2000 Award Recipient

Harlan Williams ’50

Harlan Williams, a deep commitment to serving WPI has been the hallmark of your involvement with your alma mater. You have stepped forward willingly, demonstrating a sense of dedication that has won you the admiration of your classmates and the University.

Your volunteer career at WPI began just a decade ago, but you have accomplished more in that time than others have through several decades of service. As a class representative to the Alumni Council and a member of your Class Board of Directors, you have given generously of your time and energy in service to the Class of 1950. As chair of your 45th and 50th Reunion committees, you've gone the extra mile to ensure that these important events were enjoyable and successful. A strong proponent of class communication, you have engaged many of your classmates in the publication of a class newsletter. In everything you've done, you've set an example for other class volunteers to follow.

Your service as a volunteer as had an impact on other Alumni Association activities. As chair of the ad hoc Alumni Computer Network Committee and the Alumni Online Committee, you were instrumental in establishing the Alumni Gateway, a Web-based service that provides a new way for alumni to interact with one another and with their alma mater.

Your leadership as chair and Executive Committee representative for online alumni services led to your participation in the creation of a new master plan for the Alumni Association in 1998 and to membership on the Career and Lifelong Learning Task Force. You have also served for several years as a member of the Alumni Association Communications Committee. Your ideas and your dedication continue to advance the mission of the Alumni Association as they help it make the transition to the 21st century.

Harlan Williams, it is with great pride and appreciation that we present you with the Hebert F. Taylor Alumni Award for Distinguished Service to WPI.