2002 Award Recipient

Daniel A. Funk ’77

Daniel Funk, your successes in the field of orthopedic surgery have made you a source of great pride to Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

After graduating from WPI in 1977, you attended the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, where you received your M.D. in 1981. You then served your internship and surgical residency until 1986 at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine in Rochester, Minn., where you were presented with the faculty award for excellence in research.

During your residency at Mayo, you completed a master's degree at the University of Minnesota and did research in elbow muscle dynamics. That work earned you the Charles Neer Award for Outstanding Research in 1984, an annual award given by the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons—one usually reserved for senior academic faculty.

You have completed fellowships in sports medicine, knee reconstruction and arthroscopy and, most recently, advanced training in the treatment of foot disorders.

In 1986 you and your wife, Jill, returned to Cincinnati to complete a fellowship in sports medicine. In 1987 you took a post as assistant professor of surgery at Ohio State University, assuming the responsibility of teaching residents and conducting basic research in the mechanics of upper extremity motion.

It was during this time that your father, Ed Funk, Class of ’46 and a former WPI trustee, started a medical company known as Danninger Technology, a successful manufacturer and distributor of post-surgical recovery items and spinal stabilization instruments.

Since 1990 you and your family have lived in Cincinnati, where you feel most at home. As an orthopedic surgeon at Peak Performance Orthopedics, you have assisted countless individuals. As one of the many highlights of your career, you assisted in the care of the Cincinnati Reds the year they won the pennant.

Dan Funk, your outstanding career truly makes you a star among your peers. WPI is very fortunate to count among its alumni a man of your professional caliber. It is an honor to present you with the Robert H. Goddard Alumni Award for Professional Achievement.