

Harry Wotton '94, MS '96

Ichabod Washburn Young Alumni Award for Professional Achievement

Harry Wotton, you personify the WPI motto of *Lehr und Kunst*, theory and practice. A recognized leader in entrepreneurship, you have built a remarkable career on knowing how to take an innovative idea and make it a reality.

As a mechanical engineering major, you focused your Major Qualifying Project on designing a load-bearing fixation device for dogs to help them recover from leg injuries. In your graduate studies in biomedical engineering at WPI, you took this idea even further, designing experiments to test this new device and gain a deeper understanding of the theory behind your practical solution.

You turned down the opportunity for a medical career to found a business, Securos, Inc., to pursue your interest in developing devices for veterinary orthopedics. In 10 years under your leadership, securos grew from a single-product start-up with two employees to a company with seven major product lines, five US patents, three patents pending, hundred of products and millions in annual revenue. In 2007, MWI Veterinary Supply acquired Securos and asked you to remain as president and CEO. You continue to increase sales, innovate new products at Securos, and build strong international relationships for Securos, all while helping veterinarians achieve better outcomes for their patients.

Despite the demands of your career and family, you have always found time to give back to WPI. Many students have benefitted from your knowledge and experience through your guest lectures in biomedical engineering courses, your participation in the WPI Bioengineering Institute's Corporate Forum, and most recently as a mentor to an MQP team.

You inspire our students to aim high with their ideas and to embrace the WPI ideals of theory and practice. We are proud to honor you with the Ichabod Washburn Young Alumni Award for Professional Achievement.