

George R. Oliver '82

ROBERT H. GODDARD AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

George Oliver, your engineering education has been the launch pad for a distinguished career that exemplifies two highly valued WPI ideals: leadership and solving problems of consequence.

With a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, you began your career at General Electric Aircraft Engines. You went on to several leadership positions in GE's Aircraft Engines and Appliance divisions, including serving as president and CEO of GE Engine Services with global responsibility for the \$5B aircraft engine services business. You eventually served as president and CEO of GE Water and Process Technologies, where you led all aspects of a \$2B water-related products and services business with more than 7,000 employees worldwide.

In 2006, after more than 20 years with GE, you joined Tyco International as President of Tyco Safety Products, and then expanded your responsibility as President of the Tyco Electrical and Metal Products business in 2007. In September 2010, you were named president of Tyco Fire Protection, a \$5B business segment. Most recently, upon the announcement that Tyco will be separated into three companies, you have been named CEO for the new Tyco Fire & Security company.

When the separation of Tyco is completed in September, Tyco Fire & Security will have over \$10B of revenue with 70,000 global employees, and will be the world's leading fire and security



company. Fire & Security will be a global provider of security products and services, fire detection and suppression products and services, and life safety products. Its broad portfolio of products and services, sold under well-known brands such as Tyco, SimplexGrinnell, Sensormatic, Wormald, Ansul, Simplex, Grinnell, and Scott, serve security, fire detection and suppression and life safety needs in commercial, industrial, retail, institutional, and governmental markets, as well as residential and small business markets. Fire & Security operates across an extensive global footprint

of more than 1,200 locations, serving customers in more than 100 countries.

Throughout your career, you have remained an advocate for WPI, participating in reunion planning and providing vital annual support through the President's Circle. Through your leadership at Tyco, you have been an advocate for WPI's internationally recognized Fire Protection Engineering program, providing internship and employment opportunities to WPI students and alumni, and philanthropic support to WPI's educational programs. As a WPI trustee, you now offer your expertise to help guide the university at the highest levels.

George Oliver, you are a role model for our students, demonstrating how to translate engineering knowledge and know-how into leadership. We are pleased to honor you today with the Robert H. Goddard Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement.