2009 Award Recipient

Robert H. Mason '94

Bob Mason, you are just the kind of alumnus Ichabod Washburn hoped to educate at WPI: a professional with the technical knowledge and leadership skills to drive innovation in emerging industries.

Since graduating from WPI with a bachelor's degree in computer science, you have walked the cutting edge of computer and Internet technology. You began your career at Art Technology Group as its 10th employee and were a founding member of ATG's product development team. During your 10 years there, you provided technology and strategic leadership as the company grew into a global, public enterprise.

In 2004 you co-founded Brightcove, the leading online video platform used by media companies, businesses, and organizations worldwide to publish and distribute video on the Web. Over the last five years, you have played an active role in harnessing the power of the Internet to transform the distribution and consumption of media. Here again, you are working on the forefront of technology, providing thousands of professional publishers the tools to power online video initiatives that reach millions every month. Brightcove looks to you, its chief technical officer, to provide the leadership to succeed in this ever-changing industry.

Throughout your career, WPI has remained a part of your family—in more ways than one. Your wife, Erica (Curran) Mason, is a member of the Class of 1996. Erica's brother, Mark Curran, and his wife, Jan, both graduated from WPI in 1988. Mark also received his master's degree at WPI in 1989. You have honored your connection to the university by establishing the Mason-Curran Scholarship and supporting the Class of 1994 Global Scholarship Fund through donations from the Mason Family Foundation. You also share your knowledge and experience with WPI students and faculty as a member of the Computer Science Advisory Board.

In recognition of your industry leadership and all that you do for WPI, we are proud to honor you with the Ichabod Washburn Young Alumni Award for Professional Achievement.