2001 Award Recipient

Donald H. Foley ’66

Don Foley, you have distinguished yourself among your peers and brought great pride to your alma mater through your decades of accomplishments as a technically oriented R & D manager and leader.

Following graduation from WPI with B.S. and M.S. degrees in electrical engineering, you earned your doctorate at Syracuse University. In 1971 you co-founded PAR Technology Corporation, an early leader in the automation of retailing, which supplied McDonald's restaurants with point-of-sale terminals. You held several executive positions with PAR, including vice president, research development and engineering. In 1987 you joined DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency), the central research and development organization for the Department of Defense. As deputy director and assistant director of special programs, you managed the development of innovative and often high-risk research that promised a significant technological impact on the United States.

You currently serve as executive vice president of SAIC (Science Applications International Corporation), the largest employee-owned research and engineering company in the nation. With more than 41,000 employees worldwide, SIAC specializes in taking emerging technologies in such fields as scientific computing, image processing and signal analysis, and developing products for the defense and commercials markets.

Throughout your career, you have shared your expertise with others; for this, you were honored by WPI in 1996 with the Hobart Newell Award. You have placed a high value on integrity, personal happiness and professional satisfaction, devoting time to an active family as well as your professional development.

Don Foley, it is with great pride and admiration that we recognize your distinguished achievements by presenting you with the Robert H. Goddard Alumni Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement.