

Megan Wallent '91

ICHABOD WASHBURN YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Megan Wallent, your work at industry giant Microsoft on such iconic products as Internet Explorer and Windows Vista has affected the way we all use computers. Today we honor your prestigious and accomplished career in computer science.

Even before you came to WPI, you had a love of computers and software. You got your first software job at age 14 by creating a database of products and prices for your sister's bakery. During your time at WPI, you worked as a developer at a small area software company. You also played volleyball all four years. You graduated in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in computer science. After graduation, you went to work full time in Cambridge at Intersolv, created from the merger of Index Technology and Sage Software.



In 1996 you moved west to take a job at Microsoft as lead program manager for Internet Explorer. In that role you were responsible for delivering multiple versions of IE, which you did until 2001, working side-by-side with Bill Gates himself. Your next endeavor was leading a team that built large portions of Windows Vista. You've also led a team in the Windows Server and Tools Division. And in the summer of 2001, you represented Microsoft in congressional testimony on Internet privacy issues. You currently oversee 900 engineers who are develop-

ing services that companies use to protect their computers against malware and keep them up to date.

Megan Wallent, WPI is pleased and honored to present you with the Ichabod Washburn Young Alumni Award for Professional Achievement.