2001 Award Recipient

Francis M. Scricco '71

Fran Scricco, your highly successful career, distinguished by outstanding business acumen and leadership, has brought much pride to your alma mater. As president and chief executive officer of Arrow Electronics Inc., the world's largest distributor of electronic components and computer products to industrial and commercial customers, you are leading a $13 billion company into the new millennium.

Following your graduation from WPI with a degree in mechanical engineering, you earned your MBA from Columbia University. You began your career in 1973 with The Boston Consulting Group and in 1979 you joined General Electric, serving for six years in a variety of managerial positions. In 1992, you became president of the Canadian Subsidiary of Whirlpool Corporation, where under your leadership the $350 million business became Canada's largest supplier of home appliances.

You joined Arrow Electronics Inc. as executive vice president and chief operating officer in 1997, and were an integral force in designing and executing the strategy that guided the company through a North American realignment and into a customer-focused structure. Your organizational talents lent a sense of order to the restructuring of the company. You have brought a new and dynamic leadership style to the global electronics industry's preeminent distributor.

Thriving on change, you never turned down the opportunity to take on a challenge throughout your career. You have always devoted time to your family, striving for balance both professionally and personally.

Fran Scricco, WPI is fortunate to have among its alumni a man of such exceptional professionalism and leadership. We are proud to present you with the Robert H. Goddard Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement.