2000 Award Recipient

Paul Bergantino ’85
Paul Bergantino, you have delivered outstanding performance in the fast-paced, high-intensity electronic communications industry.

In 1994 you founded Maker Communications with William Giudice ’76. As an upstart company with a novel approach, Maker set out to develop products that are versatile, cost effective and fast. You conceived and developed a revolutionary segmentation and reassembly layer device for ATM (asynchronous transfer mode) networking. At 622 megabits per second, it was not just the fastest chip on the market, but the first to be reprogrammable. Your visionary designs have earned you five patents and kept your company at the forefront of a demanding marketplace.

From the start, Maker Communications was clearly a company to watch. Geared for growth and responsive to customer demands, it earned citations from such industry watchers as Red Herring, Upside magazine and EDN. Maker went public in May 1999 and not long after was acquired by Conexant Systems Inc. Today you are vice president of technology and architecture for Conexant’s Broadband Internetworking Systems division.

Paul Bergantino, your innovative microchip architecture has set a new benchmark for success in the field of network communications. It is with great pride that we honor you for your career success and present you with the Ichabod Washburn Young Alumni Award for Professional Achievement.