2004 Award Recipient

Joan Bolduc Szkutak '79

Joan Szkutak, your commitment and dedication to WPI and to your class is matched only by the professionalism you bring to your volunteer activities. You manage volunteers and interact with staff with a critical eye toward resources and abilities. Your leadership of the 20th and 25th Reunion Gift efforts has been marked by an organization and singular determination that each classmate receives a personal contact not from just another classmate, but from a friend.

Your career at Procter and Gamble, where you have worked since moving to Cincinnati after graduation, has been the cornerstone of this organizational mastery. Your current position as director of FemCare product development is the result of your tenacity, determination and tireless work.

You have brought all of these traits to your WPI efforts. Whenever your alma mater called upon you and your husband, Dave, you were willing to help out—whether it was hosting an alumni event in Cincinnati, or helping to advocate gifts of stock in the alumni magazine.

As donors, you have always been generous, and mindful of the best way to leverage your gifts to WPI through corporate matches. Your support of the university through generous annual giving as President's Advisory Council donors has directly benefited students through the PAC Scholarship program. You have also made a commitment to the long-term mission of WPI; you and Dave are the newest members of the George I. Alden Society—WPI's bequest and deferred gift recognition society.

Joan Szkutak, in recognition of your tireless work on behalf of WPI and the Class of 1979, it is an honor to present you with the Herbert F. Taylor Alumni Award for Distinguished Service to WPI.