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CHE '03

Degrees: B.S. Chemical Engineering ('03), Illinois Institute of Technology; M.D. Health Sciences and Technology ('07), Harvard Medical School-Massachusetts Institute of Technology

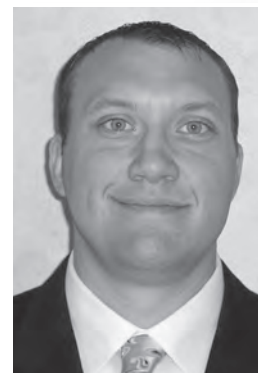
Career: Neurosurgery resident, Duke University, working with world-renowned neurosurgeon Dr. Allan Friedman

Honors: Lincoln Academy Laureate; Governor of Illinois Award for Single Outstanding College Senior in Curricular and Cocurricular Activities; Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America; Tau Beta Pi National Engineering Honor Society

IIT Memory: "I was the news editor for *Tech News*, and I remember working on the Millennium Project in 2000—a special edition that focused on the historical impact of IIT and its students and projecting out the university's future role. I was so proud of the product that my fellow students and I produced."

Future: "My goal for the future is to be able to help patients with brain tumors both in the operating room and the laboratory. I hope to combine my chemical engineering background in developing drug elution techniques to help disturb the tumor microenvironment and help prevent tumor metastasis. I want to provide hope to my patients when they are left with the feeling that they have no more options."

Advice to IIT students: "People are there at IIT to support you—reach high and take advantage of the opportunities given to you. Never give up. Be tenacious about holding on to your dreams. The path to reaching your goals requires one step every day."



William E. Mustain

CHE '02, Ph.D. '06

Degrees: B.S. ('02) and Ph.D. ('06) Chemical Engineering, Illinois Institute of Technology

Career: Assistant professor, chemical, materials and biomolecular engineering, University of Connecticut

Professional Achievements: Published ten peer-reviewed journal articles, 20 conference presentations, two proceeding papers, and four patent disclosures

Honors: IIT 2004 Teaching Assistant of the Year; 2004 Hamid Arastoopour Excellence in Education Award

Service: "I enjoy volunteering. My wife and I built two houses while in Atlanta with Habitat for Humanity. It's important for us to give back because we both know what it's like to grow up with meager means."

Thanks to IIT: "Most people are infatuated with the Top 10 schools in the country, but IIT prepares students as well as or better than anywhere I've ever seen."

Future: "I want to be able to play an active role with underserved kids in the community. Currently, I'm working with Hartford Public Schools to create an essay contest, the winner of which would come to U Conn for a day of science, energy, and engineering workshops. Ultimately, I would like to establish a scholarship program. I want to pioneer something."



Diane Piszczor Rink

EE '99

Degree: B.S. Electrical Engineering ('99), Illinois Institute of Technology

Career: Piszczor Rink has served in various roles for BP U.S. and BP Poland, including instrumentation and electrical project engineer, change manager, operations specialist, supply chain analyst, corporate account executive, and area maintenance manager

Professional Achievements: President and one of the founders of Women in Science and Engineering Alumnae Association at Queen of Peace High School in Burbank, IL; development director for BP's Society of Women Engineers Advocacy Team

Honors: State of Illinois Engineer-in-Training; Six Sigma Green Belt Certified; member of Delta Phi Epsilon sorority

Thanks to IIT: "IIT is a very small and tight-knit community. Students have so much access to the president, trustees, and vice presidents, and it taught me that people with high titles put their pants on just the same as you and I do. Later, climbing the corporate ladder was easier for me because I wasn't so intimidated."

Future: "I hope to make an impact in getting more women into the field of science and engineering and breaking down that stereotype that engineers are 'nerds' who have trouble communicating. I want women and girls to see the profession without that stigma."

Inspiration: "My mother came to America from Poland and raised three kids on her own who are now all college graduates. My mom believed in me when I decided to study engineering and continued to support and encourage me during my studies. I come from a very long line of strong women."



Prasad S. Kodukula

Ph.D. ENVE '84

Degrees: B.S. and B.Ed. Chemistry, Biology, and Education ('72), Andhra University (India); M.S. Environmental Science ('74), Rutgers University; M.S. Environmental Engineering ('79), Cornell University; Ph.D. Environmental Engineering ('84), Illinois Institute of Technology

Career: President of two companies: Kodukula & Associates, Inc., a project management coaching and consulting firm, and Constant Compliance, Inc. (2Ci), which develops new environmental protection technologies for homeland security; served as lecturer or adjunct faculty at three universities; senior engineer, Union Carbide; senior project manager, Woodward-Clyde Consultants

Professional Achievements: Author or contributing author of seven books, including *Project Valuation Using Real Options*; published more than 40 technical articles; two U.S. patents and three pending; devised award-winning system that detects toxins in the drinking water supply

Honors: INNOVATE Illinois award; Environmental Excellence Award, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Pollution Prevention Award for Excellence in Education/Communication, the State of Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Service: Kodukula recently helped build a science lab for the high school he graduated from in India, where his uncle and mentor was a teacher.

Future: "I am working on a project that would remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and convert it into energy. I believe it could help solve global warming."

Inspiration: "Genius in any field—in music, I am inspired by Mozart."



George M. Langford

M.S. BIOL '69, Ph.D. '71

Degrees: B.S. Biology ('66), Fayetteville State University; M.S. ('69) and Ph.D. ('71) Biology, Illinois Institute of Technology; Honorary Ph.D. in Humane Letters, Beloit College

Career: Dean, College of Arts and Sciences and professor of biology, Syracuse University; dean, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and distinguished professor of biology, University of Massachusetts Amherst; held five separate professorships at four different universities; four other academic positions

Professional Achievements: "I was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the National Science Foundation board to advise him and Congress on scientific issues. For the first time, I was able to see the potential of putting together the best minds in the country to solve big problems. It broadened my horizons and inspired me to address issues larger than what I alone could do in my lab."

Honors: National Science Foundation board member; featured in the book, *Distinguished African American Scientists of the 20th Century*

Best Research Moment: "After completing the marine biology physiology course, I began to study the nervous system of the squid. During this project, we were able to see for the first time that the vesicles were moving on both the microtubules and the actin filaments in nerve axons of animal cells. It was exciting to make this discovery."

Advice to IIT Students: "Students have to seek out mentors and be more receptive to mentoring. You have to make sure you avail yourself of all the opportunities—which often means just hanging around the lab, looking for guidance."



Aesop Rhim

M.S. DSGN '70

Degrees: B.F.A. ('59), Seoul National University; M.S. Design ('70), Illinois Institute of Technology

Career: Artist in residence, The Peace Museum

Professional Achievements: "I've been exploring the theme of world peace through my art since the September 11, 2001, tragedy at the World Trade Center. I have had many exhibitions for world peace in the Chicago area and one in Washington, D.C."

Honors: Proclamation of Aesop Rhim Day by Mayor Richard M. Daley; featured in *Cool Globes* exhibition against global warming and *Aesop's Art for Peace* exhibition at the Peace Museum

IIT Memory: "When I was an undergraduate in Korea, I was fascinated by the philosophy of Bauhaus artists. When I was accepted to the Institute of Design, the successor of Bauhaus, I was immensely overwhelmed by the idea of being on the horizon of my dreams."

Thanks to IIT: "At IIT, I was fortunate to be able to take a print class with Mr. Misch Kohn, one of America's most respected and profound printmaking artists. I will always be grateful to the late Mr. Kohn and IIT."

Inspiration: "American people inspire me every day with their creativity, generosity, and sacrifice in order to bring peace and a better future to the world."

On His Exhibition Now Showing at IIT: "It is my pleasure to share my art and prayers for peace with the IIT family." [The Art of Peace shows in Hermann Hall, April 30 – May 30, 2009]



George Schutter III

ACCT '92

Degrees: B.S. Accounting ('92), Illinois Institute of Technology; M.S. Management ('98), Naval Postgraduate School

Career: Executive director, Global Public Sector, Grant Thornton, LLP; chief financial officer and chief acquisition officer, Peace Corps; major, U.S. Marine Corps

Professional Achievements: Certified Public Accountant; Certified Professional Contracts Manager; earned the presidential appointment to Peace Corps CFO; helping to negotiate the highest annual budget received in the history of the Peace Corps, at \$350 million

Honors: Marine Corps Commendation Medal; Navy Achievement Medal for Actions; American Legion Leadership Award

Hobbies: "I love to travel. I've traveled to more than 60 countries, and it's impossible to rank them all. I'd have to say the Amazon Basin, Serengeti Valley, and Wind River Range, Wyoming, are my favorites."

Thanks to IIT: "The education I received at IIT is the cornerstone of my success. It helped me learn to think outside the box and solve problems. It's been helpful at every job I've ever worked."

IIT Memory: "At IIT, we got the best of both worlds. We received a world-class education with the privilege of living in one of the best cities in the world. IIT has that small community feel where you can develop relationships that last a lifetime — and many of mine have."



Madhava Syamlal

M.S. CHE '81, Ph.D. '85

Degrees: B.Tech. Chemical Engineering ('77), Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University; M.S. ('81) and Ph.D. ('85) Chemical Engineering, Illinois Institute of Technology

Career: Focus area leader, Computational and Basic Sciences Focus Area, National Energy Technology Laboratory

Professional Achievements: Contributed to the advancement of computational multiphase flow, including the development of the open source software MFIX

Honors: R&D 100 Award for the Aspen Plus FLUENT software integration toolkit; R&D 100 Award for MFIX version 2006-4; Federal Laboratory Consortium Excellence in Technology Transfer Award for C₃M

Thanks to IIT: "Before coming to IIT, I had not used a computer. During my first year, I met Professor Gidaspow, who mentored me and exposed me to computational science, which ultimately became my career. My whole career as a computational scientist — it all started at IIT."

IIT Memory: "There were many inspiring faculty members at IIT. Professor Maurice "Jerry" Frank made my first classes at IIT better because of his talent for explaining difficult concepts in a simple and comprehensible way."

Future: "I hope to be personally involved in work that will help solve the energy issues that we face, particularly in the area of zero-emissions power plants. I'm hopeful that we will see zero-emissions power plants in the next ten years."



Nick T. Thomopoulos

Ph.D. IE '66

Degrees: B.S. Business and M.A. Mathematics, University of Illinois; Ph.D. Industrial Engineering ('66), Illinois Institute of Technology

Career: Sergeant, U.S. Army; supervisor of operations research, International Harvester; senior scientist, IIT Research Institute; professor of industrial engineering, IIT

Professional Achievements: Developed new mathematical methods in the design of cotton-picker cams and agriculture plows; a pioneer in formulating mixed-model assembly methods; conceived a way to measure airplane noise by the neighborhoods surrounding airports; created queuing methods to design radio communication systems for the U.S. Navy; designed forecast and inventory software used by more than 100 firms; thesis advisor to 32 Ph.D. graduates; author of three books: *Assembly Line Systems*, *Applied Forecasting Methods*, and *Strategic Inventory Management*

Honors: Rist Prize, Military Operations Research Society; Outstanding Teacher Award, Stuart School of Business; Distinguished Professor Award, IIT Asian Alumni Association

Family Legacy at IIT: "I believe my family may hold the record for the most IIT advanced degrees. My wife and I both have Ph.D.s, and three of our children have master's degrees."

IIT Memory: "When I was a fairly new professor at IIT, my wife Elaine (Ph.D. PSYCH '74) was a Ph.D. student at IIT, and our kids were often on campus with us. I turned part of my office into a baby's supply room with blankets, diapers, and baby foods, and the kids were known to take naps on the library couches while Elaine studied. After naps, the whole family would meet at the cafeteria for lunch."



Anthony M. Trozzolo

CHEM '50

Degrees: B.S. Chemistry ('50), Illinois Institute of Technology; M.S. ('57) and Ph.D. ('60) Chemistry, University of Chicago

Career: Member for 16 years of technical staff, Bell Telephone Labs; Huisking Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, University of Notre Dame; held several editorial positions serving the American Chemical Society

Professional Achievements: Published more than 90 articles; issued 31 U.S. and foreign patents; delivered more than 300 lectures worldwide at universities and laboratories; fellow of numerous scientific associations

Honors: Halpern Award in Photochemistry, New York Academy of Sciences; Bucci Award, University of Calabria and Italian Chemical Society; UNICO Marconi Science Award

Thanks to IIT: "I took a Victorian prose and poetry course in my senior year because I needed one last humanities course and everything else was full. Even though I dreaded it at the time, it ended up being one of my favorites. I still remember several readings to this day."

IIT Memory: "In 1947, I had a quantitative analysis lab in Main Building, and we had to weigh lots of samples. Since there was no air conditioning at the time, we opened the windows in the summer. The Rock Island trains were still steam engines, so the classrooms would fill with soot, prompting some students to calculate the 'Rock Island correction factor' in our samples."



Richard Bergstrom

CE '42, M.S. '52
1921–2008

Degrees: B.S. ('42) and M.S. ('52) Civil Engineering, Illinois Institute of Technology

Career: Lieutenant and commander, U.S. Navy Civil Engineering Corps; engineer and partner at Sargent & Lundy

Professional Achievements: Licensed as a structural engineer in 17 states; authored numerous technical papers; helped design the Experimental Boiling Water Reactor at Argonne National Laboratory, the first boiling water reactor in the world to produce power for commercial operating electrical systems

Honors: Purple Heart Medal; council member, American Society of Construction Engineers; American Nuclear Society; American Institute of Steel Engineers; Western Society of Engineers

Service: Boy Scouts of America; Carefree Water Conservation Committee (Arizona); served on session of Presbyterian church; and Campus Life Board of Overseers at IIT

Family: Wife, Patricia; brothers Robert (LAW '40) and Carl (ME '49), both deceased; children George, James, Laura, and Marty

Best Decision: *As told by daughter, Marty:* "My father said his best decision was falling in love and marrying my mother, Pat."

Advice to IIT Students: *From a book Bergstrom wrote for his children:* "You need to have the sense of having accomplished the full potential of your abilities, but more importantly, savor the joys of your relationships."

As Remembered by His Friends: "Dick exhibited knowledge, leadership, and professionalism on some of the most complex engineering projects ever undertaken." — *Paul L. Wattleit (PHYS '62), retired chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Sargent & Lundy*



Wendell Campbell

ARCH '56
1927–2008

Degree: Bachelor of Architecture ('56), Illinois Institute of Technology

Career: More than 40 years of award-winning residential and commercial architectural design through his architecture firm Campbell Tiu Campbell

Professional Achievements: Brought young professionals and veterans from myriad ethnic backgrounds to his firm; oversaw hundreds of projects including The McCormick Place Expansion, DuSable Museum of African-American History, New Bronzeville Military Academy, Metcalf Federal Building, residential plans for U.S. embassies, and redevelopment plans for many U.S. cities

Honors: Whitney Young Medal of Honor from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) in 1972; elected AIA fellow, 1979; recognized by the City of Chicago in a 2008 resolution

Service: Founder of the National Organization of Minority Architects; board service for the Cosmopolitan Chamber of Commerce, Mercy Hospital and Medical Center, the Black Ensemble Theater, the Chicago Chapter of the AIA, the Chicago Architectural Assistance Center, and the South Side YMCA

Family: Wife, June; daughters Susan (Mas. ARCH '92) and Leslie; five grandchildren

Personal Philosophy: "There are no such things as problems, just undiscovered solutions."

As Remembered by His Friends: "Campbell's life as an architect and community leader is a reminder that we must always do the right thing and never compromise our principles." — *Leroy Kennedy, IIT vice president for community affairs and outreach programs*



Paul Finfer

ARCH '60, M.S. CRP '61
1930-2008

Degrees: Bachelor of Architecture ('60), M.S. City and Regional Planning ('61), Illinois Institute of Technology

Career: Finfer worked with a number of planning, architectural, and real estate development organizations on large-scale residential developments, regional shopping centers, mixed-use center city projects and entire new towns. He was responsible for more than 30 urban renewal and downtown planning projects across the country, and headed his own consulting firm, Paul Finfer Associates.

Professional Achievements: In 1964, Finfer directed the planning for the reconstruction of earthquake devastated communities in Alaska, including the master plan for Valdez New Town, which he based on the settlement unit principles of IIT professor Ludwig Hilberseimer. With his wife, June, Finfer produced a number of films documenting the work of Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, Ludwig Hilberseimer, and Alfred Caldwell.

Service: Tireless volunteer for neighborhood planning in Chicago and Illinois

Family: Wife, June; siblings Hannah, Goldie, Ida, Sydel, Mark, and Hyman (deceased)

City Planning Motto: "The pedestrian is king."

IIT Memory: *As told by wife, June:* "When we were engaged, Paul brought me to Professor Hilberseimer, whom he admired greatly, to tell him we were engaged. The professor was sitting in a Mies chair and he poked Paul with his pipe stem, saying, 'Don't get married; you'll never finish your thesis.' As it turned out, Paul did finish his thesis and I typed it for him."

As Remembered by His Friends: "Paul led a dignified, searching, responsible life. He was also a great friend." — *Donald F. Wroblewski (ARCH '54)*



Tetsuyuki Hirano

ARCH '79

Degree: Bachelor of Architecture ('79), Illinois Institute of Technology

Career: Architectural design, urban development, and international and CAD system projects for Kajim Corporation (1979–1986); Hirano & Associates, Inc. (1988–present); president, Hirano Design International, Chicago; advisor, Design Management Institute, Boston; adjunct professor for a number of universities throughout Japan

Professional Achievements: First-class authorized architect since 1985; cooperated with Harvard Business School to organize the Triad Design Project, which created a network of 13 international companies; served Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry, most recently chairing the Investigating Committee for Strategic Utilization of Design and earlier serving on numerous award juries, committees, and councils

Honors: 1996 Good Design Gold Award

Service: Board member, Energy and Environmental Solution Center; member, Japan Association of Corporate Executives; advisory council, Design Management Institute, Boston; designed the fundraising T-shirts for the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Nagano, Japan, in 2005

Design Philosophy: "Human-centered design is very important to me. People should never take a back seat to the design."

IIT Memory: "Studying with Masami Takayama and working on the idea of a mixed-use development in a virtual city. Later, after I graduated and worked with Mori Building Co., Ltd., that project led to the origin of Ark Hills, a major mixed-use tower in Minato, Tokyo, Japan. After Ark Hills, the idea of mixed-use design became more widely known in Japan."



Timothy Zamb

BIOL '68, Ph.D. '78

Degrees: B.A. ('68) and Ph.D. ('78) Biology, Illinois Institute of Technology

Career: Held six senior positions at three separate research facilities and nine senior positions at four universities; currently serves as head of the AIDS Vaccine Development Laboratory, International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI); senior director, IAVI Research Development; professor, Department of Pediatrics, State University of New York

Professional Achievement: "Receiving the \$23 million grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has allowed me to work with some of the best vaccine experts in the country. Now we're able to attack the AIDS problem in an interdisciplinary way and are bringing together different pieces of the puzzle."

Honors: Principal investigator, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Collaboration for AIDS Vaccine Discovery Grant; Wyeth Vaccines Team of the Year Award; Canadian Natural Science and Engineering Research Council Industrial Chair of Biotechnology

Best Advice Received: "My high school math teacher advised me that discipline, hard work, and paying attention to detail will eventually pay off."

Advice to IIT Students: "Find something you enjoy doing and commit yourself to doing it well. I go to work with a smile on my face every day because I know that what I'm doing is going to make a big difference."



Jerry Frank

M.S. MATH '69, Ph.D. '72

Degrees: S.B. Mathematics ('65), University of Chicago; M.S. ('69) and Ph.D. ('72) Mathematics, Illinois Institute of Technology

Career: Assistant professor, University of Massachusetts Amherst; lecturer, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; professor and mathematics department chair, Illinois Institute of Technology

Professional Achievements: Founded the mathematical concept now known as Frank's Family, which is used by many mathematics and statistics books; co-authored the book *Associative Functions: Triangular Norms and Copulas* (2006); multiple publications and conference presentations

Service: Since 1976, Frank has served on a number of administrative committees at IIT, and he has helped countless students, community members, and high school students through his commitment to a variety of educational programs. He is well loved among IIT math alumni and recently helped establish the annual Karl Menger Lecture and Award program, an event that attracts many alumni and friends.

A Rewarding Career: "As a professor, when I could see a light turn on in a student's mind, I felt that my efforts were truly rewarded."

Future: "I would like to get to all seven continents and dance at my younger granddaughter's wedding."

Inspiration: "I am in awe of the beauty of mathematics and nature."

Advice to IIT Students: "Don't look at your education as merely job training. Broaden your education as far as possible because you never know where your life will lead you."



Bruce Liimatainen

ME '77

Degree: B.S. Mechanical Engineering ('77), Illinois Institute of Technology

Career: Three decades at A. Finkl & Sons, first as a project engineer, and since 2002, as chairman and chief executive officer

Professional Achievements: Named president of A. Finkl & Sons at the age of 32; holds the distinction of being the youngest member ever of the American Iron and Steel Institute; has been instrumental in helping A. Finkl & Sons transition from an old-line forge shop to a modern, quality-based specialty steel operation; four patents

Honors: Named as one of *Crain's Chicago Business* "40 Under 40" in 1989; *Crain's Who's Who in Chicago Business* 1992–1995; Man of the Year award from IIT Manufacturing Technology and Management

Service: Member of IIT Board of Trustees since 1993, executive committee since 2002; board member, Forging Industry Educational Research Foundation and Chicago Environmental Fund

Hobbies: Running marathons, skiing, tennis, and helping develop college-bound hockey players as co-owner of the Chicago Steel, a Tier 1 junior ice hockey team

IIT Memory: "Great friendships at the Delta Tau Delta fraternity."

Future: "I hope to see the 2016 Olympics in Chicago and to be a small part of helping make it a success."

Inspiration: "Bob Pritzker (IE '46), Bob Galvin, and Chuck Finkl are truly inspirational."

Advice to IIT Students: "Have fun, work hard, and get involved. Everything else will take care of itself."



Earl Zwicker

M.S. PHYS '52, Ph.D. '59

Degrees: B.S. Chemical Engineering ('48), University of Wisconsin-Madison; M.S. ('52) and Ph.D. ('59) Physics, Illinois Institute of Technology

Career: Professor emeritus of physics, Illinois Institute of Technology

Professional Achievements: Organizing chair of the First Chicago Region High School Bridge Building Contest; editor of the column "DOING Physics" in *The Physics Teacher*; co-founder and codirector of the IIT SMILE Program

Honors: The Millikan Award, American Association of Physics Teachers; John Rush Award, Illinois State Physics Project; IIT Excellence in Teaching Award

Thanks to IIT: "IIT forced me to do the hard work and spend long hours in the lab, giving me confidence, which allowed me to share my knowledge with my students and inspire others to learn."

Best Decision: "After I finished my Ph.D., I had a job offer to work at Midwest Research Institute in Kansas. I deliberated for almost a year before I finally told them that there are just too many interesting and exciting things happening at IIT, and I had to stay."

Advice to IIT Students: "Whatever you decide to do in life, choose something you enjoy – whether it's digging ditches, cutting hair, or engineering. When you enjoy what you are doing, it never gets stale. You are always learning. That is what makes life interesting and fun, and you are bound to be a success."



Frank Crossley

CHE '45, M.S. MET '47, Ph.D. '50

Degrees: B.S. Chemical Engineering ('45), M.S. ('47) and Ph.D. ('50) Metallurgy, Illinois Institute of Technology; Ensign (D)L ('45), U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School

Career: U.S. Navy officer, 2nd Deck Division, USS Storm King, AP 171; professor and department head of foundry engineering, Tennessee State University, Nashville; research positions with IIT Research Institute, Lockheed Missile and Space Co., and Aerojet TechSystems & Co.

Professional Achievements: Participated in a leadership program in the U.S. Navy that led President Truman to issue the executive order in 1948 desegregating the U.S. Armed Forces; first person to earn a Ph.D. in metallurgical engineering at IIT; first person of African ancestry in the world to earn a Ph.D. in metallurgy; authored more than 60 papers; seven patents

Honors: American Society for Metals, International Fellow; GenCorp Aerojet 1990 R. B. Young Technical Innovation Award; *Who's Who in America*, editions 41–62 (1980–2008)

Service: Crossley tutors young people in math and has helped raise money for their scholarships.

IIT Memory: "The first time I heard the phrase 'equal opportunity employer' was in 1952 when IIT President John Rettaliata used it to urge the top executives of IIT Research Institute to interview me for a research and sales job. Despite my being recommended by lower-level management, the top executives were concerned that industry was not ready for a black salesman. I ended up being interviewed and hired, and I worked there for 14 years."

Inspiration: "When Lloyd A. Hall from Griffith Laboratories spoke to my chemistry class at DuSable High School, I thought, 'If this man could buck racism, I can do it, too.'"



Robert Pritzker

IE '46, Hon. Ph.D. ENG '84

Degrees: B.S. Industrial Engineering ('46) and Honorary Ph.D. in Engineering ('84), Illinois Institute of Technology

Career: Chief executive officer and president, Colson Associates, Inc.; former president, chief executive officer, and director, The Marmon Group; has served as visiting professor, fellow, and/or lecturer at IIT, Oxford University, and University of Chicago

Professional Achievements: In 1953, co-founded The Marmon Group, starting with Colson Casters, manufacturers of industrial and institutional casters and wheeled equipment. Under his leadership, The Marmon Group grew from \$3.5 million in revenues to \$6.5 billion by 2001, making it the 19th largest private company in the U.S. In 2002, he started Colson Associates.

Service: Life trustee of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Rush University Medical Center; honorary director of the Lincoln Park Zoological Society; board service on many Chicago-area arts, educational, and medical institutions; president of the Pritzker Foundation

Exceptional IIT Service: Pritzker has been a member of IIT's Board of Trustees since 1962, serving as chairman of the board for close to two decades until he stepped down in 2006. He is a university regent and member of the International Board of Overseers.

Greatest Professional Achievement: "Understanding the value of my work as it relates to the average worker."

Inspiration: "My inspirations are my grandfather (Nicholas Pritzker), Benjamin Franklin, and Abraham Lincoln."

In Admiration: "From Bob I learned that honesty, integrity, and trust are the keys to good management." —*Hank West, executive vice president, The Marmon Group*