2009 Award Recipient

Frederick J. Costello '59

Fred Costello, you are a tireless supporter of WPI, and we are proud to honor one of our most steadfast volunteers.

Through your service as Alumni Association president, class agent, Alumni Fund Board member, Alumni Council representative, and Reunion Gift Committee member and co-chair, you have been an advocate for WPI alumni, ensuring their participation in the life of the university. With your gifts of time, energy, and expertise, you also have led by example to encourage your fellow alumni to give back to their alma mater.

Your involvement in the life of WPI began when you were a student. You fully participated in the campus community through football, swimming, Peddler, Student Activities Board, student government, and ROTC, among other activities. You were a member of Skull and president of Sigma Phi Epsilon—your fraternity experience remains one of your most cherished.

After graduation, you embarked on a long and distinguished career at Union Carbide Corporation. Your career there included your appointment as vice president of Union Carbide Eastern in Hong Kong. In 1994, WPI recognized your impressive career with the Robert H. Goddard Alumni Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement. On the occasion of your 25th Reunion, you remarked that while you enjoyed working in Hong Kong, you missed your involvement with WPI. The feeling was mutual, and your relationship with WPI only deepened when your work with Union Carbide—as vice president and general manager and, consequently, president of the Solvents and Coatings Materials Division—brought you closer to Worcester. An avid supporter of your alma mater, you are a member of your Class Board of Directors, the President's Circle, Presidential Founders, and the Alden Society.

Fred Costello, in gratitude for your decades of involvement with WPI, we are pleased to present you with the Herbert F. Taylor Award for Distinguished Service to WPI.