2009 Award Recipient

Arthur T. Katsaros ’69

Arthur Katsaros, your distinguished career reflects your roots at WPI and brings pride to the WPI community.

You built your career at Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., one of the world's largest companies in the industrial gas business and the leading producer of third-party hydrogen worldwide. You joined the company at its Pennsylvania headquarters as a senior process engineer in the Process Systems Group. You then transferred to the Chemicals Group, where you held various marketing, product management, business development, and business management positions within the Industrial Chemicals Division. In 1986 you were named director of corporate planning and soon after became general manager of the newly formed Advanced Materials Division.

Always willing to take on new challenges, you were then assigned the task of organizing and managing the company's new Electronics Division and integrating Air Products' activities in electronics worldwide. Your record of excellence later earned you appointments as a senior executive in various branches of the company. By your retirement in 2007, you had become group vice president of development and technology, responsible for Air Products' Corporate Development Office, Global Technology, Information Technology, and Electronics Division.

You have earned distinction in your profession, having served as chair of the board of the Semiconductor Industry Suppliers Association and currently serving as a director of EnerSys, a manufacturer, marketer, and distributor of industrial batteries. In addition, you testified in front of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives on hydrogen energy research, which illustrates the respect you have earned from your professional peers.

You also understand the importance of giving back to your alma mater. As a member of the Chemical Engineering Advisory Board, you have provided valuable knowledge and expertise to faculty who are educating the next generation of engineers. You are also a member of the President's Circle, generously supporting WPI's educational mission.

Arthur Katsaros, in honor of your impressive career, we are pleased to present you with the Robert H. Goddard Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement.