

# Thomas L. Pajonas '77

## ROBERT H. GODDARD AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Thomas Pajonas, you have taken the lessons learned at WPI and risen to become an industry leader. We are proud to honor you today for your distinguished career.

A mechanical engineering major, you found a home in Alumni Gymnasium as part of the wrestling team during what is now known as the Grebinar Era. You are counted among those credited with playing a pivotal role in rebuilding WPI Wrestling into a powerhouse program that went on to accumulate 25 consecutive winning seasons, four New England championships, four New England runner-up finishes, 11 All-America winners, 29 New England Champions, 149 All-New England wrestlers, and 17 Scholar All-America wrestlers. To this day, the wrestling program you helped establish is known as one of the most successful athletic programs in WPI history.

The career you have built illustrates the value of WPI's emphasis on educating the whole student. The engineering knowledge and skill learned in your courses and projects, combined with lessons in teamwork and leadership learned in Alumni Gym, laid the foundation for your leadership roles in a number of highly successful companies.



You are currently senior vice president and president of the Flow Control Division of Flowserve Corporation, the recognized world leader in supplying pumps, valves, seals, automation, and services to the power, oil, gas, chemical, and other industries. Prior to joining Flowserve, you were the managing director of Alstom Transport and senior vice president of Worldwide Power Boiler Business for Alstom Inc. You also served as senior vice president and general manager for international operations, and subsequently as senior vice president and general manager for Standard Boilers Worldwide at Asea Brown Boveri.

Although your career has taken you far from your home on The Hill in Worcester, WPI has remained close to your heart. In fact, your WPI family recently grew by one with your daughter, Meghan, joining the ranks of WPI alumni in 2007.

Thomas Pajonas, once known for your leadership on the wrestling team, we are pleased to recognize you today for your leadership in your profession. We present you with the Robert H. Goddard Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement.