Michael Zarrilli, through your contributions of time and talent to WPI and through your distinguished career, you are a model of service to your alma mater. It is our pleasure to honor you today.

Beginning with your days as a management major, you always have been a dedicated member of the WPI community. You served your classmates as a member of student government and you were a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. As an alumnus, you served as a class agent and a Regional Council representative. You have assisted the university’s fundraising efforts as a Steering Committee member for the President’s Advisory Council, now known as the President’s Circle. In 2000, you were named a WPI Trustee and have since played a role in guiding nearly all aspects of the university. The Board’s Academic Planning and Student Affairs, Investment, Budget and Finance, Physical Facilities, and Audit committees have all benefited from your knowledge and experience.

As a Trustee, you also are well aware of the costs of delivering a high-quality engineering and science education, and you have given your support wherever there is need. In 2005 you became a member of the Presidential Founders, recognizing those who have given $100,000 or more to WPI.

Your impressive career also brings pride to WPI. After earning your MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in 1973, you entered the finance industry at Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company in New York, becoming vice president in 1982 and managing director in 1988. Your experience and skill as a leader has been valued through a series of mergers that led you to such positions as Managing Director and Deputy Head of U.S. Securities at Chase Securities, and Managing Director and Deputy Head of North American Credit Markets for J.P. Morgan Securities.

In 2006, you founded Stanwich Capital LLC, a private capital market advisory, financial asset restructuring, and asset management firm, and serve as its CEO.

Michael Zarrilli, your contributions to WPI will have a positive impact on the university for years to come. We are proud to present you with the Herbert F. Taylor Award for Distinguished Service.