2010 Award Recipient

Virginia FitzPatrick '75

Virginia Giordano FitzPatrick, you were among the first students to benefit from the WPI Plan, and it has guided you in your success from the United States to Europe, to South America and back.

You were drawn to WPI for its project-based curriculum. You attribute your success to the skills you gained through this approach, saying, “The WPI Plan gave me the confidence to stand up for what I believe and to not be afraid to take risks.”

After graduation, you worked your way up in the business world, from engineer, systems representative, and instructor, all the way to president of Computer Applications Learning Center, known as CALC. Along with your husband, John FitzPatrick '75, you traveled the world, from New Jersey to England and Columbia. On your return, you followed your dreams and formed your own business. Today you are president of Morris Planning Associates, a consulting firm that specializes in training IT professionals on the latest IBM technologies.

Even while living far afield and raising a family, you maintained a strong connection with your alma mater. As an admissions alumni volunteer, you helped others find their way to WPI—including your son, Joe. You mentored students and shared your business expertise on the Advisory Committee of WPI's Entrepreneurs Collaborative. You served your class faithfully through Reunion planning and fundraising. Your commitment extends to membership in the President's Advisory Council. An energetic leader in the Alumni Association, you currently sit on the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Ginny FitzPatrick, you have never forgotten the impact that WPI has made in your life. Today, we would like to recognize your influence on the university. We are pleased to present you with the Herbert F. Taylor Award for Distinguished Service to WPI.