Kimball R. Woodbury ’44

Kim Woodbury, for decades your energy and enthusiasm to serve in a variety of leadership roles has truly made a significant impact on your alma mater. Like so many in the early 1940s, your stay at WPI was interrupted by World War II as you served in the Pacific as a weather forecaster for the U.S. Air Force. You returned to WPI to complete your education in 1947, earning your degree in mechanical engineering.

You then joined your family business, Woodbury & Co. Inc., a distinguished Worcester printing and engraving firm, as production manager. By 1966, through hard work, dedication and a constant focus on the customer, you were elected president of the company, which was noted at that time for being the largest company in the United States devoted exclusively to the design and production of engraved lithographed and thermographed commercial stationery. As a graduate of the School of Industrial Management, you were presented the Albert J. Schwieger Award in 1986 in recognition of your outstanding professional achievements.

Noted for your engineering style, your pragmatic approach and your sense of humor, you have been an extraordinary volunteer ever since your graduation. You have served your class faithfully and effectively—as a committee member and chair of its many reunions—even hosting one of the events at your home. You have provided exemplary service to the Alumni Association by serving as a member of the Investment Committee for more than 25 years.

Not only has WPI reaped the rewards of your tireless efforts, the greater Worcester community has benefited from your generosity. You have served as a trustee at Memorial Hospital, Worcester County Institution for Savings, United Way and Worcester Academy. You have also served as director for the Worcester Chapter of the American Red Cross and the International Red Cross and as a primary volunteer and motivator for the Worcester YMCA.

Kim Woodbury, your dedication to your fellow classmates, to WPI and to the community has set a standard for volunteerism and involvement that is unsurpassed. It is an honor and privilege to present to you today, on the occasion of your 60th Reunion, the Herbert F. Taylor Alumni Award for Distinguished Service to WPI.