Robert L. Diamond '56

Robert Diamond, you have been described as a true 21st century serial entrepreneur. Throughout your career you have demonstrated unique business and engineering vision. Through your energies and efforts, technology in many fields has been linked to consumer market opportunities resulting in new companies, inventions and services, which have improved our lives.

Your belief in your own unique abilities and determination to gain from and to give back to life was demonstrated as a WPI student when you worked your way through college while retaining jobs in construction, a factory, and bakery. Despite the demands of your hectic schedule you poured every spare moment into achieving your degree, proudly graduating second in your class with highest honors.

After graduation you joined the corporate world as an electrical engineer, later serving businesses in a variety of technologies in the areas of marketing, business development and sales management. These corporate business experiences eventually prompted your decision to launch your own engineering, consulting, and manufacturer's representation firm, Robert Diamond, Inc.

Over the years you evolved from engineer to enabler, finding the needed application and fitting the technology to it. You were centrally instrumental in bringing the Hughes CMOS chip technology to Timex for watches and to Milton Bradley for portable game technology, and the Fairchild LED technology to Monroe to make an early four function calculator. By the early 1980s your firm won a contract to manufacture telephones for AT&T. This in turn led you to join with a Singapore partner to launch a Caller ID business, CIDCO Inc. You were CIDCO's Chairman of the Board, you are a holder of a Caller ID engineering patent and you were named an Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year in 1996.

With the turn of the millennium, based upon the success of the CIDCO business model, you launched Xanboo, a company founded to allow users to control, command, and view their home or business remotely over the internet. Today Xanboo designs Internet-based services and applications for both the consumer and business markets. Since its founding Xanboo's technology has won numerous honors and awards.

Robert Diamond, for your remarkable continuing accomplishments in recognizing the opportunity to bring technology together with products which improve our world, it is an honor to present you as a visionary, inventor and businessman with the Robert H. Goddard Alumni Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement.