Michael Shorr, you exemplify alumni leadership. The WPI Alumni Association is pleased to honor you today.

During your undergraduate years, you immersed yourself in the life of WPI. You helped enhance student life as a resident advisor and a president of the Student Alumni Society. Through SAS, you spearheaded efforts to inaugurate Traditions Day and republish the Tech Bible, two valued elements of the WPI student experience that continue today. You participated in arts and music activities and were a member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Pi Tau Sigma, and Tau Beta Pi. Your activities as a student and especially in SAS imprinted upon you the value of alumni engagement at WPI.

You carry these lessons with you, remaining an active volunteer and advocate for your alma mater. Over the years since graduation, you have served as a leader on the Alumni Association’s Board of Directors for 16 years and helped with student recruitment through the Alumni Admissions Program for 14 years. Reflecting your days with SAS, you also served on the President’s Advisory Council—now the President’s Circle—Steering Committee, and Class Agent Program. Generous with your time, you have shared your experience with students as a career mentor, and welcomed new students and their families to the WPI community by hosting barbecues in multiple states; you are a familiar face at WPI events on campus and throughout the country.

All of this you have given to WPI while also meeting commitments to your family and career. You hold a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering and a master’s degree in manufacturing engineering from WPI. You received your PhD in mechanical engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology. Your career in optics also brings pride to WPI, with positions at Lucent Technologies, Nortel Networks, Corning, and ASML. You currently serve as the director of operations at both L-3 Communications Brashear in Pittsburgh and L-3 Communications Tinsley in Richmond, Calif., facilities that design and manufacture electro-optical and electro-mechanical systems that deliver precision tracking and pointing, intelligent fire control, directed energy capability, and complex optical components.

Michael Shorr, in recognition of all you do on behalf of your alma mater, the WPI Alumni Association is proud to honor you with the John Boynton Young Alumni Award for Service to WPI.