WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

WILLIAM R. GROGAN AWARD



THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS TO

JOHN H. McCabe '68

THIS AWARD IN RECOGNITION OF
SUPPORT OF THE MISSION OF WPI

JACK MCCABE, you have been described as "the man behind the scenes who makes things happen." Today, we are delighted to place you in the spotlight at center stage to recognize you for all you do for WPI.

For more than 40 years, you have given generously of your time, talent, and treasure to your alma mater. Your service to WPI goes back to your days as a young alumnus, chairing what was then the Worcester County Club. Over the years, you have served on the Alumni Association Executive Committee, as chair of your Reunion and the Student Alumni Society, and as a Phone-a-Thon volunteer. In a show of confidence in your leadership, you became the youngest president of the Alumni Association in 1979.

In addition, you were a member of your 20th and 30th Reunion committees and helped raise funds for your 25th Reunion class gift. You are a long-time member of the Association's Citations Committee, shining a spotlight on others, and of the Poly Club, supporting WPI Athletics. As a Trustee of the Carl Gordon Charitable Trust, in 1976, your generosity helped fund the Gordon Lecture Hall in Salisbury Labs and you have also endowed the John H. McCabe Scholarship for International Studies.

In recent years, your attention has turned to other areas of importance to WPI. You have been actively involved in the Foisie Business School, and through your longstanding business relationship in Moscow helped WPI establish its Russia Project Center in Moscow in coordination with Moscow Financial University.

The Worcester community has also benefitted from your generosity. Your service to the community includes leadership roles with the Worcester Redevelopment Authority, Worcester Industrial Development Financial Authority, Bay State Savings Bank, Notre Dame Academy, Massachusetts Manufacturing Partnership, Preservation Worcester, Worcester Center for Crafts, and the Museum of Russian Icons.

As Treasurer and then Chair of the Worcester Redevelopment Authority, with the assistance of \$33 million in federal funds, you led the transformation of Union Station from a decadent eyesore into a vital transportation hub. The completion of Union Station, together with a 23-acre adjacent site reshaped by urban renewal, leading to the creation of the St. Vincent/Medical City complex in the city's core, earned you the key to the city and brought pride to the WPI community.

Both of these complex redevelopments were pivotal in reshaping Worcester's central landscape.

Jack McCabe, at your 10th Reunion you received the Boynton Young Alumni Award for Service to WPI; at your 30th you received the Taylor Award for Distinguished Service. Now at your 50th Reunion, the WPI Alumni Association is proud to present you with the William R. Grogan Award for Support of the Mission of WPI.

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President, WPI Alumni Association