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To the Stevens Community:

The mission of Stevens Institute of Technology is “to inspire, nurture and educate leaders in tomorrow’s technology-centric environment while contributing to the solution of the most challenging problems of our time.” There may never have been a time in our university’s 150-year history where leaders and problem-solvers were needed more than today.

In recent months, our faculty, staff, and students have worked intensely and tirelessly and have pulled together to overcome the prolonged disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic. Yet in light of the unjust and horrific events of the recent past, we have a responsibility, individually and collectively, to take on another serious challenge: to stand together and against the virulent and violent impacts of racism and hatred in our society. We must model empathy and increase our understanding of the life experiences of each other. And, we must proactively and decisively work to provide a safe, respectful, and supportive environment for each and every person regardless of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, and other characteristics.

It is a privilege to learn and to work within the remarkable community that is Stevens. We are enriched and strengthened by the diverse talents, contributions, and engagement of each member. We are leaders and problem-solvers, and we must use our talents and experiences to denounce injustice and eliminate discrimination within our community and wherever we may encounter it.

In closing, I especially want to offer my sincere and unequivocal support to the African American members of our community. Your engagement as students, scholars, colleagues, and friends has contributed to our collective success as a university on the rise. Whether we are on campus or online, we remain committed to our values of academic freedom and nondiscrimination in all that we do.

*Per aspera ad astra,*

Nariman Farvardin  
President