Homoud Al-Rqobah '74

Homoud Al-Rqobah, Worcester Polytechnic Institute takes great pride in your 25-year career as an administrator of the civil infrastructure of the nation of Kuwait and your role as an academic leader in the field of chemical engineering.

Upon completion of your chemical engineering degree in 1974, you became a research engineer with the Kuwait Ministry of Electricity and Water. You continued your studies, receiving your master of science in chemical engineering from WPI in 1977.

In England you obtained your doctoral degree from the University of Salford, then returned to Kuwait to begin an academic career at Kuwait University in 1981. In 1984 you were named dean of the College of Engineering and Petroleum, a position you held until 1986, when you were appointed director general of the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research. You also served as chief editor for Engineering Education Journal, issued by the Arab Engineering Union.

Parallel to this illustrious academic career, you followed a path of public service to the nation of Kuwait. From 1989 through 1991, you served as minister of electricity and water, and from 1991 to 1992 you were minister of oil and chairman of the board of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation. You were a member of the National Assembly from 1996 to 1999, and minister of public works and minister of electricity and water during that same time period.

Presently, you serve as chairman of the board and managing director of Abyar Engineering General Trading and Contracting Company, and as head of the Establishment Committee of Kuwait Electricity Company. In addition, you are vice president of HEMOCO Selayar International.

Homoud Al-Rqobah, your extensive membership on numerous Kuwaiti and international boards and councils is to be commended and is evidence of your dedication to your country and to science. Your wife and sons must be immensely proud – and your students, colleagues and fellow citizens greatly appreciative – of your accomplishments and dedication. It is an honor to present you with the Robert H. Goddard Alumni Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement.