2008 Award Recipient

Matthew J. Friend '93

Matt Friend, you are a vital participant in the life of your alma mater, making valuable contributions to WPI's future growth and success.
Active and supportive alumni often begin as enthusiastic students, and so it is with you. As an undergraduate, you made the most of your WPI experience. In academics, you participated in the 1992 London Project Center and were a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Outside the classroom, you were a member of Skull, Theta Chi Fraternity, and the Student Alumni Society. From WPI Big Brothers and Sisters to intramural bowling and flag football, you became a part of the fabric of the WPI community.
As an alumnus, you have remained part of that community. You have been a member of the Alumni Class Board of Directors since 1995 and a member of the Annual Fund Board since 2003. You also have served on the Annual Alumni Fund Committee, the Alumni/Admissions Program, and the Executive Committee. You were the young alumni advisor to the SAS. During this time, your colleagues at WPI credited your “positive, thoughtful, creative, and energetic style” as being “an inspiration to those around you.”
Over the years, you have given so much of your time and energy to WPI while managing the demands of family, a career, and graduate school. Yet, you continue to sacrifice precious time to help your university, and its faculty and students achieve their highest aspirations. You once described your experience serving on the Executive Committee as “the unique opportunity to learn firsthand about the many privileges and responsibilities that are part of being an alumnus of WPI.”
Matt Friend, we are privileged to honor you with the John Boynton Young Alumni Award for Service to WPI.