2002 Award Recipient

Paul S. Kennedy '67
Paul Kennedy, manufacturing visionary, business leader, consummate volunteer and global activist, you have been tireless in your work for your alma mater. Your support for WPI has been as well engineered as the products your company produces. Your advocacy of and for the university has been as international as your travels and influence.

Everywhere you go you take WPI with you, actively lobbying customers, competitors and government officials on behalf of the university, improving both our connections and our reputation. The respect you command with governmental power brokers at the state and federal levels—from individual legislators to departments, from the EPA to commerce—is reflected upon WPI. Almost single-handedly, you have raised WPI's profile in Worcester, in Boston, in Washington, D.C., and abroad. You have helped us secure grants totaling several million dollars through your influence, impacting technologies critical to industries as diverse as metal processing and homeland security.

The list of your contributions to the university is endless. You serve on the Advisory Board of the Metals Processing Institute, the largest industry/academia consortium in the world. You serve on WPI's Board of Trustees. As an untiring advocate for manufacturing, you serve on WPI's Manufacturing Engineering Program Advisory Board, and there work to build an educational program to train manufacturing leaders of the future. You were a member of the Global Advisory Committee, which recommended to WPI that it establish an international advisory board, and you now serve on the President's International Advisory Board. In that role, you have been instrumental in launching efforts to reach our international alumni, and to build WPI's name recognition and reputation in locations including London, Athens, Hong Kong and Barcelona.

Your commitments have benefited a world much larger than WPI. As president of Kennedy Die Castings, you have led a remarkable company to ever-greater success and respect, traveling around the world to create new and diverse international markets.

You were founding president of the North American Die Casting Association and have served as president of the Society of Die Casting Engineers. A dynamic speaker and writer, you have traveled the nation working toward industrial development.

Paul Kennedy, it is with pride, honor, utmost respect and great gratitude that we present you with the Herbert F. Taylor Alumni Award for Distinguished Service to WPI.