



Office of the President

To: Stevens Students, Faculty and Staff

From: Nariman Farvardin, President

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Subject: March Updates from Stevens

Greetings! I am pleased to share some noteworthy updates from our campus this Spring semester.

Our Stevens Athletics program continues to shine, particularly with the recent victory of our **men's basketball team, who clinched the MAC Freedom Championship**. Their remarkable journey to the NCAA Tournament showcases not only their talent but also their hard work, team synergy and impressive camaraderie on and off the court. Additionally, we celebrate the achievements of **five wrestlers heading to the NCAA DIII Championship** and **Laura Mathews '23 M.Eng. '24**, who was named MAC Indoor Track Athlete of the Year for the second consecutive year. Congratulations to all our scholar-athletes. Go Ducks!

The academic success of our students is no less impressive. The Office of Graduate Education reports that **more than 97% of master's and doctoral graduates for the Class of '23 achieved career success** within six months of graduation. This statistic — in combination with the **96.4% placement rate for our baccalaureate graduates of the Class of '23** — affirms the ROI of a Stevens education.

Within Stevens' research enterprise, I am pleased to share that so far this year, we have four NSF CAREER Award winners: mechanical engineering professors Shima Hajimirza, Christopher Sugino and Johannes Weickenmeier, as well as Philip Odonkor, assistant professor in the School of Systems and Enterprises. Their dedication and innovative contributions further solidify Stevens' position as a leader in research and academic excellence.

I hope you will be able to join us for a special event, "From Bits to Qubits: A Celebration of Claude Shannon, Father of the Information Age." I am looking forward to delivering the keynote address, as Shannon was an inspiration in my own career. His groundbreaking work led to the field of information theory, and his influence on today's technologies, including artificial intelligence, information theory and quantum science, is profound. Please join me and panelists John Horgan of the School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences and Brendan Englot and Igor Pikovski of the Schaefer School of Engineering

and Science, for this look at the past and the future of Claude Shannon's work. Learn more about the program [at this website](#).

As always, I encourage you to stay informed on university news by subscribing to our social channels — [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), [TikTok](#) and [YouTube](#) — and visiting [Stevens News](#). Recent newsmakers include [professor Jason Rabinovitch speaking to CTV about the Odysseus moon lander mission](#) and [professor Chang-Hwan Choi offering his thoughts to *The New York Times* about dirty ice](#).

Lastly, to our exceptional faculty and staff acknowledged at the [recent Annual Employee Recognition Awards ceremony](#), I extend heartfelt congratulations for their exemplary contributions, unwavering dedication and collegial spirit. Our faculty and staff are the driving forces behind our institution's success.

I wish our students and faculty a safe and restorative spring break and look forward to your return for a strong finish to the spring semester!

Per aspera ad astra.

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