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Dear Stevens Alumni and Friends,

Welcome to the 2018 Stevens Awards Gala, the fifth time we have gathered to honor our distinguished alumni and friends in such an elegant setting. I am sure you will find this year's honorees to be impressive, impactful, and inspirational. They are among the finest graduates our university has produced in our nearly 150-year history, and we are immensely proud of them.

This spring, as we prepare to award diplomas to yet another stellar class (and perhaps one or two future gala honorees), a certain word comes to my mind: transformation. It may mean change, growth, progress, or evolution, and all of those would describe our myriad accomplishments over the last six years.

Many of the traditional hallmarks of a Stevens education—analysis, ingenuity, innovation, and determination—transcend the past and form the basis of a new era with limitless possibilities, one guided by a bold strategic plan to grow in size, scope, impact, and prestige. We will always be known to the world as America's first college of mechanical engineering, but today, we are also known for achievements in artificial intelligence and machine learning, healthcare and biomedical engineering, technology-based quantitative finance, energy innovation, coastal resiliency, computer science, cybersecurity, systems engineering, sensor technologies, and many domains at the intersection of technology with business, the arts, and humanities.

We have made significant investments in modernizing our campus infrastructure, with the planned opening of our new Gianforte Family Academic Center in Fall 2019, and smart classrooms, advanced labs, and even an award-winning online learning studio. And, most importantly, we have reaffirmed our commitment to student success, with record highs for graduation, retention, and career placement rates; national recognition for the return on investment of a Stevens education; and increased support for women and underserved students pursuing a Stevens education. Our student body is larger and more diverse, and the academic profile of our students has increased dramatically over the last six years. This combination positions Stevens and our graduates for even greater impact in the dynamic, technology-driven, global economy of the future.

In short, Stevens is in the midst of a dramatic transformation, from the "hidden gem on the Hudson" to a dynamic, vibrant center of innovation, learning, and research. In the years to come, Stevens will continue on its upward trajectory as a nationally and internationally renowned center that transforms talented students into successful leaders and problem-solvers.

Indeed, this is an exciting time for Stevens. If you are already familiar with Stevens, thank you for being a committed and engaged member of our community. If you are a new friend joining us this evening, I hope you see how proud we are of our honorees, and how bullish we are about the future of Stevens.

Per aspera ad astra,



Nariman Farvardin
President

AWARDS DINNER PROGRAM

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Chris Cimino

Master of Ceremonies

News 4 "Today in New York" Meteorologist

PERFORMANCE

Tony Yazbeck

Tony Award Nominated Broadway Performer

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD ARTS AND HUMANITIES



John A. Newton '71

The audio engineering acumen of John Newton has made listening to classical music a more refined, palpable and enriching experience.

Mr. Newton is the founder and president of Soundmirror, a Boston-based studio that since 1972 has become a premier recording and production company for orchestras, operas, choruses and soloists. Using the latest technology and custom designed equipment, aiming to capture a natural sound, Soundmirror has produced definitive recordings of Yo-Yo Ma, André Previn, Paul McCartney, Andrea Bocelli, Lorin Maazel, Isaac Stern, Jessye Norman, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, Chicago Symphony, New York Philharmonic, Santa Fe Opera and a host of notable artists worldwide. The company's recordings have earned over 100 Grammy nominations, including ten in 2018. Mr. Newton himself has been nominated nineteen times and won nine in Best Engineered Classical Album, Best Choral Performance, and Best Orchestral Performance categories. He has won an Emmy for his work with the Utah Symphony.

Soundmirror also collaborates with performers and arts organizations to create and improve their content libraries and media strategies. It has produced syndicated radio and television programs, including the popular NPR

program *From the Top*. In 2000, Soundmirror Korea was launched in Seoul, Korea.

Mr. Newton is a member of the Audio Engineering Society and the National Association of Recording Arts and Sciences. While still a student, he began working for Dolby Laboratories, then a young startup company. Concurrently he began working at Tanglewood, the summer home of the Boston Symphony. He created and developed the audio engineering department at the Berkshire Music Center, commencing a nearly fifty year relationship with the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

With the dawn of the digital age in the 1970s, Mr. Newton headed the east coast operations of Soundstream, the company founded by Dr. Thomas Stockham, inventor of the first digital recording and music editing system. Mr. Newton's work with Soundstream led to his appointment as head of the recording department at Philips Classics in the Netherlands. In concert with Philips and Sony, Mr. Newton helped launch the Super Audio Compact Disc (SACD) format in 1999.

Mr. Newton graduated from Stevens with a degree in engineering. He returned to provide audio services at commencement ceremonies, including that of Frank Sinatra receiving his honorary doctorate in 1985.

Mr. Newton is an avid motorcyclist who has traveled the world over on two wheels. His wife of nearly forty years is pianist and novelist Janice Weber, whose father and two uncles graduated from Stevens.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



Vikki Hazelwood Ph.D. '07

At Stevens, the biomedical engineering program is thriving because of Vikki Hazelwood and her commit-

ment to inspiring students and pursuing impactful research.

Dr. Hazelwood serves as an industry professor and director of the biomedical engineering program. She also created and directs the university's Lab for Translation Research in Medicine, which focuses on preventing injury and disease and improving procedural and therapeutic outcomes. Dr. Hazelwood recruits students to work in the lab, where with her encouragement they gain relevant career experience, learn about entrepreneurship, and develop appreciation for the humanitarian aspects of medical technology. Benefitting from her industry connections, her students collaborate with physicians and expert clinicians from area hospitals, labs and companies, including Hackensack University Medical Center, New York Medical College, Rutgers University Medical School, and New York University.

Dr. Hazelwood's lab has filed several patent applications and launched a startup, SPOC (Stevens Proof of Concept), which involved students as co-inventors and full-time employees and received over \$1 million in venture funding and 510K clearance from the Food and Drug Administration.

As a researcher, Dr. Hazelwood has developed innovation for minimally invasive evalua-

tions, early disease detection, assistive technologies for the disabled, drug discovery and delivery, obesity prevention, pain management, and surgical techniques for orthopedics and interventional cardiology. She also has extensive industry experience, including executive positions in sales and business development.

Dr. Hazelwood is a fellow in the National Academy of Inventors, and in 2010 she received the Advancement of Invention Award from the New Jersey Inventors Hall of Fame. Recently, for her research into designing a new catheter, she was awarded a grant from the New Jersey Health Foundation and the Nicholson Foundation.

At Stevens, Dr. Hazelwood has twice served as the Henry Morton Distinguished Teaching Professor. She has received the Dean's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, the Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher Award, and the Student Association Distinguished Senior Advisor Award.

Dr. Hazelwood has published two textbooks, including one on biomedical engineering and another on a study she conducted that assessed the physical health of college students. She has also published in almost two dozen journals and spoken at several conferences.

In addition to her doctorate from Stevens, Dr. Hazelwood earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Rutgers and a master's degree in biomedical engineering from New Jersey Institute of Technology. Dr. Hazelwood's enthusiasm for teaching is rivaled by her passion for competitive waterskiing. She also enjoys her very energetic puppy, Mocha.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD BUSINESS AND FINANCE



Dianne K. McKeever '01

Dianne K. McKeever is Co-founder and Chief Investment Officer of Ides Capital, a deep

value investment advisor that constructively engages with companies to improve corporate governance and implement operational, strategic and capital changes that drive long-term shareholder value. Launched in 2015, Ides takes its name from the Roman-era word portending dramatic change and has been cited as the “only” woman-led activist fund “shaking up U.S. companies.”

Ides' most public engagement to date has generated positive changes at Boingo Wireless, a provider of mobile internet access for wireless-enabled devices. After acquiring shares at a 50% discount to Boingo's IPO price, Ms. McKeever launched a proxy contest to elect directors to Boingo's board. Ides ultimately reached a settlement with Boingo that encompassed specific strategic and governance enhancements, the most significant being the appointment of three new directors to the Board including the first female director in Boingo's history. Ides remains a shareholder of Boingo, which has seen its stock price appreciate approximately +300% since Ms. McKeever initiated Ides' campaign for change just two years ago.

Ms. McKeever began her career as an analyst at Barington Capital Group, a small-cap activist fund, where at the age of 25, she became the firm's youngest partner. Ms. McKeever was a portfolio manager at Park Row Capital and served as a public company director at LQ Corp., Inc. and Sielox, Inc., where she chaired the nominating and governance committee and served as a member of the audit and compensation committees.

For her success in disrupting the status quo, Ms. McKeever has received substantial recognition. In 2016, the *New York Times* featured a profile of Ms. McKeever and Ides' differentiated approach to shareholder activism. Ms. McKeever has been named to *Fortune's* 2016 40 Under 40 list, *Crain's New York Business's* 2017 40 Under 40 list, and *Marie Claire's* New Guard 2017.

In addition to her degree in chemical engineering from Stevens, Ms. McKeever was awarded a bachelor of science in chemistry from New York University as well as a juris doctorate, cum laude, from Fordham University.

Ms. McKeever resides in New York with her husband Shreyas where they are supporters of the New York Philharmonic, the Museum of the City of New York, the Jazz Gallery and TaylorNEXT. Ms. McKeever serves as a member of City Year New York's Women's Board and as a member of Fordham Law's 100 Years of Women Executive Committee.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD ENGINEERING



Ken Venner '84

In the not too distant future, when space travel is as common as a trip to the store, Ken Venner will know

he helped transform commerce, tourism and the trajectory of human development.

Mr. Venner is the CIO of SpaceX, the world's premier private space technology company, with an ultimate goal of enabling people to live on other planets. Founded in 2002, it is the first company to return a spacecraft from low-Earth orbit, and in 2012 its Dragon craft delivered cargo to and from the International Space Station, a feat previously only governments had accomplished. The company now has a contract with NASA to regularly resupply the station, and it serves government agencies and private companies worldwide in launching satellites for communications, weather forecasting and other uses. In 2017, SpaceX successfully achieved the first reflight of an orbital class rocket, and in 2018 the company successfully launched Falcon Heavy, the most powerful rocket in the world.

As the SpaceX CIO, Mr. Venner plays the critical role of overseeing the design, development and implementation of the 5,000-employee company's computing and information infrastructure, closely involving him in all operations from manufacturing to rocket launches.

Prior to SpaceX, Mr. Venner served as CIO and executive vice president of corporate services for Broadcom, a semiconductor manufacturer for the wireless and broadband industries. He enabled the company to grow from \$400 million to \$7.6 billion; from 1,000 employees to 10,000; and from five locations to 80 globally, while acquiring and integrating 50 other companies.

Mr. Venner was also a CIO and vice president of product management with Rockwell Electronic Commerce, and he served as a director of order management for Lucent Technologies. Additionally, Mr. Venner currently co-owns Attune Wines, a boutique winery that cultivates pinot noir, chardonnay and other blends from 8.5 acres of vineyards.

At Stevens, Mr. Venner was a brother and social director of Chi Phi, worked at the Rathskeller Pub on campus, and received the Kenneth J. Moser Award from the Office of Student Life.

In addition to his degree in mechanical engineering from Stevens, Mr. Venner earned a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Carnegie Mellon and an MBA from New Hampshire College.

Mr. Venner's father is Edward Venner from the Class of 1956, and his sister is the late Susan Venner Munday of the Class of 1985. He lives in California with his wife Debra, and he enjoys traveling, dining, scuba diving and golf.

LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD



Marty P. Valerio '68

For more than a third of Stevens history, Marty Valerio has devotedly served his alma mater.

Mr. Valerio has been an active and impactful member of the Stevens Alumni Association (SAA). He has served as vice president, trustee, and 1960s decade representative, and he was elected president from 2003 to 2005.

In his leadership roles, Mr. Valerio strengthened the SAA by cultivating regional clubs in Northern California, Florida, Houston and elsewhere. He served on committees for officer nominations, long-range policy and planning, and the Stevens Alumni Association Term Legacy Scholarship, and he guided the SAA in developing a strategic plan. He also founded the SAA's civil engineering and construction club.

As president, Mr. Valerio concurrently served as one of five SAA representatives on the Stevens Board of Trustees, including on the committees for facilities, development, alumni relations, and financial reporting. After serving as president, Mr. Valerio served as a member of the SAA Board of Trustees from 2007 to 2017.

Mr. Valerio is a former president of the Stevens Metropolitan Club, and he has served as a telethon caller. In 1973, he was the first of his class to receive the Anniversary Achievement

Award (now the Harold R. Fee '20 Alumni Achievement Award). In 2008, he received the Stevens Alumni Award.

As a student, Mr. Valerio was president of the Class of 1968; secretary and vice president of the Student Council; a brother in Delta Tau Delta and pledge president and house manager; vice president of Gear and Triangle; member of Khoda; and copy editor and business manager of the Link yearbook. As a class fund captain, he raised money to build the Williams Library.

Mr. Valerio is a licensed professional engineer with over 45 years of experience in the construction industry. He started as a project engineer in Boston and pivoted to project management, mostly in the New York City area, where he worked on Mount Sinai Hospital and other health care facilities. In the 1980s, he was based in North Carolina and worked on a super-computer center. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and a former member of the National Society of Professional Engineers. Currently, Mr. Valerio is an adjunct professor of construction management at Stevens.

Mr. Valerio and his wife Holly have two sons, one daughter, and five grandchildren. In 2004, they established the Marty P. '68 and Holly C. Valerio Endowed Scholarship. Mr. Valerio volunteers at Holy Name Medical Center in Teaneck, New Jersey.

YOUNG ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Marques Brownlee '15

The hits keep coming for web sensation

Marques Brownlee, a novel entrepreneur who is mastering new media.

Mr. Brownlee is the creator of MKBHD, a tech-themed YouTube channel that influences over six million subscribers. Every week, from his fully-stocked studio, and sometimes on location, Mr. Brownlee reviews the latest in smart phones, televisions, video games, drones, electric cars and other hot products, with total views of his 1,000-plus videos headed toward one billion. Notably, Tesla founder Elon Musk personally selected Mr. Brownlee's video as winner of a nation-wide contest to promote the company's new Model S electric car. In another popular video, Mr. Brownlee interviewed basketball star Kobe Bryant about sneaker technology.

Mr. Brownlee's channel, named for his initials and the acronym for high-definition, earns lucrative advertising revenue with every viewing. Mr. Brownlee started his channel for fun while he was in high school, but with early popularity, and from taking courses at Stevens, he realized he could turn his product reviews and tutorials into a viable business. With millions of consumers trusting his advice on gadgets they rely

on every day, he has since expanded to offer branded tee shirts, hats and other merchandise.

Mr. Brownlee's portfolio also includes 2.7 million Twitter followers and 1.4 million followers on Instagram. His stature as a new media celebrity extends beyond his own content. He has been cited in *Time*, *Forbes*, *HuffPost* and elsewhere, and he appeared as a guest on a talk show hosted by astronomer Neil deGrasse Tyson. In 2016, he was selected by NBC and YouTube to ask a question about tech privacy to candidates during a Democratic Party presidential primary debate, and in 2013, during a national video chat with President Barack Obama, Google picked Mr. Brownlee, while he was still a Stevens student, to ask a question about the minimum wage. In 2015, Mr. Brownlee was invited to Apple's public introduction of its 12-inch MacBook with retina display, becoming the first YouTuber invited to any of the company's press events. In 2013, Vic Gundotra, a former Google vice president, called Mr. Brownlee "the best technology reviewer on the planet right now."

Mr. Brownlee was one of the first graduates of the Stevens School of Business. He lives in New Jersey, and in addition to his tech business, he is a semi-professional ultimate frisbee player, most recently in 2018 with the New York Empire of the 24-team American Ultimate Disc League.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AWARD



Frank J. Semcer, Sr. '65

Whenever he looks at his bountiful life and career success, Frank Semcer always remembers the

start he got at Stevens.

Mr. Semcer is the chairman and CEO of MICRO, a New Jersey-based manufacturing company he purchased in 1977 and grew into a global conglomerate. Annually, MICRO produces over six billion parts for the medical device, automotive, aerospace and electronics industries. Through Mr. Semcer's encouraging leadership and strategic thinking, an enduring pursuit of technological innovation, and close collaboration with customers, MICRO has tripled its sales and grown from just a few dozen employees to over 500, with divisions in Florida, Korea and Singapore. With sales exceeding \$100 million every year, MICRO is routinely named to the NJBIZ list of top privately held companies.

Mr. Semcer began his career as a product development engineer for Allied Chemical. In addition to his Stevens degree, he earned an MBA from Seton Hall. He is a member of the New Jersey Tooling and Machining Association, the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, and the American Society of Quality Control. He also served as director of the New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company.

Additionally, Mr. Semcer serves as a member of the Stevens Board of Trustees, where his

peers praise his upbeat demeanor and bold vision. He has made numerous philanthropic contributions to Stevens, including a recent gift to support a research lab in the university's Center for Healthcare Innovation, scholarships for biomedical engineering students, and a faculty chair.

Mr. Semcer received the Harold R. Fee '20 Alumni Achievement Award in 1985 and the Stevens Honor Award in Innovation and Entrepreneurship in 2010. He often attends Alumni Weekend and inspires his classmates to engage with their alma mater. He has befriended and mentored numerous students, employing them through the university's internship program and hiring many full-time when they graduate. He also supports his beloved Theta Xi fraternity, including the maintenance of the Keuffel House where the brothers live.

Mr. Semcer and his wife, Mary Jane, spend most of the year in Florida, where on the state's west coast they entertain Stevens couples and have hosted an annual alumni luncheon for over ten years.

Four of their children work at MICRO, including son Brian, who earned a graduate degree at Stevens. They have 16 grandchildren, in whom they encourage philanthropy. One of the Semcers' special charities is St. Benedict's Preparatory School in Newark, which they have adopted for the exceptional work that Father Edwin Leahy, Headmaster, has accomplished over the last 40 years.

CHARLES V. SCHAEFER JR. ENTREPRENEUR AWARD



**Stephen T. Boswell C.E. '89 Ph.D. '91
Hon. D.Eng. '13**

Every day, throughout the northeast and beyond, thousands of people travel to jobs, schools,

stores and recreation on roads Stephen Boswell improved with his engineering ingenuity.

Dr. Boswell is president and CEO of Boswell Engineering. His grandfather David started the firm in 1924, and Dr. Boswell has applied bold entrepreneurial thinking in positioning the firm to thrive as it reaches a second century. Boswell Engineering now offers expertise across the full spectrums of civil and environmental engineering, with both design and construction supervision. Its areas of specialization include transportation, structural, water, wastewater and underwater engineering, plus surveying, permit acquisition, site remediation and geographic information systems. Boswell Engineering serves municipal, county, state and federal clients along the mid-Atlantic and as far away as Minnesota, Arkansas and even Hawaii, and its private sector clients include complex industrial concerns and the largest developers in the country.

In the tristate area, Boswell Engineering has improved major roads such as the New Jersey Turnpike, the Garden State Parkway, and Route 287 in New York from Rockland County through Westchester County, across the Tappan Zee Bridge. Other notable Boswell projects in-

clude Secaucus Junction, which is a major commuter rail station in New Jersey; many waterfront structures for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; paving at Newark Liberty International Airport; and the design and construction supervision of the popular Sinatra Park waterfront in Hoboken, New Jersey, near the Stevens campus.

Dr. Boswell's entrepreneurship extends beyond engineering. He is a co-founder and lead independent director of ConnectOne Bank, a values-orientated, client-centric financial institution listed on the NASDAQ stock exchange. Established in 2005, the bank has 20 branches in New Jersey and one in New York City.

Dr. Boswell earned a bachelor's degree in biology from New York University and a master's degree in biological sciences from William Paterson University. Through Stevens he earned a double master's degree in civil engineering and a Ph.D. in environmental engineering. He is a licensed professional engineer in 28 states and an elected fellow in the American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Council of Engineering Companies.

Dr. Boswell is the incoming chair of the Stevens Board of Trustees. He is also a trustee at Hackensack Meridian Health and the Buehler Challenger and Science Center. Dr. Boswell lives with his wife Karen, and their daughter Kristen became the first fourth-generation licensed professional engineer in New Jersey. In his spare time, Dr. Boswell enjoys playing golf.

INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Sachin N. Shah '89 M.S. '93

Sachin N. Shah's career in international business has taken him from Stevens to Tokyo,

where he is chairman, president and CEO of MetLife Japan and serves in several leadership roles in U.S. business organizations.

MetLife Japan is MetLife's largest business outside the United States, with approximately \$14.8 billion (JGAAP) in annual revenue. Mr. Shah leads more than 9,000 employees across the country.

Mr. Shah joined MetLife in 1999 as a vice president in the company's U.S. division. He steered the launch of award-winning digital technologies, which were developed for MetLife's corporate customers, ranging from small businesses to Fortune 500 companies. Beginning in 2006, Mr. Shah was responsible for leading strategy and business development for MetLife's international business. He identified and managed key growth initiatives, including mergers and acquisitions. In 2010, Mr. Shah co-led a \$15.5 billion deal involving business in more than 50 countries, representing the third largest deal in the life insurance industry.

Beyond his role as MetLife Japan CEO, Mr. Shah is committed to the continued development of U.S.-Japan relations and the success of U.S. business in Japan. He serves as president of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan,

the leading foreign business association in Japan, with over 3,500 members. He is also a board member of the U.S.-Japan Business Council.

His international contributions also include his leadership in women's empowerment. In 2013, Mr. Shah helped establish the TOMODACHI MetLife Women's Leadership Program (TMWLP) in partnership with the US-Japan Council. The program has provided leadership training and mentorship to nearly 450 Japanese women and enjoys steadfast support from the U.S. and Japanese governments. In 2015, the Government of Japan selected Mr. Shah as one of the first foreign leaders to join the "Male Champions of Change" council, focusing on accelerating women's empowerment in Japan.

In addition to his degree in electrical engineering, Mr. Shah earned a master's in technology management at Stevens. As an undergraduate, he pitched on the varsity baseball team for four seasons. He now serves his alma mater as a member of the School of Business board of advisors.

Mr. Shah and his wife Rajul have three children, including their son Jaisal, who will enroll at Stevens in the fall of 2018. Mr. Shah's brother Saumil graduated from Stevens in 1991, and his niece Serena is a member of the Class of 2021. In his spare time, Mr. Shah enjoys staying fit and keeping in touch with his Stevens classmates.

STEVENS HONOR AWARD



John "Sean" J. Hanlon IV '80

Sean Hanlon is chairman, CEO and co-chief investment officer of Hanlon Investment

Management, which he founded in 1999.

After graduating from Stevens in 1980, with a bachelor of engineering in mechanical engineering, Mr. Hanlon became a project engineer with Rohm and Haas. Two years later, Mr. Hanlon had a desire for a Wall Street career and was hired into the renowned, industry-leading training program at Merrill Lynch. Three years later, Paine Webber recruited Mr. Hanlon to open a branch office in 1986, where he expanded his already successful investment services practice.

In 1993, Mr. Hanlon's entrepreneurial spirit led him to leave Paine Webber and become an independent financial advisor, starting his own independent firm. In 1999, having developed a specialized investment management approach for his direct clients, Mr. Hanlon launched Hanlon Investment Management (HIM), an SEC-registered investment advisor, expanding an already successful retail investment management practice to now include distributing investment management solutions on a wholesale level, where HIM provides investment management services for advisors and their clients.

The HIM wholesale business expanded rapidly and needed considerable technology solutions, so Mr. Hanlon led HIM to make critical investments into purchasing and developing

software. Today, HIM is an innovative asset management, services and financial technology company, employing over 130 associates. Its product offerings include an asset and wealth management platform for advisors, wealth managers, family offices, broker/ dealers, banks and institutions. Over 100,000 clients are served daily through the HIM platform, enabled through a fully-integrated, cloud-based technology that includes high quality service and premier investment management teams.

Mr. Hanlon is a member of the Stevens Board of Trustees and chairman of the advisory board for the Hanlon Financial System Center at the Stevens School of Business. The Hanlon Center's mission is to provide facilities and labs for educating the students who will become tomorrow's financial services leaders. The Hanlon Center also supports financial systems research; the development, testing and evaluation of software for financial networks; the investigation of cyber-security challenges in the financial domain; hosts conferences; and much more. Mr. Hanlon does or has served on the advisory board of numerous financial service companies and venture capital partnerships.

Mr. Hanlon earned the Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) designation in 1997, and he is a member of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey Financial Planning Advisory Board. He and his wife of 28 years, Cathy, have two wonderful, successful adult children, John and Erin, and they enjoy spending time with their immediate and extended family, especially at the Jersey Shore.

INAUGURAL STEVENS AWARDS GALA

—2013 Honorees—

LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD
Warren G. Wells '42

YOUNG ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Mark R. Biamonte '01

FRIEND OF STEVENS AWARD
Robert D. Somerville

INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Tony T. Wang M.M.S. '73

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AWARD
John A. Schepisi '65

CHARLES V. SCHAEFER, JR. ENTREPRENEUR AWARD
David E. Hershberg M.M.S. '68

STEVENS HONOR AWARD
Norman N. Li Sc.D. '63

PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP AWARD
Lawrence T. Babbio, Jr. '66 Hon. D.Eng. '01

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS :
ACADEMIA AND GOVERNMENT
William W. Destler '68

BUSINESS AND FINANCE
Gina M. Addeo '86

ENGINEERING
William E. Witowsky '79

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
Mr. Mark R. Crispin '77*

EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNITY OR
HUMANITARIAN SERVICE
John H. Hovey '57

SECOND STEVENS AWARDS GALA

—2014 Honorees—

LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD
Robert W. Bosse '50

LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD
A. Joseph Schneider '46

YOUNG ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Cristina Vieira Martinez '94 M.Eng. '96

FRIEND OF STEVENS AWARD
Richard P. Widdicombe

INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Sang-Beom Han M.S. '85 Ph.D. '91

CHARLES V. SCHAEFER, JR. ENTREPRENEUR AWARD
Albert E. Sisto '71

STEVENS HONOR AWARD
David J. Farber '56 M.S. '61 Hon. D.Eng. '99

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS :
ACADEMIA AND GOVERNMENT
Fernando L. Fernandez '60 M.S. '61 Hon. D.Eng. '01

BUSINESS AND FINANCE
Dwight B. Massey '53

ENGINEERING
Jack Lipinski '72

THIRD STEVENS AWARDS GALA

—2015 Honorees—

LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD
Robert L. Klein '42 M.S. '43

YOUNG ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Moushmi Patel Culver '00

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AWARD
John H. Tan '87 M.Eng. '89

FRIEND OF STEVENS AWARD
Thomas H. Scholl

INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Art Harper '78

CHARLES V. SCHAEFER, JR. ENTREPRENEUR AWARD
Frank Fawzi '84 M.M.S. '87

LEGACY AWARD
Charles Stewart Mott 1897 Hon. D.Eng. '37*

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS :
ACADEMIA AND GOVERNMENT
Elizabeth E. Bailey M.S. '66 Hon. D.Eng. '00

BUSINESS AND FINANCE
Gustav H. Koven III '65

ENGINEERING
Gerard J. Foschini Ph.D. '67

ARTS AND HUMANITIES
Richard Reeves '60 Hon. D.Eng. '87

EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNITY OR
HUMANITARIAN SERVICE
Joseph J. Kaminski '60

♦ HALL of ACHIEVEMENT

—2016 Honorees—

Lawrence T. Babbio, Jr. '66 Hon.D.Eng. '01

Elizabeth E. Bailey M.S. '66 Hon.D.Eng. '00

David J. Farber '56 M.S. '61 Hon.D.Eng. '99

Frederick Reines '39 M.S. '41 Hon.D.Eng.'84*

Charles Stewart Mott 1897 Hon.D.Eng.'37*

FOURTH STEVENS AWARDS GALA

—2017 Honorees—

YOUNG ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Rita Gurevich '06

FRIEND OF STEVENS AWARD
Josh S. Weston Hon. D.Eng. '96

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AWARD
Steven Shulman '62 M.S. '63 Hon. D.Eng. '02

INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Steven I. Bandel '74

STEVENS HONOR AWARD
Nate Davis '76

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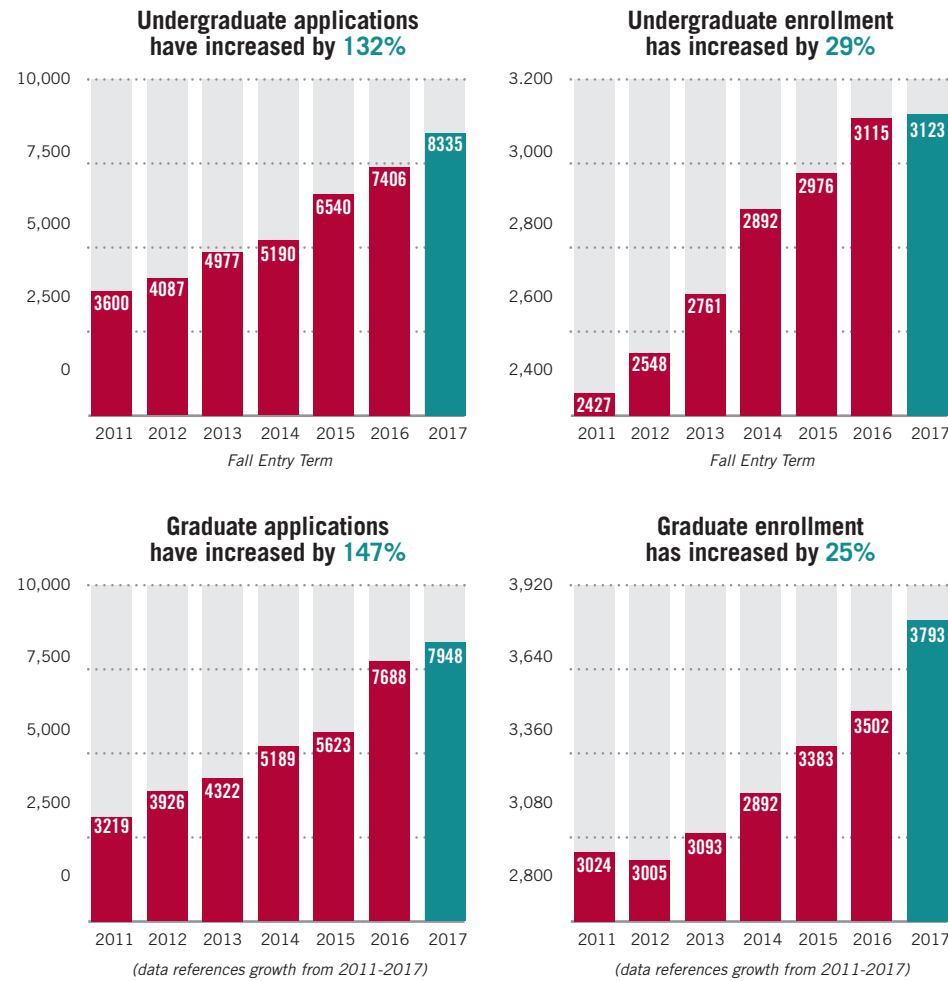
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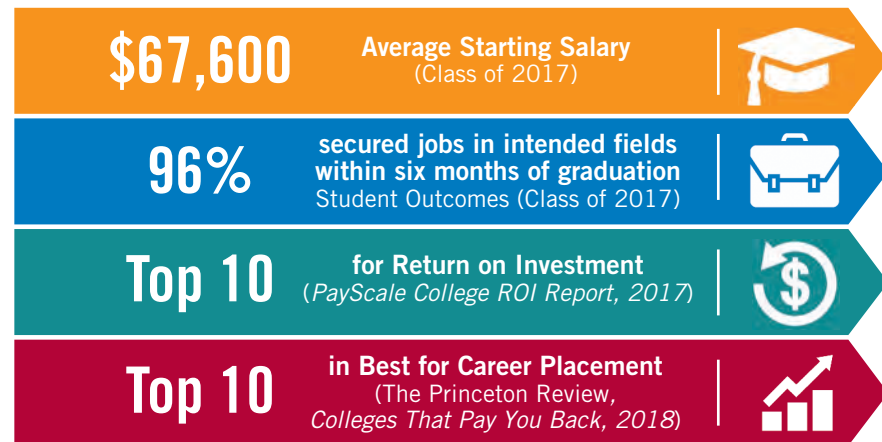
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- Continued thought leadership as part of the **President's Distinguished Lecture Series**
- Construction has begun on a **90,000 square-foot academic complex**
- Entire IT infrastructure** has been modernized
- Addition of arts** and cultural programming through OnStage at Stevens

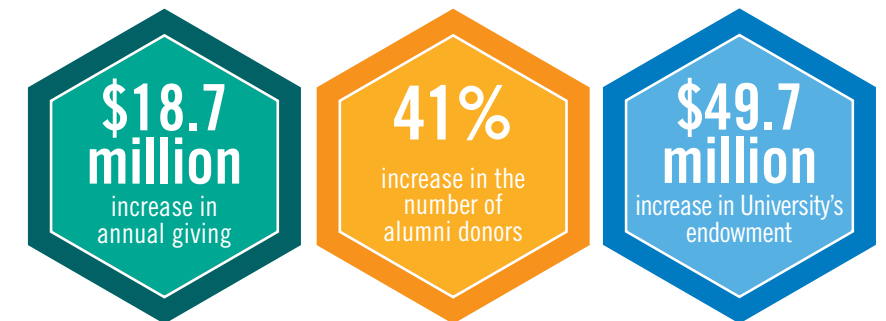
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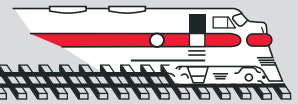


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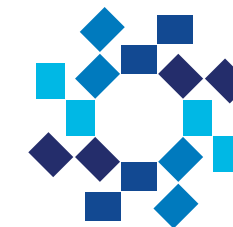
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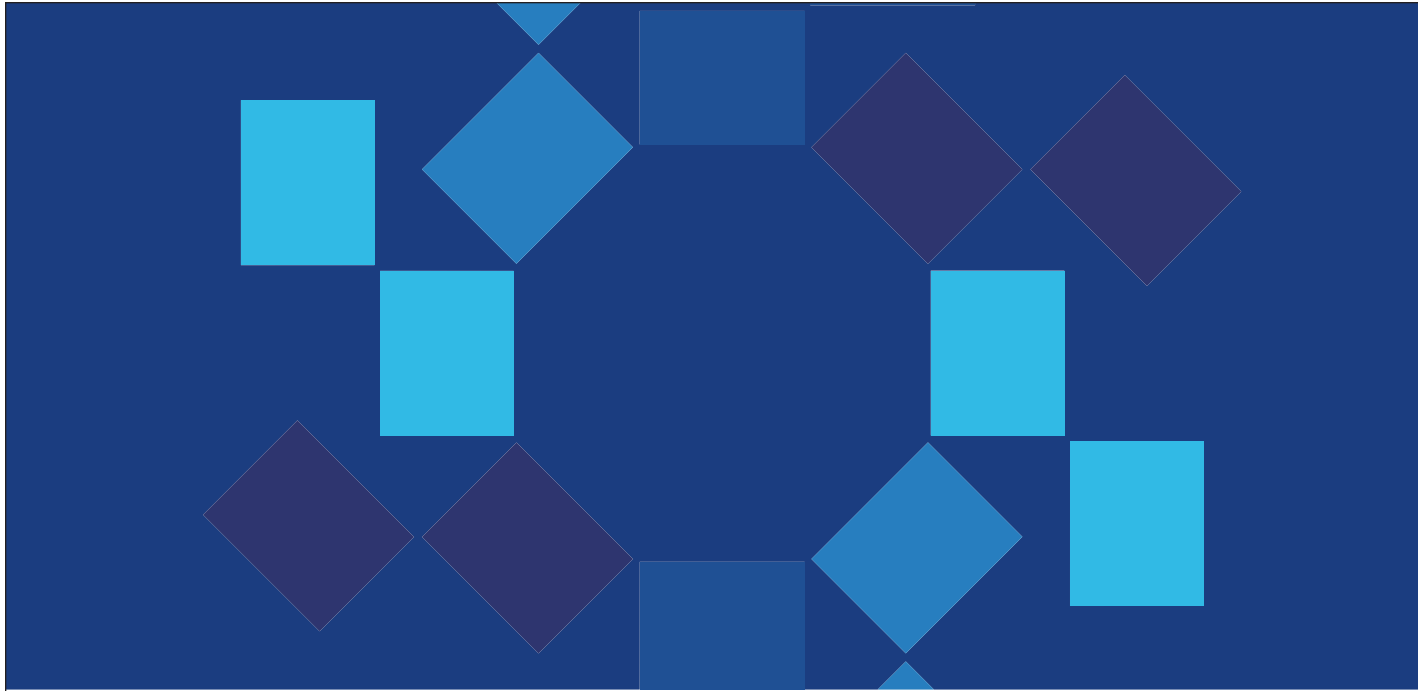
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