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LIFETIME COMMITMENT TO WPI

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STEVE HEBERT, for nearly 40 years you dedicated yourself to stewarding your alma mater. Today we honor you for your tireless efforts on behalf of WPI and its faculty, students, and alumni.

You were practically born with Crimson and Gray running through your veins. The story goes that when you visited WPI as a high school student, you decided to enroll before even stepping out of the car. Once you arrived at WPI as a student, you almost never left. After earning your bachelor's degree in civil engineering, you spent three years teaching math, mechanical drawing, and physics at your former high school in Springfield, Vermont, where you also served as assistant basketball and football coach and eventually as athletic director. These roles were the foundation for what would become a long and impressive career in fundraising and alumni relations at WPI.

You returned to WPI as assistant alumni secretary, focusing on fund-raising and alumni engagement in the life of the university. One of your major accomplishments was bringing the WPI Alumni Association under the umbrella of the university, a legacy that stands today with the Association and the university working in partnership on many initiatives.

In your later, more senior roles of secretary of the corporation, vice president-administration, CFO, and treasurer, you achieved even more for WPI. You led the effort to close West Street to vehicular traffic, making a permanent, positive impact on the physical character of the campus. You

played a role in making Bartlett Center a reality. Today, Bartlett Center welcomes thousands of prospective students to campus each year, young women and men who are just as eager to join the WPI community as you were as a young high school student. With support of the WPI Board of Trustees, you built consensus among the university's senior administration to embark on the creation and development of Gateway Park, a once blighted area of the city that now stands as a model of redevelopment and a significant expansion of the WPI campus.

Your contributions to the WPI community go much deeper than the physical campus. Over the years you have developed many meaningful relationships with students, alumni, faculty, and staff, as a valued mentor, a trusted advisor, and a cherished friend. You have stood as a model for leadership in alumni engagement in your alma mater and many have followed in your footsteps as alumni volunteers and professionals in the fields of alumni relations, university advancement, and higher education administration.

In your own words, your career has focused on "making the campus environment a great place to learn, work, and live." Your legacy continues to benefit the WPI community today. For your remarkable achievements, the WPI Alumni Association is proud to recognize you with the Goat's Head Award for Lifetime Commitment to WPI.

