2010 Award Recipient

John FitzPatrick '75

John FitzPatrick, your WPI education has taken you around the world and helped you pursue tremendous opportunities. In turn, you've given back, making WPI a part of your life, no matter where life took you.

You went on to graduate school at Rutgers University to earn an MBA. You put your engineering skills to work at some of the world's finest corporations, solving challenges around the globe. You then pursued a new path in tax and business consulting as owner of your own firm, General Business Services. You and Ginny merged your businesses to form your own company – Morris Planning Associates. Today you serve your community as a certified financial planning professional.

Over the years, you have ensured the continued strength of WPI through your membership on the President's Advisory Council and your participation on the Annual Fund Board. You have steered the Alumni Association through your service as Class Agent for the Alumni Fund, Reunion Gift Chair for your 25th and 30th Reunions, alumni admissions volunteer in New Jersey, co-chair with Ginny of the New Jersey alumni chapter, and a member of the Class Board of Directors since its inception. Your and Ginny's support of the crew team helped WPI elevate rowing to a varsity sport on campus. You've bolstered class spirit by planning Reunions, rallying for Homecomings, and participating in local alumni events. Perhaps your most treasured contribution is your son, Joe, a graduate of the Class of 2003 ('04 MS EE), a former Goatkeeper, and a successful engineer.

John FitzPatrick, you have embraced WPI as part of your own family. It is an honor to present you with the Herbert F. Taylor Award for Distinguished Service to WPI.