2004 Award Recipient

John H. Williams ’49

Jack Williams, following World War II and your service in the U.S. Air Corps in the European Theatre, you returned to America and earned your bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at WPI in 1949.

Upon graduation you went to work for Acme Wire Company in your native city of New Haven, Conn. After 10 years at Acme Wire, using your expertise acquired at WPI, you became president of Magnetic Coils Inc., a company located in Babylon, on Long Island. MCI became a leader in the production of transformers, known for quality products and on-time delivery. With its control transformers, high-voltage transformers, solenoid and relay coils, and custom-printed circuit transformers, MCI set the standard for others in the industry.

Expanding sales led to the establishment of regional operations opening in New England and California, and today MCI remains a strong company, recognized for its products and service. Your retirement in 1994 has given you a chance to step back from day-to-day operations of the company – now in the good hands of your sons, John and Timothy – and enjoy winters in Florida.

Jack Williams, it is a pleasure and an honor to present you with the Robert H. Goddard Alumni Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement.