Stuart Kazin, you exemplify leadership, problem solving, and teamwork—all central to a WPI education. We honor you today for the distinguished career you have built on these ideals.

After graduating from WPI as an electrical engineering major, you served as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Signal Corps. You subsequently went to work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Instrumentation Laboratory and earned a master’s degree in aeronautics and astronautics from MIT.

Your ensuing career in high technology spans 38 years of achievement. After holding positions at Dynamics Research Corporation and The Foxboro Company, you joined Lotus Development Corporation, where you quickly distinguished yourself as a team leader and problem solver. You served as director of Manufacturing and Distribution, vice president, and senior vice president of Worldwide Operations and Administration at what had become Lotus Development/IBM Corporation. In this role, you were responsible for worldwide manufacturing, distribution, customer operations, information systems, and corporate offices. By your retirement in 1999, you had become known as a change agent who is “people loving, hard hitting, and results oriented.”

Despite your many professional and family responsibilities, you always have made time for your alma mater. You have served as an Alumni Council class representative, a class agent, and reunion volunteer. You were also a member of your 40th Reunion Steering Committee. You have devoted countless hours to fundraising initiatives at WPI, notably serving as chair of the Annual Fund Board. Now, as a WPI Trustee and member of the Campaign Steering Committee, you are helping to guide the university’s next and most ambitious capital campaign. In this, as in all things, you lead by example. In 2009, you and your wife, Ellen, joined the ranks of WPI’s Presidential Founders, which recognizes those who have given $100,000 or more to the university.

In your professional accomplishments, leadership, and philanthropy, you are a role model to us all. Stuart Kazin, we are proud to recognize you with the Robert H. Goddard Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement.