Ellen Madigan Newman, you are continuing a long family tradition of dedication and service to WPI. We are proud to honor you today.

Your commitment to WPI took root when you were a student. You participated in Newspeak, Newman Club, and Soc-Comm. An avid student-athlete, you played varsity tennis all four years, serving as captain in your senior year, participated in club lacrosse, and managed the women’s basketball team. You served as a resident advisor and were a member of the Residence Hall Council, among many other student organizations and committees. As a member of the Student Government Association, you served as secretary and then president, most notably working to change the SGA into a council in order to better represent the on- and off-campus student body. Your commitment to campus life was recognized with the Goat’s Head Award for Outstanding Contribution to Student Government and the Junior and Senior Excellence Award for outstanding contribution to student activities.

The seeds of your alumni involvement were planted during your time in the Student Alumni Society, where you helped to reinstate Traditions Day and the Tech Bible, and as a student caller on behalf of the Annual Fund. Those seeds have only grown and flourished since graduation, through your involvement in the Alumni Association Board of Directors, PolyClub, the former President’s Advisory Council, and many alumni events. You also served for many years on the Alumni Association Nominating Committee, helping the association honor and recognize WPI’s most accomplished graduates.

Your dedication to your alma mater is a reflection of your family’s long and deep connection to WPI. Your father, Francis “Bud” Madigan Jr., graduated in 1953. Through his F. W. Madigan Company, your family has made a lasting mark on the WPI campus, evident in the construction and renovation of numerous buildings. You are part of a long Crimson and Gray line in the Madigan Family. In addition to you and your father, your sister, Meg, and your brothers, Fran and Jim, also earned WPI degrees.

Ellen Madigan Newman, in recognition of your continuing commitment to your alma mater, the WPI Alumni Association is pleased to present you with the John Boynton Young Alumni Award for Service to WPI.