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To Faculty, Staff and Students:

I am delighted to announce that Stevens Institute of Technology will welcome baseball great Cal Ripken Jr. and inventor and entrepreneur Dean Kamen to deliver keynote addresses at our 150<sup>th</sup> commencement ceremonies. Mr. Ripken will speak to our undergraduate degree candidates on May 25<sup>th</sup>, and Mr. Kamen will address those receiving graduate degrees and certificates on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Both individuals exemplify determination, commitment and excellence. In different ways, the long and extraordinary careers of both honorees have improved lives and created opportunity for future generations.

As the legendary shortstop for the Baltimore Orioles for 21 seasons, Cal Ripken Jr. was the embodiment of grit and perseverance, playing in a record 2,632 consecutive games. After his retirement, the Hall of Famer devoted his life to a second career in business and philanthropy. In 2001, his family established the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation, which has impacted more than 10 million children in underserved communities since its inception.

Mr. Kamen may be best known for inventing the two-wheeled Segway; he also holds more than 1,000 patents and has invented numerous devices — among them the first insulin pump for diabetics and a wheelchair that climbs stairs. He is also founder of the FIRST® programs that have engaged millions of pre-college students around the world in STEM activities. Through his vision, ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit, he has improved the quality of life for millions of people worldwide and inspired new generations to participate in STEM.

During the ceremonies, Stevens will confer on Mr. Ripken and Mr. Kamen honorary doctoral degrees in the areas of philosophy and engineering, respectively. Learn more about our commencement speakers [here](#).

The Stevens community looks forward to celebrating their contributions and to hearing their inspirational messages.

Further information about commencement is available at our [Commencement website](#). For additional questions, please email [graduation@stevens.edu](mailto:graduation@stevens.edu) or call the Office of University Events at 201-216-5111.

*Per aspera ad astra,*

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