

MEMO

To: All Engineering Faculty and Staff
From: Pearl Sullivan, Dean of Engineering
Date: November 23, 2012
Re: Waterloo Engineering Student, Alumni and Friend of the Faculty Awards

It's my pleasure to congratulate our undergraduate and graduate students, alumni, and friend of the faculty who were honoured at the 2012 Waterloo Engineering Awards Dinner held on November 22.

More than 2,500 students received awards this year for everything from top marks, to extracurricular activities, such as leadership, community engagement and involvement in athletics.

The Friend of the Faculty Award, the Team Alumni Achievement Medal, the Young Alumni Achievement Medal, and two Alumni Achievement Medals in the professional category were presented to Waterloo Engineering graduates and supporters of the Faculty.

The Friend of the Faculty Award was presented to Maplesoft, a company established in 1988 as a spin-off whose core intellectual property was developed from a University of Waterloo research project in symbolic computing. Maplesoft is a strong advocate for Waterloo Engineering research and provides ongoing support to the Faculty, as well as the university.

The Team Alumni Achievement Medal was awarded to PLANT Architect Inc. The innovative and award-winning architectural firm was launched in 1997 by Lisa Rapoport, Chris Pommer and Mary Tremain who are all graduates of the University of Waterloo's bachelor of environmental studies program and our School of Architecture undergraduate program.

The Young Alumni Achievement Medal was received by Gholamreza (Reza) Chaji (PhD '08, Elect). A leader and innovator in the flat panel display industry, he is the President and Chief Technology Officer of IGNIS Innovation, a local company founded through technology invented at the University of Waterloo.

One of the Alumni Achievement Medals for Professional Achievement was awarded to Ilia Kaufman (MAsc '69, Elect; PhD '71, SD) who founded his own software consulting firm, Kaufman Consulting Services Ltd., which has become a world leader in both the art and science of computational linguistics.

The second Alumni Achievement Medal for Professional Achievement was received by Michael D. Watkins (BAsc '80, Elect) who is a best-selling author on leadership and talent management.

His book entitled *The First 90 Days, Critical Success Strategies for New Leaders at all Levels* was recently named one of the 100 best business books of all time.

I wish all our award winners the very best and I look forward to their future accomplishments!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pearl Sullivan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

Pearl Sullivan
Dean, Faculty of Engineering