Francis W. Madigan, Jr. ’53

Francis "Bud" Madigan, you have literally helped build your alma mater. Your volunteer service to your fellow alumni and your professional services as a contractor have helped make WPI what it is today.

For decades you have taken a leadership role on the governing bodies of the Alumni Association. As a member of the Alumni Fund Board, you sought new ways to engage younger alumni-so vital to the future of WPI. As chair of the President's Advisory Council, you blazed a trail for WPI's most committed supporters. You have served faithfully on your Class Board of Directors, chaired your Class Reunion, and solicited donations for an impressive class gift.

As founder and head of F.W. Madigan Company, you have left your mark on the WPI campus, through the construction and renovation of numerous buildings. From the Washburn Shops, to the Stoddard Residence Complex, to the athletics field house, the facilities most vital to WPI's mission have benefited from your skill. Throughout Worcester County, schools, hospitals, churches, cultural attractions and municipal buildings stand as testament to your workmanship.

Your donations of time and financial resources have been extremely generous, but your most precious legacy, perhaps, is your family. Your sons Fran and Jim and your daughters Meg and Ellen have followed in your footsteps and earned WPI degrees, while your other children have also embraced the engineering profession. Your wife, Mary, has become a valued member of the WPI community.

Bud Madigan, it is with great pride that we present you with the Herbert F. Taylor Alumni Award for Distinguished Service to WPI.