Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Alumni Association Honors Nicholas M. Donofrio ’67 with the Distinguished Service Award

Troy, N.Y. – In tribute to his outstanding commitment to his alma mater, the Rensselaer Alumni Association (RAA) Awards Program recognized the contributions of alumnus and Board of Trustees Member Nicholas M. Donofrio ’67 with the Distinguished Service Award (DSA).

The DSA is the highest award presented by the RAA, and it recognizes “truly distinguished service to a profession, to the nation, or to humanity.” Donofrio was honored for his generous gifts of time, talent, and resources to Rensselaer.

Mr. Donofrio was formally recognized during a campus ceremony on October 4, during Reunion & Homecoming Weekend. President Shirley Ann Jackson was present to thank Mr. Donofrio for his many contributions to Rensselaer and present the award.

“Rensselaer is proud to call Trustee Nicholas M. Donofrio, Class of 1967, one of its own. From the beginning, Nick has continuously supported the extraordinary, transformational journey that Rensselaer embarked upon over a decade ago with The Rensselaer Plan. He has consistently provided steady leadership as a Trustee, and generously has given of his time,” said Dr. Jackson.

Donofrio was chosen for the award based upon his service on many Rensselaer boards and committees, including the Rensselaer Board of Trustees; his personal commitment to working with women and underrepresented minorities to enrich the technical professions around the world with a diversity of culture and thought; his lifelong career achievements, where he led virtually all of IBM’s manufacturing and development teams over his more than 40 years with the company; and the generous philanthropic support he and his wife, Anita, have shown to Rensselaer.

Donofrio received his Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Rensselaer in 1967. A Rensselaer trustee since 1994, he also serves as the Trustee Annual Fund Chair. Mr. Donofrio has been honored with numerous other awards: the Albert Fox Demers Medal in 2006; the Alumni Key Award in 2003; and the Davies Medal for Engineering Achievement in 1991.

For more information on the RAA Awards Program, contact Peter Pedone in the Office of Alumni Relations at pedonp@rpi.edu, (518) 276-6061, or visit http://alumni.rpi.edu/RAAawards.

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(l. to r.) Rensselaer President Shirley Ann Jackson, Ph.D.; Distinguished Service Award Winner Nicholas M. Donofrio '67; Rensselaer Alumni Association President Paul J. Cosgrave '62; Assistant Vice President for Alumni Relations Jeffrey M. Schanz.