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# JOHN BOYNTON YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD



THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

PRESENTS TO

**MARNI HALL '97**

THIS AWARD IN RECOGNITION OF

**SERVICE TO WPI**

MARNI HALL, you exemplify what it means to participate in the life of your alma mater. We are pleased to recognize you today for all that you give back to WPI.

Your contributions to WPI are broad and represent a deep commitment to your alma mater. You are dedicated to WPI students and ensuring they receive the benefits of the university's distinctive project-based education. You have co-sponsored several projects through the Washington, DC Project Center with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), where you served as director of Regulatory Science in the Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. You have served as a guest speaker at WPI, sharing your experience with students using your STEM education at the FDA. In addition, you and your family have hosted events for incoming students and their families at your home.

Over the years, you have been dedicated to remaining involved in the life of WPI in other ways. As an alumna, you served as a Class of 1997 Board member. In recent years you have helped guide WPI's Arts & Sciences programs through your participation on the Life Sciences Advisory Board. Most recently, you have become involved in the Women's Impact Network, a new effort aimed at advancing women at WPI through leadership and philanthropy. And this year you were elected to the WPI Board of Trustees.

Your impressive career also brings pride and distinction to WPI. You are currently senior vice president of research and development, informatics, and policy at PatientsLikeMe, Inc. in Cambridge, Mass., the world's largest personalized health network, helping people find new options for treatments, connect with others, and take action to improve their outcomes.

You develop and direct the strategies and teams at PatientsLikeMe that are focused on expanding the use of biological and experiential data and artificial intelligence to improve our understanding of health, disease and aging. And you're accelerating the role of real-world evidence in precision medicine, and in the research agendas of PatientsLikeMe and its customers.

Prior to joining PatientsLikeMe, you led the FDA's post-market drug safety activities focused on adverse event signal detection and characterization, pharmacoepidemiology research programs, pharmacovigilance innovative tool development efforts, and regulatory science policy initiatives to support post-market drug safety. You also served as program director for regulatory research in the FDA's Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology, and as senior analyst conducting strategic planning for translational sciences and for data standards in the Office of Planning and Informatics. Before joining FDA in 2008, you were a program director at Pfizer, in the Public Health Group of External Medical Affairs. You also lecture at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, where you have been an adjunct professor since 2007.

In addition to your WPI degree, you hold a master's of public health from Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, and a master's in biochemistry and PhD in toxicology from Columbia University's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Marni Hall, you demonstrate to our students and your fellow alumni how to give back to WPI in meaningful ways that make a difference. The WPI Alumni Association is honored to present you with the John Boynton Young Alumni Award for Service to WPI.

**June 2, 2017**

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President, WPI Alumni Association