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.

Douglas E. Sieber Sr. ’82

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Douglas Sieber, through your contributions of time and talent, you are a model of service to your alma mater. We are pleased to recognize you today for your dedication to WPI.

Since graduation, you have answered the call for support and leadership on many occasions. When your class sought fundraising leadership, you chaired a highly successful 10th Reunion Campaign. You served on the Alumni Association Citations Committee, helping to recognize and honor the accomplishments of your fellow alumni. This led to an appointment to the Alumni Funds Board, now the Annual Fund Board, where you worked to increase participation and giving among graduates from the last 20 years. Your service to WPI also includes assisting the Admissions staff with recruiting undergraduate students, membership in the Poly Club, and supporting WPI through the President’s Advisory Council, the university’s leadership group of annual donors now known as the President’s Circle.

All of this time and talent you have given to WPI while meeting the responsibilities of a growing family and the demands of a successful career. Your career began while a student at WPI, mowing the lawn at the Haartz Corporation in Acton, Mass., a manufacturer of thermoplastic and rubber coated fabrics and foams principally for the automotive industry. After graduation, you joined the company as a staff engineer. Your leadership qualities did not go unnoticed, and you became plant engineer, then the plant manager. You now have served the company as vice president and chief operating officer for the last 18 years. Your peers recognized your impressive career in 1997, when the WPI Alumni Association presented you with the Ichabod Washburn Young Alumni Award for Professional Achievement.

Douglas Sieber, your fellow alumni are proud to honor you today for your unyielding commitment to WPI and all that you do on behalf of its students, faculty, and alumni. We present you with the Herbert F. Taylor Award for Distinguished Service to WPI.