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2006 Award Recipient

Peter B. Myers '46

Peter Briggs Myers, your alma mater honors you this day for your extraordinary accomplishments. You received a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1946 and a Doctorate in Nuclear Physics from Oxford University in 1950.

Until your retirement in 1993, you served as a Director of the Board on Radioactive Waste Management of the National Research Council for the National Academy of Sciences in Washington D.C. For 14 years you were responsible for all aspects of the Research Council's involvement with the management of high-level, low-level, and transuranic nuclear wastes from both commercial and defense activities. The Charter of the Board includes uranium mill tailings and the decontamination and decommissioning of nuclear facilities.

Before your appointment at the National Research Council, you held various management positions with responsibility for research and development of advanced solid state technology. After serving in World War II with the U.S. Navy and completing a doctorate in Nuclear Physics as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, you started your professional career at Bell Telephone Laboratories and in the course of the next 29 years held positions with Motorola, the Martin Company, Bunker Ramo, and Magnavox.

You are a fellow of both the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a founding member of the Institute of Management Sciences and a member of the American Nuclear Society, the American Physical Society and the Materials Research Society.

In contrast to your primary career in the physical sciences and advanced technology, you are the surviving representative of the family that developed Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI), the most widely administered self-report personality instrument in the field today. You are co-owner of the MBTI and is active in research and extension of Jungian type theory to aid in the constructive use of human differences. You served on Advisory Boards at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Hocking Technical College, and is a member of the Board of Directors of Type Resources, Inc. and of the Instituto Interamericano de Capacitacion Turistica, an educational institute concerned with conservation and alternative occupation for the people of the Amazonian rain forest in Brazil. You are the Chairman of the Myers & Briggs Foundation dedicated to the celebration of diversity and the encouragement of scholarly research on psychological type and hold an honorary doctorates in Humane Letters from the College of Idaho and in Applied Public Service from Hocking Technical College.

Peter Myers, it is with great pride and pleasure that WPI presents you with the Robert H. Goddard Alumni Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement.