**2013 Faculty Awards Convocation**

**Teaching Assistant of the Year**

WPI is proud to present the TA of the Year Award to Michael Morin from the Department of Mechanical Engineering. Both students and faculty praise his level of commitment and care for students’ learning, going far beyond his formal responsibilities. He puts great effort into his office hours, conferences, and help sessions, effectively complementing what was done in class, providing clear and detailed explanations, and shaping his instruction to students’ questions and concerns. Students frequently seek him out for help because they know he *will* help. One student writes, “He is by far the best TA that I have ever had here at WPI. Many of the TAs that I have had simply tell you the solution to a problem. Michael on the other hand doesn't do this and actually takes the time to ask questions that engage the student to really think about the problem, and eventually this leads to the solution.” Another student writes, “Michael was always understanding of students' different learning styles and would take the time to draw out the diagrams and do the work on the white board to aid the more visual learners like myself.” Michael Morin epitomizes the definition of a great TA, and WPI commends him for his dedication and effectiveness.