2007 Award Recipient

David C. Cortese

David Cortese, you have demonstrated the ability to be a teacher, a leader, and an entrepreneur. Your leadership was demonstrated early on during your tenure at WPI where you competed in varsity cross country and track, contributed to the campus as a resident advisor, student hall director, and campus tour guide, and served as president of your class and as a member of Skull.

Upon graduating from WPI, you spent seven years with the consulting firm Accenture, working in the financial services, manufacturing and telecommunications sectors for such blue-chip clients as American Express, Sikorsky Helicopters, General Electric and Sprint.

Currently, you serve as the vice president and division CIO of Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, a multibillion dollar division of the Los Angeles movie studio. In this position, you oversee information technology for all facets of the organization.

Your accomplishments over the last six years at Sony have been significant. Your focus on the delivery of high-value technology solutions has helped propel Sony to one of the most effective and best run organizations in the entertainment industry — this includes implementing large scale projects around supply chain efficiencies and Sony’s first ever data warehouse, each giving Sony a tremendous edge in a competitive market. Working with people is what you cherish most and your attention to personnel has not been lost during these efforts as you managed to maintain an attrition rate within your organization of less than two percent over the last four years.

Earlier this year, you were promoted to a position supporting technology for Home Entertainment in sixty-seven countries around the world. You are clearly becoming a worldwide force in information management systems.

Dave Cortese, WPI is honored to present you with the Ichabod Washburn Young Alumni Award for Professional Achievement.