2004 Award Recipient

James L. Carr Jr. ’74

Jamo Carr, as you are best known to your friends and WPI family, you have always had unique enthusiasm and drive in serving WPI. Your commitment has been without equal and your strong sense of dedication and pursuit of excellence have been the hallmarks of your volunteer career.

After graduating from WPI with a degree in civil engineering, you joined your brother Harry and went to work for the company started by your father, H. Carr and Sons. Under your direction, the interior contracting firm has continued on a positive growth path, with significant expanded operations throughout New England. H. Carr has played an integral role in such projects as the Foxwoods Resort Casino and Hotels, Gillette Stadium, the Greater Boston Convention Center, the Providence Place mall and, closer to home, the WPI Campus Center. As an active president at H. Carr, you have been keenly involved with all projects, but never too busy to find time for your top priorities—Jesse, Mac, Fletch and Tim, your sons.

A longtime member of the President’s Advisory Council, you have served WPI as an active volunteer for the Class of ’74 and as a member of the Alumni Funds Board. Over the years, you have served in a multitude of ways on the Class of ’74 Reunion steering committee(s). You were chair of the class’s 25th Anniversary Gift Campaign, which set a record for gifts with over $650,000 in commitments, a record that still stands today. With this successful experience, you have taken the time to mentor other classes as they approach their 25th anniversary gift campaigns. Currently, you are a steering committee member for your class’s 30th Reunion gift program. In this capacity, you have challenged your classmates and others to reach beyond what is believed possible by going out of your way to bring long-lost class members back into the WPI fold.

In 2002, you completed a commitment to The Campaign for WPI, made through H. Carr, that elevated you to the ranks of Presidential Founder. You have also through the years generously shared your thoughtful advice on a number of important WPI construction matters. In all of these efforts on WPI’s behalf, you have demonstrated a far-reaching vision, a deep-seated concern for WPI’s future, and an unswerving commitment to assuring that the gift of a WPI education will always be available to talented young men and women for generations to come.

Jim Carr, for the many volunteer roles you have held at your alma mater, it is a pleasure to present you with the Herbert F. Taylor Alumni Award for Distinguished Service to WPI.