

President's Medal for Lifetime Achievement

John W. Seazholtz '59

B.S. Mechanical Engineering

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John W. Seazholtz received his B.S degree in Mechanical Engineering from NJIT in 1959. He served as a Lieutenant in the US Air Force from 1959 to 1962, He joined the Bell System in 1962 where he worked at NJ Bell, The Bell Telephone Laboratories, AT&T and Bell Atlantic. He retired in 1998 as the chief technology officer of Bell Atlantic (now Verizon) in NYC, NY. He previously served as vice president, network technologies where he led the national committee to build the integrated digital network and Intelligent Network.

Other positions held at Bell Atlantic include vice president of technology, engineering, and information services; vice president, technology and product management; vice president, technology planning and marketing; and vice president, engineering and operations.

Prior to Bell Atlantic, he was vice president, sales at New Jersey Bell where he led the introduction of the Caller ID service. He held various positions at Bell Telephone Laboratories where he was worked on the design and development of the maintenance portion of the computerized operator service system. At AT&T he was Engineering Director responsible for switching and transmission development. He received five US patents for his work on broadband technology during his tenure at Bell Atlantic. From 1998 to 2000, Seazholtz was president and chief executive officer of Telesoft America, Inc. He is former chairman of the Board of Westell Technologies, Inc., a manufacturer of broadband CPE equipment. He joined the board of directors of Westell Technologies in 1997 and was appointed chairman in 2000.

He currently is a Managing Partner of BaciTv and Chairman of the eWay Group LLC. He serves as a founding Board member of the Dr Lena Edwards Academic charter School in Jersey City.

John Seazholtz is Chair Emeritus and a member of the Board of Overseers. He received the Edward F. Weston Medal in 2006. As a student at NJIT, he played soccer, was involved in the Student Council becoming President and Co-editor of the yearbook, and participated in ROTC leadership.

He met his wife Leona at NCE (ME- Class of 1962) They have four children and fourteen grandchildren.