2002 Award Recipient

George R. Oliver ’82

George Oliver, your hard work and commitment have propelled your 20-year career at General Electric—most of which with GE’s Aircraft Engines, the world’s leading manufacturer of jet engines for civil and military aircraft. The business also manufactures gas turbines, derived from its highly successful jet engine programs, for marine and industrial applications. In addition, GE Aircraft Engines provides comprehensive maintenance support, through its GE Engine Services operation, for GE and non-GE jet engines in service throughout the world.

Upon graduation from WPI with a degree in mechanical engineering, you joined GE’s Aircraft Engines business in Lynn, Mass., in the Manufacturing Development Program. Upon completing this two-year management training program, you held various positions, with increasing responsibility, in both the Lynn and Hooksett, N.H., facilities through 1992. You were plant manager in Hooksett until 1995, when you joined GE Appliances as general manager of LPO Refrigeration in Louisville, Ky.

You were elected an officer of General Electric in 1998, when you were promoted to the position of vice president and general manager of production and procurement for GE Aircraft Engines. In 1999 you were named vice president and general manager of the Supply Chain Division; the following year you were promoted within GE Aircraft Engines to that of president and chief executive officer of GE Engine Services. You have recently been named vice president and general manager of GE Betz, a water treatment services business recently acquire by GE Specialty Materials.

George Oliver, your outstanding career has distinguished you among your peers. WPI is fortunate to have within its alumni body a man of such exceptional professionalism and leadership. It is an honor to present you with the Ichabod Washburn Young Alumni Award for Professional Achievement.