## 2007 Board of Trustees' Award for Outstanding Academic Advising

## Professor Jon P. Abraham

Advisors play an important role in the lives of their students. Their guidance and dedication have an impact on their students' education, college experiences, and future career choices. WPI is fortunate to have so many well-qualified and dedicated advisors. This dedication is crucial in dealing with the challenges that students face during their time at WPI, specifically in adjusting schedules around projects and prerequisites. From new students entering WPI, to seniors planning their futures after graduation, advisors offer an invaluable service to the student body. Each year we recognize one outstanding academic advisor who has gone above and beyond the expectations of their students. This year, Jon Abraham has been selected for his remarkable commitment to his students.



Professor Abraham has shown great diligence in addressing the individual needs of his advisees. He has taken the time to get to know each of his students and helped them chart a course at WPI best suited to their particular goals and interests. His advisees have commended his excellence as an advisor and his willingness to help with any questions they may have, often responding within hours and providing useful and highly valued advice. Professor Abraham's vigorous dedication to his students and his department have made him an outstanding mentor within WPI's actuarial community.

Professor Abraham has shown particularly great interest in the future careers of his advisees, as well as other students in his department. He has taken his own time to bring insurance and finance firms to campus in an effort to present internships and job opportunities with some of the field's leading companies. Professor Abraham has also organized extracurricular review sessions for rigorous actuarial examinations in order to help his students increase their professional marketability. In this way, Jon Abraham has been instrumental in shaping and accelerating the early careers of many of our actuarial students at WPI.

It is with great honor that we present the Outstanding Academic Advising Award of 2007 to Professor Jon Abraham.