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## ICHABOD WASHBURN YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD



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Myles Walton '97

THIS AWARD IN RECOGNITION OF

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

MYLES WALTON, you have combined your WPI education with your passion for aerospace to become a leader in your field of financial research and analysis. We honor you today for your impressive rise.

You have long been fascinated by the aerospace and defense industry. After graduating from WPI, you earned a master's degree in 1999 and PhD in 2002 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, both in aerospace engineering. Your PhD work, sponsored by the National Reconnaissance Office, demonstrated portfolio theory as a tool to manage uncertainty in the design of space systems, and your master's work, supported by the Lean Aerospace Initiative and the Air Force, focused on systems engineering best practices in the aerospace industry. During this phase of your career you also became a published author while teaming with a group of faculty to turn research results into a business book presenting practical observations for aerospace and defense companies.

At Northrup Grumman you were a member of the flight operations team on one of NASA's Great Space Observatories—the Chandra Space Telescope, which launched in the Space Shuttle Columbia. Your focus then turned more terrestrial.

Your career as a financial analyst and researcher began at Morgan Stanley, where you held positions as leading researcher, analyst, and associate, responsible for the aerospace and defense sector. During this time you also became a Chartered Financial Analyst. You even had the opportunity to provide testimony before a U.S. government appointed commission on the role of the United States in space, which included a then-faculty member at ASU—Laurie Leshin—who would later be installed as the 16th president of Worcester

Polytechnic Institute. You moved to CIBC World Markets Corp. and Oppenheimer & Co., to start your own research group and rose to a managing director before moving to the bulge bracket of investment banks.

Since 2010, you have been senior research analyst at Deutsche Bank and in 2017 became a managing director at the bank. Based in Boston, you oversee the aerospace and defense research in the Americas. You have risen to the top of your field—tied as the No. 1 aerospace and defense analyst in the nation, as ranked by Bloomberg Markets, and consistently a top ranked analyst by *Institutional Investor Magazine*. You are also a distinguished lecturer at the Department of Defense's Defense Acquisition University.

While you have achieved all of this, your commitment to your alma mater has never faltered. You have served as president of the Alumni Association, as a chair of your class, as a member and past chair of the former Annual Fund Board, and as chair of the new WPI Hall of Luminaries. You and your family regularly host events for incoming students and their families at your home and are familiar faces at WPI events on and off campus. You and your wife are also generous supporters of the university, providing scholarship support for student global project experiences. Your commitment to your alma mater was recognized with the John Boynton Young Alumni Award for Service to WPI.

Myles Walton, you have achieved a record of excellence in the 20 years since your graduation. The WPI Alumni Association is proud to recognize you today with the Ichabod Washburn Young Alumni Award for Professional Achievement.

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President, WPI Alumni Association