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Norman R. Augustine, chairman and CEO of Lockheed Martin Corp., was the honored speaker at WPI's 128th Commencement on Saturday, May 18, at 11 a.m. Six hundred seniors received their bachelor's degrees this year. An additional 250 students received master's degrees and 17 were awarded doctorates.

Augustine received an honorary doctor of engineering degree. Others honored for their achievements were Duane D. Pearsall of Englewood, Colo., who conceived and developed a low-cost residential smoke detector and brought it to the marketplace; inventor-turned-entrepreneur Howard G. Freeman '40 of Worcester; and Albert Sacco Jr., of Holden, Mass., professor and head of the Chemical Engineering Department, who was part of the second U.S. Microgravity Laboratory aboard the space shuttle Columbia. Pearsall received an honorary doctor of science degree; Freeman and Sacco received honorary doctor of engineering degrees.

Baccalaureate services were held on Friday, May 17, in Alden Memorial. Management Professor Helen G. Vassallo gave the address. A reception for graduates and their families was held in Higgins House immediately following the service.



From left to right, Augustine, Freeman, Pearsall and Sacco



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