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# ICHABOD WASHBURN YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD



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**JEEVAN RAMAPRIYA '98**

THIS AWARD IN RECOGNITION OF

**PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT**

JEEVAN RAMAPRIYA, your career in public affairs, in both the private and public sectors, brings pride and distinction to your alma mater. We are pleased to recognize you today for your professional achievements.

After earning your degree in management information systems, you began your career as a consultant with Accenture, where you specialized in strategic planning, business process design, and delivering customer relationship management for Fortune 500 companies. You also developed a then-state-of-the-art e-commerce prototype that led to Accenture's highly visible Internet-based enterprise-wide customer relationship management system for Sharp Electronics.

In the summer of 2001, you jumped at an opportunity to explore a new career—public service. Having never been on a political campaign or deeply involved in public policy, you probably had no idea what you were getting yourself into—but that first step proved to be a life-changing experience. Over that next decade, your responsibilities grew to oversee all aspects of Massachusetts State Senator Steven Baddour of Mathuen's political and policy initiatives. Most notable, perhaps, were the key roles you played in the passage of several bills protecting children—such as Jessica's Law—and saving taxpayer dollars through Transportation Reform. And let us not forget the role you played in helping WPI and the City of Worcester secure state funding for the Gateway Park Garage in a Transportation Bond Bill.

Now, as managing director of public policy and government affairs at State Street, you work with a global team to help influence laws and regulations impacting

State Street's business in the United States and Canada. As a lobbyist, you engage, educate, and influence policymakers on legislative and regulatory matters to protect State Street's interest and help the company expand upon strategic opportunities. Over the past six years at State Street, your role has expanded to provided strategic advice to the CEO and other senior executives on legislative and regulatory trends that impact the development and direction of new products and service offerings to State Street's international client base.

Success in this line of work is hard to measure and requires a long-term ability to foster relationships based on trust and integrity. Your work has earned the respect of your peers and membership on several critical boards and committees aimed at guiding the economic development of the Commonwealth. You serve on the Board of Directors of the Boston Municipal Research Bureau, which promotes a healthy business and residential climate by advocating for stability and predictability in the basics of city government. In 2015, you were appointed to Governor Charlie Baker's Economic Development Planning Council, which helped guide the Baker Administration's economic development plan. You were also a member of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts and are a regular guest speaker and panelist on issues related to economic development and government affairs.

Jeevan Ramapriya, you exemplify the WPI ideal of using your knowledge and expertise for public good. 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