DEAN STRATOULY, you have risen to the top of the highly competitive field of commercial real estate development. Your distinguished career brings pride to the WPI community.

You are one of several members of the Stratouly family to earn your degree at WPI. With a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering, you have gone on to distinguish yourself as a leader in a variety of firms. You were vice president of operations at Wright Pierce Architects/Engineers and you held a variety of positions at Babcock and Wilcox, including regional sales manager for its Diamond Power Division.

In 1980, you co-founded the Congress Group, one of the leading commercial real estate firms in the country, and you currently serve as its president. Under your leadership, the Congress Group has successfully developed more than 6.5 million square feet of real estate valued at more than $1.5 billion. Among the firm’s notable projects are 28 State Street and 33 Arch Street in downtown Boston and One Memorial Drive and Museum Towers in Cambridge, Mass. Another recent project, The Arlington, involved the transformation of the former Renaissance Charter School in Boston’s Park Square into housing—a $100 million project that has turned dozens of classrooms into 128 luxury apartments. You have become known for your courage in accepting the risk that comes with redeveloping properties and your ability to manage that risk while helping to revitalize Boston neighborhoods.

Your work through the Congress Group has had a significant impact on Boston, and many other cities throughout the United States and the world. In Boston, you have also had an impact as a longtime board member of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, serving as its Development Committee chair. In this role, you were responsible for overseeing the successful development and construction of the 2.1 million-square-foot Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. You also are a longtime board member and former president of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board and serve on several other corporate and nonprofit boards. Generous with your time and experience, you have been a frequent guest lecturer at the MIT Center for Real Estate and the Brown University Urban Studies Program.

Dean Stratouly, your career is an inspiration to our students and alumni. The WPI Alumni Association is proud to honor you with the Robert H. Goddard Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement.