

William Fitzgerald '83

ROBERT H. GODDARD AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

William Fitzgerald, you continue a long WPI tradition of excellence in aviation. We are proud to honor you today for your impressive career at GE Aviation, where you continue to advance the human capability to soar.

Soon after earning your degree in mechanical engineering, you began your career at GE Aviation as a member of the Manufacturing Development Program. You held several technical and operational leadership positions within supply chain before joining engine services in 1998 as the Cincinnati component repair leader. In 2000, you became managing director of the European Engine Services operation in Cardiff, Wales, then general manager of global supply chain at GE Transportation Systems in Erie, Penn., and vice president and general manager of Global Operations, Services.

A proven leader, you were named vice president and general manager of Assembly, Test and Overhaul in December 2008. In this role, you worked to bring the manufacturing and services sites together into a single operation to share best practices and processes.



In 2010, you were appointed vice president and manager of the GENex product line, which includes the GENex engine—one of the fastest selling engines in GE Aviation's history. In December 2011 you were named to your current position of vice president and general manager, Commercial Engines Operation, where you are responsible for all commercial jet engines and global support.

In addition to your WPI degree, you hold a master's degree in manufacturing engineering from Boston University and you are a graduate of GE's Advanced Manufacturing course. You serve on the board of the National Professional Science Master's Association. WPI is further benefitting from your knowledge and experience through your role as a member of the university's Board of Trustees.

William Fitzgerald, you are a role model for WPI students, illustrating the value of a WPI education in the development of a truly distinguished career. The WPI Alumni Association is pleased to present you with the Robert H. Goddard Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement.