Gordon E. Walters '54
Gordon Walters, you have been a dedicated fund-raising volunteer for the Class of 1954, leading its 40th and 50th Anniversary Gift campaigns to great success; in doing so, you have made a significant difference for this university.

Your can-do attitude was evident as an undergraduate. You served as vice president of your fraternity, Phi Sigma Kappa, and president of the Dramatics Club; you were a member of the Glee Club, ASME and Tech News, to name a just few of your many undergraduate activities. You also found time for athletics, participating in baseball, swimming, tennis, golf, skiing and sailing, many of which became lifelong pursuits.

After receiving your degree in mechanical engineering, you joined E.I. Dupont de Nemours & Company as a project engineer. In 1972, after eight years with Sprague Electric Co., you began a new venture as a private business owner, founding Steinerfilm Inc. for the distribution of dielectric film. After selling your interest in that company in 1983, you joined your son, Glenn, WPI Class of 1976, in a new venture called A. D. Tech to develop, manufacture, market and sell metallic films that were used in the electronics industry and in fresh food packaging and microwave cooking. You served as chairman of the company until it was sold in 1996.

As an alumnus your interests tended toward fund-raising activities. You served as a class agent and, in 1991, you agreed to serve as chairman of the 40th Anniversary Gift campaign for your class. Your management of the effort, and your personal leadership style, helped lead the class to a record-setting conclusion—$875,000 in commitments from 67 percent of the class. In 2000 you willingly took on the challenge again, this time as co-chair for the 50th Anniversary Gift campaign, which has secured the third highest class gift in WPI history—over $1.5 million from nearly 70 percent of the class. While encouraging others to support WPI financially, you led by example, making personal leadership gifts; in doing so, you have been recognized as a Presidential Founder, a member of the President's Advisory Council and a member of the Alden Society.

Gordon Walters, for your dedicated and effective leadership of your class, and through it, for all you have helped make possible for your alma mater, we are proud to present you with the Herbert F. Taylor Alumni Award for Distinguished Service to WPI.