William L. Herbert ’05

William Herbert, you are a role model for service to your alma mater for our students and young alumni. We are pleased to recognize your contributions to the life of WPI.

Your passion for engagement in the WPI community began when you were a student. Your efforts earned you the Crimson and Gray Award in recognition of your exceptional and sustained involvement in campus life and your service to WPI.

Since graduation, you have sustained your active involvement as an alumnus. You are known for approaching your work with WPI with both gravity and whimsy. A two-term member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, you have focused on enhancing the connection of alumni to WPI, assisting students and providing scholarships. You organized and led the first three Alumni Association Community Service Day projects, which rallied hundreds of alumni, students, faculty, and staff to beautify Worcester parks and improve community nonprofits. This vibrant program has grown each year, thanks in part to your work.

For the past three years, you have assisted WPI’s admissions efforts by hosting accepted students and their families at your parents’ home on Long Island, helping the university extend its reach beyond New England and welcoming these new members of the WPI community. You have held leadership positions with the Graduate Chapter and Building Association of your fraternity, Alpha Chi Rho, working to strengthen ties between the undergraduates and alumni brothers.

On the whimsical side, you established and continue to update the WPI Acronym Dictionary. With more than 1,000 entries for a campus that relies heavily on acronyms, this resource is highly valued by students, faculty, and staff alike. Also, knowing that every bit of financial support helps new students at WPI, you presented the first William Herbert Scholarship at the 2014 Bridge Crossing—bookstore gift cards to the three freshmen who occupy your freshman year residence hall room.

William Herbert, whether through humor or in all seriousness, your service to WPI in the decade since your graduation has been loyal, abundant, and sincere. The WPI Alumni Association honors you today with the John Boynton Young Alumni Award for Service to WPI.

Michael Ferro ’10

Mike Ferro, you have shown remarkable dedication and commitment to WPI. We are pleased to recognize you today for your service in the five years since your graduation.

Your affection for WPI became apparent when you were a student, through your involvement with and leadership of the Student Alumni Society. Upon your graduation, the president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors selected you to collaborate with the association, the Office of Alumni Relations, and other young alumni to lead the rejuvenation of the Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) Committee and program. You have chaired the GOLD Committee since fall 2010, bringing energy, enthusiasm, and vision to programming that encourages young alumni to stay connected to WPI and each other and to support their alma mater. With your partnership, GOLD programs have grown every year, attracting more than 100 young alumni to events for networking, camaraderie, and some education about the importance of supporting WPI.

You have also served as an at-large member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors since April 2013, representing young alumni perspectives and interests. You take seriously your role as an alumni leader, attending New Student Barbecues to welcome incoming students and their families to the WPI community and the annual Ring Ceremony to share an important tradition with current students and alumni.

You also remain dedicated to your fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Zeta-Mu chapter. You have served on its Board of Advisors since November 2010 and have served as president since 2012. You are a role model for the young men in your fraternity and provide excellent leadership to WPI’s chapter of TKE.

Mike Ferro, your commitment to your alma mater is exemplary and sets the stage for what we hope will be a long and gratifying partnership between you and WPI. The WPI Alumni Association is honored to present you with the John Boynton Young Alumni Award for Service to WPI.