

STEVENS

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Nominees for the 2023-2024 Employee Excellence Awards

Please join us in congratulating the nominees*

Creating a Connected Community *New Category

This award goes to one faculty and one staff member who has consistently demonstrated behaviors and taken actions to create, lead, or support diverse experiences and perspectives that strengthen the Stevens community.

Employee	Business Title	Division/School
Balbinder Singh Gill	Assistant Professor	School of Business
Elaine Henry	Professor & Area Coordinator of the Finance, Economics, Financial Engineering and Accounting	School of Business
Jaquion Gholston	Director of Sponsored Accounting and Cost Analysis	Division of Finance
Jeffrey Lam	Academic Advisor, Chemistry and Chemical Biology	School of Engineering and Science
Lainie Fefferman	Assistant Professor of Music and Technology	School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences
Liliana Delman	Director of Student Culture and Belonging	Division of Student Affairs
Melanie Murtha	Sr. Director, Employee Experience	Division of Human Resources
Nathalie Waite Brown	Assistant Dean of Graduate Student Life	Division of Student Affairs
Romel Espinel	Web Services Librarian	Office of the Provost
Sally Reiter	Office Manager	School of Engineering and Science
Tim Griffin	Chief of Police	Division of Facilities and Campus Operations
Ting Yu	Professor and Chair of the Department of Physics	School of Engineering and Science

Excellence in All We Do

This award goes to one faculty and one staff member whose work embodies the values of quality and excellence above all else. Regardless of the demands of their position, this employee significantly exceeds expectations and maintains high standards in all that they do.

Employee	Business Title	Division
Alex Cardoso	Client Support Specialist	Division of Information Technology
Amy Mattare	Senior Academic Advisor, Biomedical Engineering	School of Engineering and Science
Brigitte Murgado	Client Support Specialist	Division of Information Technology
Christopher John	Assistant Director of Graduate Admissions Operations	Office of the Provost
Constantine Kambanis	Senior Marketing Analyst	Division of University Relations and Office of Chief of Staff

Danielle Doman	Client Support Specialist	Division of Information Technology
Diane Arlt	Assistant Director of Student Accounts	Division of Finance
Dominick Strumolo	Senior Project Manager	Division of Facilities and Campus Operations
Ed Gordils	Associate Director of Client Support Services	Division of Information Technology
Ellen Farris	Assistant Director of Operations and Planning	Office of the Provost
Frank Filogamo	Senior Client Support Specialist	Division of Information Technology
Gregory Prastacos	Dean of the School of Business	School of Business
Harry Ortiz	Associate Director of Academic Multimedia Services	Division of Information Technology
Jennifer Marrero	Associate Director of Financial Aid for Compliance and Operations	Division of Enrollment Management
Jing Cheng	Assistant Professor	School of Business
Josh Poinsett	Associate Director of Cloud Computing and Systems Engineering	Division of Information Technology
Kristen Daily	Assistant Vice President for Strategic Communication and Public Relations	Division of University Relations and Office of Chief of Staff
Kyle Weisholtz	Director of Student Health Services	Division of Student Affairs
Linda Vega-Rosado	Financial Aid Technical Assistant	Division of Enrollment Management
Lindsey Swindall	Teaching Associate Professor	School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences
Megan Maher	Executive Assistant to the Dean	School of Business
Michael Governor	Director of Planned Giving	Division of Development and Alumni Engagement
Mihaela Hodgkinson	Student Accounts Counselor	Division of Finance
Nancy Joyce Simmons	Patent Administrator	Office of the Provost
Natalie Lebert	Office Manager of Undergraduate of OUA and Special Programs	Office of the Provost
Pamela Tully	Office Manager, Civil, Environmental and Ocean Engineering	Office of the Provost
Phillip Paluga	Client Support Specialist	Division of Information Technology
Phyllis Ruiz	Executive Assistant for the Office of the President	Division of University Relations and Office of Chief of Staff
Sharon Landsbergis	Executive Assistant	Division of Finance
Stephanie Connerly-Sutton	Lead Payroll Administrator	Division of Finance
Thomas Hagedorn	Research Scientist	School of Systems and Enterprises
Vera Wright	Payroll Administrator	Division of Finance

Vilan Kvyat	Manager, Academic Operations	School of Systems and Enterprises
Wei Li	Associate Director of Learning Technology	Division of Information Technology
William Styskal	Police Sergeant	Division of Facilities and Campus Operations
Woo Lee	Professor and Department Chair for Chemistry and Chemical Biology	School of Engineering and Science
Zulejha Osmani Etemi	Executive Assistant and Project Coordinator	Division of University Relations and Office of Chief of Staff

Innovation Powered by Technology

Our legacy is built on technology. This award goes to one faculty and one staff member who has, over the past year, found innovative means of incorporating technology into their work for the betterment of the university's operational and educational environment. Examples include, but not limited to, innovating impactful teaching technology, introducing advanced software to improve office effectiveness, and securing campus networks.

Employee	Business Title	Division
Alexandre Cardoso	Client Support Specialist	Division of Information Technology
Ashley Chillar	Associate Director for Student Affairs Operations	Division of Student Affairs
Irina Denisov	Associate Director of Financial Planning, Budgeting and Analysis	Division of Finance
Jeremy Livingston	Chief Information Security Officer	Division of Information Technology
Kaitlin Osborne	Workday Solutions Analyst	Division of Information Technology
Luke Hansen	Director of Sustainability and Transportation	Division of Facilities and Campus Operations
Meagen Henning	Assistant Director of Operations and Planning	Division of University Relations and Office of Chief of Staff
Nikhil Maheswaraiah	Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness	Office of the Provost
Sarah Goodman	Teaching Assistant Professor	School of Engineering and Science
Steve Flanagan	Director for Workday Solutions	Division of Information Technology
Valerie Dumova	Senior Instructional Designer and Technologist	Division of Information Technology
Veronica Ortega	Assistant Director, Academic Process Improvements	Office of the Provost

Leading by Example

(Assistant Vice President, Assistant Vice Provost, or Assistant Dean and above), *New Category

This award recognizes an Academic Affairs and Staff Administration leader who inspires and motivates others through their actions and behaviors in alignment with Stevens' core values.

- **Inspirational Actions:** The nominee's actions and accomplishments have inspired and positively influenced others to follow their lead, fostering a culture of excellence.
- **Demonstrates Excellence:** This nominee embodies the Stevens values of quality and excellence above all else.
- **Innovative Thinking:** The nominee displays innovative and forward-thinking approaches in their leadership or actions, challenging the status quo and driving positive change.
- **Empowerment of Others:** Evidence of empowering and mentoring others to excel and reach their full potential, with tangible examples of those who have benefited from their guidance.
- **Positive Workplace Culture:** Contributing to a positive workplace culture by fostering teamwork, cooperation, and a healthy work environment, which results in increased productivity and job satisfaction.
- **Feedback and Improvement:** Seeking and implementing feedback from colleagues, peers, or community members to continuously improve their leadership and impact.

Employee	Business Title	Division
Chihoon Lee	Professor and Associate Dean of Graduate Studies	School of Business
Dawn da Silva	Associate Vice President for Development	Division of Development and Alumni Engagement
Dr. Takeem Dean	Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs	Division of Student Affairs
Gregory Prastacos	Dean of the School of Business	School of Business
Jessica de Veyga	Assistant Dean of Faculty Affairs	School of Engineering and Science
Joe Cassidy	Associate Vice President for Finance	Division of Finance
Kristen Daily	Assistant Vice President for Strategic Communication and Public Relations	Division of University Relations and Office of Chief of Staff
Michael Scalero	Senior Director of Client Support and Learning Technology Services	Division of Information Technology
Minghui Wang	Assistant Provost for Institutional Research and Effectiveness	Office of the Provost
Sara Klein	Vice President for Student Affairs	Division of Student Affairs
Susan Metz	Executive Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Theresa Pascoe	Associate Vice President for Finance	Division of Finance

Lifetime Achievement Award

This award goes to a retired staff or faculty member who has spent a majority of their career at Stevens Institute of Technology, and who has significantly contributed to the advancement of the Stevens mission and helped promote the reputation of the University.

Employee	Business Title	Division
David Vaccari	Emeritus Professor	School of Engineering and Science
Fran Bouchoux	Chief Compliance Officer	Division of Finance

Stevens Brand Ambassador

This award goes to one faculty and one staff member whose efforts have directly or indirectly led to increased prestige or enhanced reputation for the University. Whether through education, research, service or other means this employee's efforts have contributed to Stevens' increasingly stellar reputation. Examples include publications in high impact journals, media, academic presses, and extraordinary service that promotes Stevens' recognition.

Employee	Business Title	Division/School
Frank Filogamo	Senior Client Support Specialist	Division of Information Technology
Harry Ortiz	Associate Director of Academic Multimedia Services	Division of Information Technology
Marouane Temimi	Associate Professor	School of Engineering and Science
Matthew Libera	Professor	School of Engineering and Science

Student Success Champion

This award goes to one faculty and one staff member who made a significant contribution and impact over the past year in enhancing the student experience and success inside and outside the classroom. This individual's efforts go above and beyond the requirements of their position.

Employee	Business Title	Division
Alida McKee	Director, Special Programs & Administration, Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Innovation & Faculty Affairs	Office of the Provost
Alyssa Hensley	Assistant Professor	School of Engineering and Science
Christina Alwell	Manager of Industry Capstone Program for the School of Business	Office of the Provost
Danielle Doman	Client Support Specialist	Division of Information Technology
Danielle Maxson	Associate Director of Student Life	Division of Student Affairs
David Long	Academic Multimedia AV Support Technician	Division of Information Technology
Frank Fisher	Professor and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies in the School of Engineering and Science	School of Engineering and Science
Jeffery Lam	Academic Advisor, Chemistry and Chemical Biology	School of Engineering and Science
Kyle Weisholtz	Director of Student Health Services	Division of Student Affairs
Misty Cribbin	Senior Coordinator for Student Success	Office of the Provost
Nicole Malantchouk	Director of Corporate Engagement for the School of Business	School of Business
Phil Gehman	Director of Disability Services	Division of Student Affairs
Sandra Clavijo	Director of Undergraduate Studies	School of Engineering and Science
Sarath Jagupilla	Teaching Associate Professor and Associate Chair for Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Civil, Environmental and Ocean Engineering	School of Engineering and Science
Susan Rachouh	Director of International Programs	Office of the Provost
Victoria Ludas Orlofsky	Head of Research Services	Office of the Provost

Yuping Huang	Gallaher Professor of Physics, Director of the Center for Quantum Science and Engineering	School of Engineering and Science
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Through Collaboration, Impact

This award goes to one faculty and one staff member who, over the past year, has shown excellence in establishing fruitful partnerships with others (whether Stevens' employees, or members of the greater community) to advance the goals of the institution and its students. The high impact of this employee's efforts demonstrates the value of collaboration and partnership.

Employee	Business Title	Division
Brigitte Murgado	Client Support Specialist	Division of Information Technology
Carol Ruiz	Director of Online and Corporate Engagement	School of Systems and Enterprises
Ed Gordils	Associate Director of Client Support Services	Division of Information Technology
Frank LoCastro	Assistant Vice President for the Division of Facilities and Campus Operations	Division of Facilities and Campus Operations
Hongjun Wang	Professor	School of Engineering and Science
Jennifer Marrero	Associate Director of Financial Aid for Compliance and Operations	Division of Enrollment Management
Jennifer Wasser	Major Gifts Officer	Division of Development and Alumni Engagement
John Mauro	Associate Director of University Events	Division of Student Affairs
Justine Dinardo-Lim	Senior Director of Planning & Design	Division of Facilities and Campus Operations
Katen Moore	Nurse Practitioner	Division of Student Affairs
Lisa Romeo	Assistant Registrar - Academic Records	Office of the Provost
Michael Governor	Director of Planned Giving	Division of Development and Alumni Engagement
Phillip Paluga	Client Support Specialist	Division of Information Technology
Rekha Manohar	Associate Director of External Relations	School of Engineering and Science
Sakinah Franklin	Senior Learning Technologist	Division of Information Technology
Sandra Clavijo	Director of Undergraduate Studies	School of Engineering and Science
Ted Houghtaling	Archivist and Digital Projects Librarian	Office of the Provost
Tony Blazini	Director of Residential & Dining Services	Division of Student Affairs
Victoria Ludas-Orlofsky	Head of Research Services	Office of the Provost

Transformative Teamwork

This award recognizes cross-functional, interdisciplinary, or inter-office/inter-departmental teams comprised of faculty and/or staff who have worked together in an exemplary manner on a project, process, initiative, or other significant efforts that advance departmental goals, organizational goals, and/or the University's mission and institutional vision.

Team Name	Employee	Business Title	Division
Fire Safety Video	Daniel Cuning	Fire Safety Coordinator	Division of Finance
	Danielle Maxson	Associate Director of Student Life	Division of Student Affairs
Office of Client Support Services, Division of Information Technology	Michael Scalero	Senior Director of Client Support and Learning Technology Services	Division of Information Technology
	Ed Gordils	Associate Director of Client Support Services	Division of Information Technology
	Frank Filogamo	Senior Client Support Specialist	Division of Information Technology
	Danielle Doman	Client Support Specialist	Division of Information Technology
	Phillip Paluga	Client Support Specialist	Division of Information Technology
	Brigitte Murgado	Client Support Specialist	Division of Information Technology
	Alex Cardoso	Client support specialist	Division of Information Technology
Transformative Teamwork	Harry Ortiz	Associate Director of Academic Multimedia Services	Division of Information Technology
	David Long	Academic Multimedia AV Support Technician	Division of Information Technology
	Michael Scalero	Senior Director of Client Support and Learning Technology Services	Division of Information Technology
	Jesus Candiotti	Academic Multimedia Engineer	Division of Information Technology
First-Year SOAR (Stevens Overview of Advising and Registration) Team	Jamie Kriger	Senior Associate Registrar, Data, Reporting, and Strategic Initiatives	Office of the Provost
Transformative Teamwork category	John Maurizi	Assistant Director of Athletics for Campus Recreation and Physical Education	Division of Student Affairs
	Paige Moriarty	Assistant Director of Campus Recreation for Club Sports	Division of Student Affairs
	Tyler Gavin	Assistant Director of Campus Recreation for Intramurals and Facilities	Division of Student Affairs
	Carolyn Belardinelli	Aquatics Coordinator/ Assistant Men's & Women's Swim Coach	Division of Student Affairs
IEEE International Conference on Computer Communications (INFOCOM)	Min Song	Professor and Chair of the Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering	School of Engineering and Science
	Frances Salvo	Director of Academic Events and Academic Projects	Office of the Provost
	Shucheng Yu	Associate Professor, Electrical & Computer Engineering	School of Engineering and Science

	Harry Ortiz	Associate Director of Academic Multimedia Services	Division of Information Technology
	David Long	Academic Multimedia AV Support Technician	Division of Information Technology
	Mette Gomez	Event Coordinator of University Center Complex	Division of Student Affairs
Police Community Policing Unit	Orlando Gamez	Police Officer	Division of Facilities and Campus Operations
	Tanya Johnson	Police Officer	Division of Facilities and Campus Operations
	Juan Velez	Police Officer	Division of Facilities and Campus Operations
	Sukhpal Dhillon	Police Officer	Division of Facilities and Campus Operations
	Jaime Bodart	Police Officer	Division of Facilities and Campus Operations
Office of the Registrar	Samantha Montalvo	Student Records Coordinator - Academic Records	Office of the Provost
	Ivan Knapp	Student Records Coordinator	Office of the Provost
	Lisa Romeo	Assistant Registrar - Academic Records	Office of the Provost
	Candice Pellegrino	Senior Associate Registrar, Compliance and Operations	Office of the Provost
International Education Month Committee	Susi Rachouh	Director of International Programs	Office of the Provost
	Vicky Orlofsky	Head of Research Services	Office of the Provost
	Courtney Walsh	Research and Instructional Services Librarian	Office of the Provost
	Chloe Bergman-Ray	International Student and Scholar Advisor	Office of the Provost
	Samaneh Jafari	English Language Communications Director	Office of the Provost
	Nathalie Waite	Assistant Dean of Graduate Student Life	Division of Student Affairs
	Jillian Ryan	Assistant Director, Graduate Student Life	Division of Student Affairs
	Zach Balog	Director of Foreign Languages	School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences
Workday Solutions Team - Division of Information Technology	Stephen Flanagan	Director for Workday Solutions	Division of Information Technology
	Michael Parente	Assistant Vice President for Information Technology	Division of Information Technology
Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness	Malika Tukibayev	Assistant Director, IRE	Office of the Provost
	Yangzi Mao	Assistant Director, IRE	Office of the Provost
	Minghui Wang	Assistant Provost for Institutional Research and Effectiveness	Office of the Provost

	Shani Carter	Associate Director of Assessment	Office of the Provost
	Nikhil Maheswaraiah	Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness	Office of the Provost
Enterprise Data and Analytics Team	Megan Kelly	Associate Director for Data & Analytics	Division of Information Technology
	Haoran Du	Business Intelligence Engineer	Division of Information Technology
	Chen Cheung	Data Integration Engineer	Division of Information Technology

*** All business titles are extracted from Workday**