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Dear Stevens Alumni and Friends,

As the new school year begins at Castle Point, I am deeply honored and humbled to be part of it, as Stevens' seventh president. I am truly excited to work with the entire Stevens community—alumni and friends, faculty and staff, students and parents—to put Stevens on an accelerated path toward new heights of accomplishment and distinction.

As we make Stevens our new home, my wife, Hoveida, my daughter, Tandice, and I are so grateful for the warm reception that we have received from the Stevens community. Everyone has been so welcoming and kind, and our conversations with you have been enlightening, inspiring and most encouraging. We want to hear more from you, and we look forward to many future conversations—to learn about your thoughts, concerns and hopes for Stevens.

In this issue of *The Stevens Indicator*, you will meet some people who are moving Stevens to greater heights—the Class of 2011. Both the undergraduate and graduate classes represent an exceptional student body, with a truly outstanding academic profile, and feature a diverse and multi-talented group, among them budding entrepreneurs, accomplished researchers, dynamic leaders and some of the best student athletes in the country.

Hoveida and I had the pleasure of meeting some of you during Alumni Weekend this past June, and we were delighted by the opportunity to speak with several generations of alumni, all of whom share a genuine love of Stevens and a sincere desire to see it grow, excel and prosper. You can read some of their inspiring stories—and share their Stevens memories—in this issue.

In my first year as president, with significant input and participation from you and the entire Stevens community, we will embark on the development of a strategic plan to move Stevens forward. Our plan will be ambitious and bold, but realistic. The plan will focus on the students—improving their educational experience, creating an even more nurturing environment, and giving them a broad education that prepares them for productive careers and leadership positions in our increasingly global economy. It will focus on research and innovation, integrated with strong academic programs, to address major societal problems. The plan will also address improving and expanding our physical and support infrastructure, enhancing classrooms and laboratories, and embracing the power of information technology to improve operations and services. The plan will have specific goals, actions and metrics for benchmarking and measuring progress. To develop this plan, I will need each and every one of you—your involvement, your thoughts and your support.

A strong alumni community that engages in the advancement of Stevens will be crucial to our success. One of my keygoals is to further strengthen the Stevens alumni community and build an even stronger emotional bond between Stevens and you, it's nearly 30,000 alumni. I welcome your thoughts on how to do this. I invite you to contact me by phone, email or letter or, even better, come by and see me at Castle Point. I have been speaking with alumni in earnest and anticipate holding meetings and events throughout

the year, giving myself the opportunity to get to know more of you and further engage or re-engage you with your alma mater. Stevens truly needs your involvement to help us achieve our ambitious goals. So many of you remember the strong, well-rounded education that Stevens provided you—an education that helped you find successful and fulfilling careers, and therefore, live a good life. Now, I ask you to be an active member of Stevens' alumni so together we can provide a solid foundation for current and future Stevens students, whose country—and the world—needs them and their talents more than ever. Their success is Stevens' success. And, as you join us on our journey to higher elevations, I promise you this: an unrelenting commitment to excellence, the highest ethical standards and our most dogged hard work—qualities that the Stevens alumni embody.

Stevens alumni who are engaged with the university make hopes worth sharing, dreams worth daring, plans worth making and an academic life worth living. You define Stevens' destiny.

Sincerely,

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

Nariman Farvardin

President, Stevens Institute of Technology