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Patricia M. McMahon Class of 1975

Pat credits her parents and teachers for always reinforcing that with hard work and an education you can achieve anything. She never thought she would wind up in the aerospace and defense field, but 35 years after graduation, she can't imagine doing anything else! She graduated fifth in her class, earned the Italian Language Award, and has great memories of her teachers and friends. A graduate of SUNY Farmingdale and the New York Institute of Technology, Pat began her career at the Defense Logistics Agency. She continued at BAE Systems and, in 2003, joined Northrop Grumman where she held positions of increasing responsibility.

Currently Pat serves as the sector vice president and general manager of Northrop Grumman's Battle Management and Engagement Systems Division. She is the first woman in the company's 80-year history to hold the leadership position for the Bethpage operations. Today, she leads a team of more than 4,000 people across the United States.

A native Long Islander, Pat has always been active in the community. Today, she serves on the boards of the Long Island Software and Technology Network, Long Island Philharmonic, Farmingdale College Foundation, Suffolk County Community College, the Business Council of New York State, and the Long Island Association. Pat is chair of the Town of Babylon Planning Board, former member of the Babylon Zoning Board of Appeals, and former chair of the Babylon Industrial Development Agency Board. Recently, Pat received the Town of Babylon Women in Government award and was named as one of Long Island's 50 most influential women.

Pat's success as a business leader and community champion demonstrates to all young people that if you work hard and are willing take on challenges, anything is possible. She is deeply focused on building our next generation workforce by leading Northrop Grumman's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math initiatives and through her service on local boards that help provide college scholarships to students in need, programs that impact thousands of students. Pat resides in Babylon with her husband, Bob Mansbart, and their two dogs, Tess and Topper.

"As you achieve success in your life, never forget where you came from."