2003 Award Recipient

Terence P. O'Coin '83

Terry O'Coin, you have been a constant and dedicated volunteer for WPI, working tirelessly to foster strong and productive relationships between your alma mater and your employers. As a university relations team leader with United Technologies Corporation, you coordinated career fairs and technical recruiting and maintained a familiar and dependable presence on the WPI campus. In your six years in this role, you leveraged an annual grant from UTC, and worked with various faculty members to identify the wisest avenues to invest these resources. Additionally, you secured financial support from UTC to increase and improve minority recruitment and retention at WPI, furthering the mission of both UTC and the university.

You have demonstrated an innate understanding of how a partnership with an employer can vastly improve the campus experience, and ultimately benefit the employer as well. In the words of one campus administrator, "Terry exemplifies the ideal volunteer for connecting employers to his alma mater."

In your role as a department advisory board member, you have also proved invaluable. You initially served on the Mechanical Engineering Advisory Board in 1998, and then were asked to also participate on the Mathematical Sciences Advisory Board. You understand how to bridge the campus and the corporate community. You show natural talent for finding the avenues that corporations are eager to support-and that match the needs of the university.

Most recently, you have served on the planning committee for the Class of 1983's 20th Reunion, stepping forward to promote this event as a milestone for your classmates.

Terry O'Coin, it is truly a pleasure to present you with the John Boynton Young Alumni Award for Service to WPI, in recognition of your long-standing commitment to the university.