

# William A. Krein '62

## HERBERT F. TAYLOR AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO WPI

William Krein, your leadership in the WPI Alumni Association will have a lasting impact on generations of WPI graduates. We are proud to recognize you today for your dedicated service to your alma mater.

Described by your fellow alumni as “passionate about WPI,” over the years you have made many meaningful contributions to the life and future of your university and its worldwide network of remarkable alumni. You have remained an active member of your class, rallying your classmates to attend reunions and support WPI whenever needed. You served on your 25th and 40th Reunion Gift Steering Committees, and you were instrumental in planning the 50th anniversary reunion that your class is enjoying this year. Honoring your days as a WPI athlete, you are a member of the Poly Club. You have always been generous with your knowledge and experience, serving on the Management Advisory Board, and as an entrepreneur-in-residence. You continue to serve as an adjunct faculty member in the School of Business and in the Corporate and Professional Education division.

Your greatest impact, however, has been made through your work with the Alumni Association, where you worked



tirelessly on behalf of your fellow alumni and WPI. As president-elect, you spearheaded an effort to provide alumni with career services and transition support that ultimately led to the creation of a position in Career Development for this purpose.

As president from 2007 to 2009, you led the Association in the final transition, started by Morgan Rees, from a cabinet to a board structure. This involved creating positions and promoting the new structure widely to alumni, as well as the significant task of rewriting the Association by-laws. During your tenure, you initiated the restructuring of the Association's financial management and controls, including the institution of annual budgets and periodic status updates. You also made important changes to the affinity programs available to WPI alumni and launched the online community known as AlumniConnect.

William Krein, you once wrote to your fellow alumni, “...it's important to roll up your sleeves and engage yourself in WPI, so that you further its reputation for the people who come after you.” Today we present you with the Herbert F. Taylor Award for Distinguished Service to WPI and thank you for all you have done to advance the reputation of your alma mater.