1999 Award Recipient

David E. Szkutak '79

David Szkutak, president and chief operating officer of U.S. Precision Lens Inc., you have established yourself as a results-oriented manager and leader. Your company, a subsidiary of Corning Inc., is designing and manufacturing plastic and glass lens systems for projection television systems. Its innovative optics are also found in consumer electronics, and are in demand by the semiconductor, medical and automotive industries throughout Asia, Europe and North America.

In 1979, following your graduation from WPI, you began your career in the manufacturing management program of Procter & Gamble. You joined U.S. Precision Lens in 1984 as a manufacturing department manager, the first of an impressive array of positions in the video optics field that include vice president of sales and marketing and executive vice president and chief operating officer. The evolution of your career is a tribute to your commitment to excellence and to your well-defined sense of who you are and where you want to go in life.

David Szkutak, your outstanding career has distinguished you among your peers. It is an honor for WPI to present you with the Ichabod Washburn Young Alumni Award for Professional Achievement.