Jason Mello '98

ICHABOD WASHBURN YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Jason Mello, your impressive record in the United States Air Force as a leader and problem solver exemplifies the very best of a WPI education. We are proud to recognize you today for your remarkable professional accomplishments.

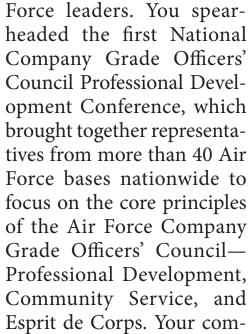
At your Commencement in 1998, you were commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and went on to become a program manager at the Air Force Research Laboratory, developing future spacebased sensor technologies critical to our national defense. Since then, your Air Force career has followed a meteoric rise. You were hand-picked from more

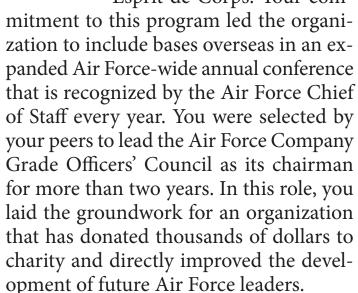
than 400 fellow officers to represent the commanding general as her protocol officer at the Electronic Systems Center at Hanscom AFB. You went on to lead at Patrick AFB, where you directed the safety and testing for the next generation of the \$1 billion range safety system. You were hand-picked for a program manager position for a multibillion dollar satellite program, and chosen as one of 32 officers to attend the Air Force's premier Intern program. After leading the Air Force's Operation Centers program for unmanned aerial vehicles, you were selected as the director of operations for the Counterspace Analysis Squadron at the National Air and Space Intelligence Center.

You served as a White House Military Aide, successfully orchestrating more than 100 events at the White House for the President and First Family. Most recently, you were hand-picked to serve as the executive officer to the Vice Commander of the Air Force Materiel

Command, responsible for over 83,000 people, \$60 billion in research and development, acquisitions, testing and sustainment programs for the Air Force.

You also have taken seriously your duty to help cultivate future Air





You hold a master's degree in civil/ environmental engineering from the University of Massachusetts and in organizational management from George Washington University. You are now being promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

Jason Mello, the impact you have made in your field is far-reaching. The WPI Alumni Association is honored to recognize these accomplishments with the Ichabod Washburn Young Alumni Award for Professional Achievement.

