

James Gannoe '91

ICHABOD WASHBURN YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Jamy Gannoe, from the beginning of your career you have focused on working with surgeons to create innovative medical devices. Your work has generated more than 100 U.S. and international patents and applications. For your contributions toward creating products that benefit mankind, we honor you today.

Even before you headed off to college, you were involved in Lyme disease research at Yale-New Haven Hospital. You graduated from WPI with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering with a biomedical concentration, and then began your working life as a design engineer for Brimfield Precision, an orthopedic implant and instrumentation OEM. Your career has included a stop at Heartport Inc., a company that pioneered the field of closed-chest and beating-heart surgery. You also worked for Satiety, a start-up that designed and developed the Transoral Gastroplasty, or TOGA,

System for zero-incision stomach stapling—an innovation you helped bring to fruition. Then, as vice president of product development at Blackstone Medical, you led a team of more than 20 engineers in completing a comprehensive spinal portfolio.



But your entrepreneurial spirit could not be contained. In 2008 you cofounded Extremity Medical with fellow biomedical engineer Matthew Lyons, where you serve as president and CEO. Extremity Medical is an orthopedic device company that specializes in the development of next-

generation fixation and arthroplasty systems, addressing needs in the distal extremities. The company is infused with your passion for product development as well as improving patient quality of life.

Jamy Gannoe, for all these reasons WPI is pleased to award you the Ichabod Washburn Young Alumni Award for Professional Achievement.