2008 Award Recipient

Joaquim S. Ribeiro '58

Joe Ribiero, you are a true son of Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Over the years, you have served your alma mater in so many ways - from providing generous financial support, to volunteering with your class, to helping lead this university as a vice president and treasurer. After earning your BS in aeromechanics engineering from WPI, you embarked on a distinguished professional career that included 25 years of diverse management roles at Worcester's Jamesbury Corp., a multinational marketer and manufacturer of industrial valves and flow controls, where your responsibilities grew from engineering design and manufacturing control to international operations and finance.

You also served in a general management role at Bowditch & Dewey and as vice chairman at Multibank Financial. Just as you helped lead WPI, you brought your financial and executive expertise to Northfield Mt. Hermon School, your preparatory school alma mater, where you led finance and administration until semi-retirement in 2002, and still serve on special tasks. Throughout your working life, you have also been involved in consulting and corporate governance for both private and public enterprises as well as in community institutions, including Kadant Inc., R.H. White Construction Companies, Bank of Boston Regional Board, Memorial Hospital (now UMass Memorial Medical Center), Worcester's Science Museum, and the VNA. A lifelong learner, you earned an MBA in economics and finance from Clark University and attended advanced management programs at Harvard University and Dartmouth College.

To WPI you have always given generously of your time, talents, and financial resources. You and your wife, Sarah, established the Joe and Sarah Ribeiro Scholarship Fund, making the dream of a WPI education possible for new generations of young men and women. You are a member of both the Presidential Founders, an assembly of WPI's most generous benefactors, and the President's Circle, the Annual Fund's society of leadership donors. As an alumni leader, you have served on the Alumni Association Investment Committee and your Class Board of Directors, and as a Reunion Anniversary Class Agent. A soccer and tennis player during your undergraduate years, you continue to support today's WPI student-athletes as a member of the Poly Club.

Joe Ribeiro, WPI is grateful for your longstanding devotion. As you celebrate your milestone 50th Reunion, we are proud to present you with the Herbert F. Taylor Alumni Award for Distinguished Service to WPI.