

ILinc Founders

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Rensselaer Entrepreneurs of the Year

Mark Bernstein 94 Degerhan Usluel 94 Jack Wilson, Ph.D.

Degerhan (Dare) Usluel, an MBA student who had no intention of working for a big business upon graduation, approached former Rensselaer faculty member Jack Wilson with the idea of starting a business in Wilson's area of expertise—the application of computing and communication technologies.

The one-to-many style of online video communication solutions was flawed and slow due to bandwidth limitations, but Wilson had an idea that would solve that. Usluel recruited classmate Mark Bernstein to round out the team that would eventually succeed in doing what several major computing companies had tried and failed at. iLinc became the first PC-based "virtual classroom" and "web conferencing" software product.

Bernstein earned a bachelor's degree in business economics from Union College and an MBA from Rensselaer. Usluel holds a bachelor's degree in electrical and electronics engineering from the Bilkent University (Ankara, Turkey) and an MBA from Rensselaer. Wilson was the J. Erik Jonsson Distinguished Professor of Physics, Engineering Science, Information Technology, and Management at Rensselaer from 1990 to 2001.

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Entrepreneur of the Year Award

The William F. Glaser '53 Rensselaer Entrepreneur of the Year Award recognizes successful entrepreneurs whose vision, commitment, and creativity exemplify the entrepreneurial spirit that is the past, present, and future of Rensselaer.

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The mission of the Center is to expose every Rensselaer student to the practices and principles of entrepreneurship while enhancing the synergy between entrepreneurship and technology.

(Picture taken in 2000 at Rensselaer Patron Dinner after the donation of ILinc Stock)

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