2000 Award Recipient

Jonathan Bird '90
Jonathan Bird, your spectacular photography has touched millions of viewers and readers, and taught them to treasure the beauty that lurks beneath the sea.

After taking up scuba diving while a student at WPI, you founded Oceanic Research Group in 1993. Armed with a camera and a master's degree in ocean engineering from the University of New Hampshire, you have crusaded against threats to the aquatic ecosystem. With your business partner, fellow WPI graduate Thomas Krasuski, you have dedicated your talents to your organization's mission: conservation of the world's oceans and marine life through education.

WPI is proud to count you among its award-winning alumni. You have received two Emmy awards for your television and film work, three prestigious CINDY awards, and a host of other honors and endorsements from educational and environmental foundations. Your scientific programs for schoolchildren and your captivating television specials have entertained and educated viewers of all ages. Your work has appeared in scholarly journals and popular magazines, and in 1996 your first hardcover book, Beneath the North Atlantic, was published by Tide-Mark Press.

Jonathan Bird, it is with deep pleasure that we present to you the Ichabod Washburn Young Alumni Award for Professional Achievement.