

leading thoughts

from the president

The Spirit of Entrepreneurship

“The real source of wealth and capital in this new era is not material things... it is the human mind, the human spirit, the human imagination, and our faith in the future,” said Steve Forbes, president and chief executive officer of Forbes and editor-in-chief of *Forbes* magazine. Entrepreneurs are renowned for their creativity, energy, and ability to take risks in order to develop or enhance products and services, and to make the future a brighter place.

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For over 100 years, the mission of Wentworth Institute of Technology has been to educate students in technical disciplines through a combination of hands-on learning, real-world problem solving, classroom instruction, and practical work experience, which has evolved into our cooperative education program. This learning style has attracted students with an entrepreneurial spirit and given alumni the confidence to launch their own businesses.

This entrepreneurial spirit also flows over to the administration at Wentworth as we look for new and innovative ways to engage our alumni audience. It is with great pride that I introduce you to our revitalized magazine. The newly designed layout, combined with additional features, offers you the opportunity to explore the Wentworth community on different levels, as we strive to provide you with a flavor of exciting happenings, both on and off campus, and in the lives of your fellow graduates.

Entrepreneurs make important contributions to the economy through their innovations, organizational skills, and talent. In this fall edition we feature stories of six alumni who have started up their own businesses, just a small fraction of our many self-employed, entrepreneurial graduates. The motivation to branch out on their own varies from a lifelong ambition to a natural career progression, yet they all share the desire to make a difference and improve something, be it a service or a situation. The ability to merge risk with opportunity to achieve better outcomes is something we admire in all entrepreneurs, especially our own graduates.

We hope you read the included features and articles with interest and display your alma mater’s magazine proudly on your coffee table at home or prominently in your office, so that others may become aware of the positive impact of a Wentworth education on our community and beyond. We welcome your feedback. Please e-mail editor@wit.edu with your response to the magazine, or any other comments, for inclusion in the upcoming Letters to the Editor section.

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