Thank you for your interest in the baseball program at Stevens Institute of Technology. We hope that you can take the time to fill out our online questionnaire (click HERE to fill out). To see a brief video clip about our athletic department please click HERE!

Stevens is widely recognized as one of the premier and fastest rising academic institutions in the nation and currently sits #71 in the most recent "Best Colleges" list. This ranking is part of a guidebook published annually by the U.S. News and World Report (click HERE for article). Over the past 5 years Stevens has been the 3rd fastest rising university in the nation among the top 100 list. Even more impressively we were recently ranked the #3 college in the country with the highest paid graduates (click HERE and HERE for articles and HERE for complete list of schools) - ahead of all Ivy League schools! Click HERE for a full list of where Stevens ranks in various national categories. Stevens offers a variety of areas of study (34 undergraduate majors) with various disciplines in Engineering, Business, Science, Pre-Professional Tracks, and Liberal Arts. Our graduates have an average starting salary of $66,600 annually and have a near 100% success-rate for placement in post-graduate education, including medical, law, dental, or graduate school. Aside from these rankings and facts, the most unique aspect of our college is its commitment to providing real world experiences to our students that will help solve tomorrow's problems. Stevens' highly popular co-op programs allow students to bring hands-on learning experiences from the workforce back to the classroom! To read about Stevens exciting Strategic Plan for 2012-2022 titled "The Future, Ours to Create", click HERE.

Hoboken also holds a special place in baseball history as it is considered to be the location of the first recorded baseball game in the United States! Click HERE for more information on Hoboken and its special place in America's history! Also... Spring 2016 marked the fourth annual version of Stevens' "Birthplace of Baseball Classic", which was played on Sunday,
April 3rd. The event has, in the past, featured some of the best baseball in the region, free food/drink for all attending fans, a postcard giveaway, a 3-inning scrimmage by The Hoboken 9 Vintage Baseball Club, and plenty of fun Hoboken Baseball Trivia and Facts!

At Stevens, our student-athletes are presented with the opportunity to play baseball at a high level while receiving a top-notch education. Our baseball players excel at both, posting an all-time-team-best GPA of 3.563 in Spring 2016. Cumulatively the Ducks have a 3.420 Team GPA for the entirety of their academic careers at Stevens, one of the highest not only at Stevens, but nationwide! As a result, our baseball student-athletes have been honored in seven out of the last eight semesters as an Empire 8 All-Academic Team and are also active participants in the Stevens community (participating in Stevens' Duckling Program, Hoboken Baseball Special Olympics, Friends of Jaclyn, Stevens Athletics Brothers and Sisters Council, The Hoboken Boys & Girls Club, Hoboken Night Out and The Hoboken Race)! From an athletics standpoint, Stevens is one of the top athletic departments in nation, having been ranked 13th in the Director's Cup in 2011, 40th in 2012, and 27th in 2013, and 44th in 2014, and 21st in 2015, and 13th in 2016.

Specifically baseball also is seeing considerable success. Coming off of a record-setting 2015 season, Stevens Baseball completed the 2016 campaign with a 26-15 record and appeared in both the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA)/Collegiate Baseball Newspaper and d3baseball.com national polls at various points during the season. Additionally the Ducks finished the 2016 season ranked 5th in the New York Region. Notable victories included two triumphs over local powerhouse rival Kean University as well as three combined wins against World Series participants St. John Fisher and Keystone. Individual honors included senior Jayson Yano being named d3baseball.com All-American, Empire 8 Player of the Year, Empire 8 Pitcher of the Year, as well as many other accolades. Senior Nick Sieber and junior Zeph Walters also received All-Region honors. In 2016 the Ducks' schedule was ranked as the 27th toughest in the nation, continuing our program's commitment to playing the best competition possible (click HERE for ranking).

In 2015 the Ducks set a new program record with 29 victories in 2015 and appeared in both the ABCA/Collegiate Baseball Newspaper and d3baseball.com national polls for the first time in over ten years. Additionally Stevens finished the season ranked 3rd in the New York Region. Notable victories included triumphs over NCAA Tournament teams such as Misericordia and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. The Ducks also defeated conference rival St. John Fisher on four separate occasions and notched a win against Rutgers-Camden. Fisher finished the season regionally ranked in New York and Rutgers-Camden was crowned as the New Jersey Athletics Conference (NJAC) regular season champion and was also the NJAC postseason tournament runner-up.

Upon the conclusion of the 2015 season, Yano received several major awards, including d3baseball.com 2nd Team All-American, d3baseball.com New York Region Player of the Year, Empire 8 Player of the Year, Empire 8 Pitcher of the Year, ABCA/Rawlings First Team All-Region, ECAC Upstate New York All-Star, 1st Team New Jersey Collegiate Baseball Association (NJCBA) All-State, and d3baseball.com 1st Team All-Region. Junior pitcher Robert Robbins also received d3baseball.com All-Region recognition. The Ducks' coaching
staff was honored with Empire 8 Coaching Staff of the Year recognition for the second time in four years.

2014 was a banner year for the Ducks as Stevens qualified for the NCAA Regional Tournament, won our first NCAA Tournament game in program history, and finished with a 27-15 season (program record for wins). Statistically the Ducks were ranked in numerous statistical categories including second nationally out of 369 schools in strikeouts per nine innings (9.6), second in hits allowed per nine innings (7.21), third in E.R.A. (2.27), third in strikeout to walk ratio (3.29), fifth in shutouts (5), tenth in stolen bases (113), and eighteenth in stolen bases per game (2.57). At the conclusion of the season Stevens saw several of their athletes receive post season honors, which were highlighted by Zeph Walters being named New Jersey Collegiate Baseball Association Division II/III Rookie Pitcher of the Year.

The past three seasons also had a great deal of successes. In 2012 the Ducks rebounded from a 14-win season in 2011 to post a 24-18 record in Head Coach Kristaps Aldins' first year with the program. The Ducks were named the #1 seed in the six-team ECAC Metro Tournament and advanced all the way to the tournament's championship game where they lost a 2-1 extra inning thriller. Stevens Baseball also gained recognition when its coaching staff was named the 2012 Empire 8 Coaching Staff of the Year. During the year Stevens tallied seven wins against regionally ranked teams including triumphs over Ithaca College, St. John Fisher College, Ramapo College, and Farmingdale State College, all of which competed in the 2012 NCAA tournament. Stevens' strength of schedule was rated as the 35th most difficult in the nation amongst 371 teams, a reflection of the coaching staff's desire, right from the get-go, to play the best teams in the nation!

Playing summer collegiate league baseball is also a big part of the Stevens Baseball experience. In summer 2015 rising senior Jason Yano and rising junior Greg Jakusik played for the Rochester Honkers of the prestigious Northwoods League. Yano was named an All Star and finished his 2015 campaign with a 5-2 record and 2.40 ERA over 52.1 innings of work (click HERE for article). The Northwoods League is considered by many to be the best summer collegiate league in the country! Rising senior Robert Robbins and rising junior Zeph Walters also had exciting opportunities playing for the Forest City Owls of the equally prestigious Coastal Plain League. Robbins lead the team in innings and had a 6-3 record and a 3.80 ERA with 55 strikeouts over 68.2 innings of work. For a complete listing of the 2016 summer homes for the Ducks click HERE.

The past four summers our program has had several players under contract in The Coastal Plain League, Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League, The Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League, The Texas Collegiate League, The New York Collegiate Baseball League, The Beach League, Futures Collegiate Baseball League, The South Florida Summer Collegiate Baseball League, and the Northwoods League. In the summers of 2013, 2014, and 2015 our players saw some great results... A notable highlight was sophomore Jayson Yano, who was named Pitcher of the Year (click HERE and HERE for article) in the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League in 2014, Perfect Game All-American (only Division III player on this list - click HERE for article), as well as the 13th best professional pitching prospect in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League (click HERE for article) in 2013. Yano was also an All-
Star in the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League in 2014 (click HERE for article) and in the Northwoods League in 2015 (click HERE for article).

Competing at the Division III level our coaching staff works very hard to place our qualified players in the very best baseball environments possible so that they can compete against Division I talent and have the opportunity to showcase their skills in front of Major League Scouts. Playing Division III baseball does not mean that the dream has to stop here - nor do we expect it to! At the conclusion of the 2016 season Stevens standout RHP's Robert Robbins and Jayson Yano signed contracts in the Frontier League for the Joliet Slammers and Windy City Thunderbolts (click HERE for Robbins' signing article and HERE for Yano's). These two former Ducks joined Tom Phillips '12 as the 3rd professional baseball signees in Coach Aldins' five years with the program (click HERE for Phillips' article). Over Stevens' long and storied history the program has also seen David Garcia '73 be drafted by the Minnesota Twins in the 23rd round and made it as high as AAA. Additionally Andrew Mathews played five seasons of minor league baseball for the New York Giants and Brooklyn Dodgers minor league affiliates in the 1940's.

The Stevens baseball program, which has been in existence since 1906, has had a rich tradition of success, particularly in the last decade. In 2002 the Ducks made an appearance in the NCAA Tournament as they captured the conference tournament title. In 2006 Stevens established a school record for wins (27) against one of the toughest schedules in the nation and were ranked as high as 14th in the ABCA National Poll. In 2007 Stevens posted its third straight 20-win season, qualified for its fifth trip to the postseason in seven years, and advanced to its conference championship game. And in 2009 Stevens, once again, posted a 20+ win season and advanced to the finals of the ECAC Metro Championship.

Moving forward our program is committed to securing top-notch recruiting classes that include student-athletes from all around the country and becoming a perennial participant in the NCAA Tournament! In fall 2016, like in previous years, we will be welcoming student-athletes from all over the country, including Florida, California and Texas. We are very excited about this geographic diversity, as it adds to the college experience for all of our student-athletes!

Although we are very glad that you have expressed interest in Stevens, it is important to note that this email does not necessarily mean that we are recruiting you for the varsity baseball program - it is meant to serve as an "informational email". Our coaching staff is also excited that we have established a competitive club baseball team at Stevens. The club version of the Ducks (click HERE) plays a competitive 25-30 game schedule and competes in the National Club Baseball Association (click HERE for website). Since the team is only in its third year of existence it is a great opportunity for anyone who is interested in having a chance to contribute immediately! With time, our coaching staff's hope is that the club team will serve as a feeder system to the varsity program.

Be sure to send us a schedule for showcases, tournaments, and prospect camps that you plan to be attending this summer. Also... A copy of a skills DVD (hard copy or video link) as well as academic transcripts and test scores (SAT and/or ACT) would be extremely helpful for our staff!
Visit our official baseball webpage (click HERE), our Facebook page (click HERE), and our Twitter account (click HERE) to learn more about our baseball program at Stevens! While on our official baseball page be sure to check out our roster page to access our recently posted player bios! These bios are a great way to get to know our team - both on and off the field!

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you soon!

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