be launched this year.

Wed. Oct. 24, 2012: Inaugural President's Distinguished Lecture Series event, featuring Mr. Norman Augustine, who has been a monumental force in U.S. science and technology industry, policy, research and education. Mr. Augustine has served our country in many noteworthy positions, including as under secretary and acting secretary of the Army, chairman and CEO of Martin Marietta Corporation and of Lockheed Martin, chairman of the National Academy of Engineering, the American Red Cross, and the Aerospace Industries Association, president of the Boy Scouts of America, and member of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology. The lecture will take place at 3 p.m. in the DeBaun Auditorium.

Please make every effort to participate to the fullest extent possible in these upcoming events.

I look forward to seeing you on campus this fall!

Sincerely,

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