2005 Award Recipient

Michael J. Dolan ’75

Michael Dolan, you have served the petrochemical engineering industry with honor and distinction. Your career spans the globe, as does your impact on the industry. You are a renowned leader in the field and a source of great pride to your alma mater.

In addition to your bachelor's degree in chemical engineering, you earned an MBA from Drexel University in 1985. You have worked in the industry for your entire career, beginning in 1975 as a technical service engineer at UOP in Des Plaines, Illinois. Your career at UOP later included work in R&D and then as a field technical service engineer in refineries in this country and abroad.

You joined Mobil in Paulsboro, New Jersey, in 1980, working in the research labs on a variety of planning, research, and technical service positions. In 1989 you were named technical manager of Mobil’s Refinery in Adelaide, Australia. You returned to New Jersey two years later to manage the chemical section of Mobil’s central engineering company in Princeton.

In 1993 Mobil Chemical Company moved you to Houston in a progression of strategic planning and business management positions in the aromatics, olefins, and polyethylene business. In 1998 you were named vice president and general manager for petrochemicals in the Americas.

When Exxon and Mobil merged in 1999, you became the Middle East and Africa regional director of ExxonMobil Chemical, located in Brussels. In 2001 you were named executive vice president for ExxonMobil Saudi Arabia. You returned to the United States in 2003 as deputy to the president of ExxonMobil Refining & Supply Company. Last year you were named president of ExxonMobil Chemical Company and vice president of the Exxon Mobil Corporation.

You have further served your industry as a past director of the American Plastics Council, the Society of Plastics Industries, and the American Chemistry Council. At your alma mater, you have been a valued member of the Chemical Engineering Advisory Board.

Michael Dolan, in gratitude for the leadership you exemplify and with great pride in the successes of your career, WPI presents you with the Robert H. Goddard Alumni Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement.