2008 Award Recipient

Roger E. Lavallee '73

Roger Lavallee, your steadfast support of WPI has not gone unmarked. A spirited and effective leader, you are always brimming with ideas and eager to explore new ways of doing business. Your enthusiasm and creativity have motivated others to get on board and stay involved. Your classmates value you as a cohesive force that holds them together and binds them to WPI. When the Class Board of Directors system was first unveiled, you answered the call. As chair for your class, you brought together a committed team and put them to work. Your leadership on the Reunion and Anniversary Gift committees resulted in a fabulous event and an impressive gift tally.

Early on, you grasped the power of electronic media for keeping classmates connected. You pioneered an online newsletter and a vibrant website that other classes have been challenged to emulate. You represented your class on the Alumni Cabinet and served the Association in many ways. The Alumni Fund Board, in particular, benefited from your fiscal expertise.

You brought new life to the Hartford/Springfield Regional Chapter of the Alumni Association with events that engage alumni and their families. Your success resulted in a working model for other regions to follow. You continue to pursue every occasion for WPI graduates to gather and celebrate their alma mater.

You consistently stepped forward to lead a variety of initiatives. No matter how complex the task, you found a way to tackle it, often discovering a way to streamline the effort. In all your endeavors, you are quick to suggest innovations and eager to share the success.

Roger Lavallee, it is with great joy that we present you with the Herbert F. Taylor Alumni Award for Distinguished Service to WPI.