

# Stevens Society

For Members of Giving Societies  
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# Letter from Leadership

Our latest edition of the *Stevens Society Pages* comes at a challenging time. Now more than ever, we cherish our community of alumni and friends.



Matt Gwin

Our thoughts are with those affected by COVID-19, from students who adjusted their academic experience, to those who are ill or grieving the loss of loved ones.

We all have been reminded how much we really need each other. In this spirit, the Office of Development and Alumni Engagement is here for our alumni and friends. We are grateful to those who have responded with strength and generosity during this period of upheaval. In good and in tough times, those who give every year to Stevens, as members of the Gear Society, keep us moving forward. Thank you to our loyal society members for your support. We celebrate you and the good work you enable us and the broader Stevens community to continue to do.

Per aspera ad astra,  
**Matt Gwin**

*Assistant Vice President for Annual Giving and Alumni Engagement*

*Executive Director and Executive Secretary of the Stevens Alumni Association*



#### Gear Society

For giving at any level for two or more consecutive years



#### Edwin A. Stevens Society

For annual, leadership-level giving of \$1,000 or more toward strategic priorities



#### Lifetime Giving Societies

For giving over a lifetime that exceeds \$100,000



#### Stevens Legacy Society

For leaving a gift for Stevens in an estate plan

# Embracing the EAS Society



**Emily Yelverton '15 M.S. '15** remembers spending a lot of time in the Samuel C. Williams Library. Okay, every Stevens student remembers that, but Emily really spent a lot of time there. She commuted, so she relied on the library as her harbor.

"I often had long breaks between classes," Emily said. "Since my commute was 45 minutes to an hour, it didn't make sense to go home. Naturally, I spent a great deal of time in the library. I loved the third-floor quiet areas. I sat at those desks by the windows more than any other place on campus."

Emily earned her degrees in applied mathematics. She now splits time between Kaplan, an educational services company, and DataKind, a nonprofit that harnesses data science in service of humanity. "The rigor of Stevens' programs really helped me to learn how to think deeply about problems and consider them from multiple angles. The theoretical background and logical reasoning skills I developed went a long way toward preparing me for my career in data science, and I apply those skills daily at my job."



Emily Yelverton M.S. '15

In her spare time, Emily enjoys screenwriting and filmmaking. She and her husband are also members of the Edwin A. Stevens Society.

***"Now that I'm in a position to give back, it was important to me to target my gift for the library, which, after my professors, played the largest role in my success as a student and subsequently as a professional."***

These days, Emily lives closer to campus, so she can visit the library easily. "The library staff have always been so kind and helpful, and have continued to be so even after I've graduated."

# Founder's Day for the 150th

This year, the annual **Founder's Day Challenge** had extra resonance as Stevens celebrates its 150th anniversary. In the spirit of the sesquicentennial, alumni and friends raised almost \$40,000 for scholarships, athletics and more. The winning groups – the Class of 1980, Theta Xi, Sigma Delta Tau and Lambda Upsilon Lambda – also received a \$1,000 bonus for their scholarships, drawn from a special fund that a group of alumni created to support giving challenges.



The Founder's Day Challenge is a warm-up for the big Class and Greek and Regional Challenges, which last all the way to June 30. Will the Class of 1963 win again, or will one of their many rivals triumph? Will one of the classic Greek groups prevail, or will an upstart emerge among the sororities and fraternities? And which faraway region feels closest to Castle Point?

Join your classmates and friends by making your annual gift before June 30 at [stevens.edu/makeagift](https://stevens.edu/makeagift)

You can count for your group during the challenge, renew your membership in the Gear Society, and have an impact on Stevens.

Now that's a way to celebrate a sesquicentennial!



# Society Style in the SAA

In addition to leading an alumni body of 50,000, directors of the Stevens Alumni Association support their alma mater as members of the four societies. Here, several posed with executive director Matt Gwin (standing, far left) and discussed how and why they give back as society members.



JOHN MCDONNELL '72



*"I included Stevens in my will to help grow the university's endowment, which is much too low for a school with our history and aspirations. I only wish I could make the bequest larger!"*



TOM MOSCHELLO '63 M.S. '65



PETER ASTOR '64 M.S. '66 Ph.D. '70



OLIVIA SCHREIBER '18



VICTORIA VELASCO '04, SAA President



*"The pandemic is a challenging time, but we will get through this together. By making a gift to the Stevens Rises Relief Fund, or any Stevens initiative you feel passionate about, you can join alumni in helping our university rise through adversity."*



MICHAEL CAHILL '15 M.Eng. '15



LAUREN MAYER '12



PATTY TORRES '01



*"Stevens taught me teamwork, problem-solving and innovative thinking. It's important to me to give back because if it wasn't for Stevens, my career would not be what it is today."*



PAUL CAPLAN '18



JOHN DALTON '60



*"My late brother Ed and I received scholarships. Absent that, two working-class kids could not be able to pursue the American dream. For our 20th reunion, our class established Stevens' first class fund to help students who will make a difference."*



KIRIT SARVAIYA '97



JOHN TRACY E.M.T.M. '03



These SAA directors aren't in the photo, but they too support Stevens as members of the giving societies.

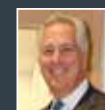
Leslie Brunell '86 M.Eng. '90 Ph.D. '96  
— Gear Society, EAS Society

Jeff Capone '91 M.S. '95 — Gear Society

Cristian Collado '19 — Gear Society

Phil Crowley '71 — Gear Society, EAS Society, Lifetime Giving Societies, Stevens Legacy Society

Suzanne D'Addio '07 — Gear Society, EAS Society



John Dearborn '79 M.Eng. '81  
— Gear Society, EAS Society,  
Lifetime Giving Societies

*"Stevens is undoubtedly on a pathway of excellence in delivering unparalleled student outcomes — a journey to which I am delighted to contribute."*

Joe DiPompeo '98 M.Eng. '99 — Gear Society, EAS Society

Roman Malantchouk '10 M.Eng. '11 — Gear Society

Dave Manhas '88 M.Eng. '90 M.S. '92 — Gear Society

Rainer Martini — EAS Society

Wayne Monsees '71 M.Eng. '72 MMS '78  
— Gear Society, EAS Society



Beth Pallone '88  
— Gear Society, EAS Society

*"Stevens is providing opportunities to students and paving the way for their future success. I support Stevens to give back and help students thrive and pursue their dreams."*

Frank Roberto '76 — Gear Society, EAS Society

Kevin Ryan Ph.D. '96 — Gear Society, EAS Society

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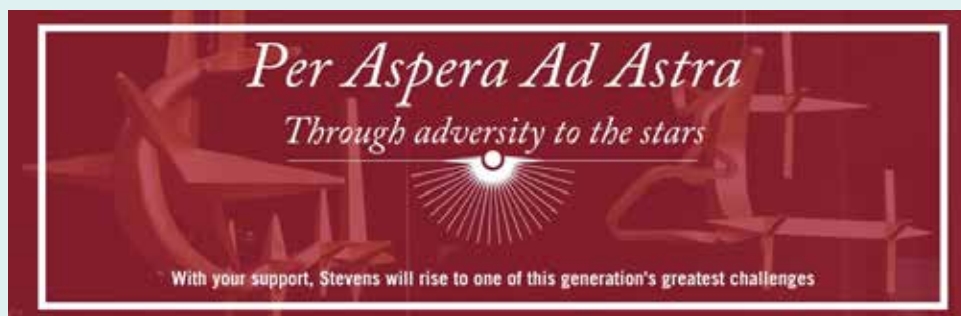


Do you know the story of Randolph Montrose Smith, Class of 1924? How about the tale of cremating Charlie Calculus? Ever wonder about the origin of the Castle Point cannon?

See these stories and more history at [stevens150.com](http://stevens150.com)!

## Stevens Rises

As the COVID-19 pandemic challenges communities across the globe, members of the Stevens community are meeting the university's motto by rising through adversity. Stevens is proud of its alumni who are on the front lines providing health care, researching solutions to problems caused by the pandemic, and giving pivotal support that sustains those in need.



The **Stevens Rises Relief Fund** supports students affected by the pandemic, whether they have been faced with illness or sudden economic hardship.

Together, the Stevens community can rise against any challenge.

Visit [astrafunding.stevens.edu](http://astrafunding.stevens.edu) to help students get back on track for their education and a promising future.

**\$68,421**  
Raised from  
**308** Donors  
As of  
**June 1**

## Thank you for being a member of the Stevens societies!

If you ever have any questions about renewing your annual membership or joining a new society, please contact your devoted society stewards:



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