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ICHABOD WASHBURN YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD



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**DEBORAH A. FOLEY
McMANUS '97**

THIS AWARD IN RECOGNITION OF

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

DEBORAH MCMANUS, your career illustrates the WPI ideals of catalyzing complex information into business innovation. We are pleased to recognize you today for these professional accomplishments.

In the 20 years since graduating from WPI, you've amassed impressive experience managing projects and challenges and leading global teams as an analytical and transformational executive leader. You've earned a reputation as a process improvement expert who delivers results, with a proven track record of focusing organizations on critical priorities and an ability to motivate cross-functional teams.

Since 2014, you have served as vice president of Quality and Program Management at Morpho Detection, LLC, a leader in explosive and narcotics detection for aviation safety, checked baggage screening, military and critical infrastructure protection. In this role, you were named the lead executive sponsor for the "TransformMD" enterprise resource planning (ERP) project—a \$5 million endeavor—consolidating the businesses five ERPs and business processes to one ERP, Microsoft Dynamics. You have partnered with the Morpho Detection CEO and executive staff to set the strategy for a new organization that has significantly improved product and process quality. You've built an organization of 26 resources to lead quality engineering, process

engineering and program management, and you have recruited, hired and led proven talent to take Morpho Detection to the next level of product and process performance in a market that is growing exponentially.

To prepare you for your current role, you have held positions of increasing responsibility in the homeland protection field, as well as General Electric. You were trace desktop product manager at GE, Homeland Protection. At Morpho Detection, you've held positions including checkpoint product management leader and general manager of commercial operations.

You hold a WPI degree and an MBA from Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management. You are a certified Six Sigma Master Black Belt, Black Belt, and Green Belt, and have led several "sales force effectiveness" and customer segmentation projects.

Deborah Foley McManus, your colleagues describe you as "a process design and improvement expert who also has the ability to see the big picture," and who is someone who "understands when and how to drive innovation." Your WPI peers recognize you as a proven role model of business leadership and innovation for our students and alumni. The WPI Alumni Association is proud to present you with the Ichabod Washburn Young Alumni Award for Professional Achievement.

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President, WPI Alumni Association