Morgan Rees, you exemplify the dedication to your alma mater that we encourage in all of our students and alumni. We are pleased to honor you today for your years of service to WPI.

A civil engineering major, you made the most of WPI’s vibrant campus life. You co-captained the football team, track, and wrestling, where you served as a player-coach and helped develop what has become a major athletic program. You were recognized for this achievement with induction into the WPI Athletic Hall of Fame in 1984. In addition to athletics, you were chairman of the Student Service Council, chairman of the Council of Presidents, president of the Athletic Association, a dormitory councilor, and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Skull.

Since graduation, you have remained equally active in the life of WPI, serving your fellow alumni and your university as president of the Alumni Association, Class Board of Directors, and Poly Club. You have helped organize reunions, served as a class agent, and chaired the fundraising initiative for your 40th anniversary reunion in 2001. In honor of your class that year, you and your wife, Janet, established the Morgan and Janet Rees Scholarship Fund. In addition, WPI faculty and students have benefited from your contributions as a member of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Advisory Board.

You have generously given your time and talent even while developing your distinguished career in civil and environmental engineering. After graduation, you served as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Signal Corps and then returned to WPI to earn a master’s degree in civil engineering. You went on to several civilian positions with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Office of the Secretary of the Army, where you served as deputy assistant secretary for civil works. You then founded and continue to serve as president of Rees Engineering and Environmental Services. You hold a second master’s degree and a Doctor of Public Administration degree from the University of Southern California, and are a licensed professional engineer in Massachusetts.

Morgan Rees, you demonstrate to our students what it means to give back to WPI. For all you do on behalf of your alma mater, we honor you today with the Herbert F. Taylor Award for Distinguished Service.