



## **WABASH COLLEGE**

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### **Gentlemen of the Class of 69,**

Time goes too quickly. I wanted to get this letter out early March and now we are already in mid-April, the Easter bunny has come and gone, classes will be ending in three weeks, and I am too slow. It has been a long hard winter, particularly in the northeast, and spring has come late, but finally the grass is turning green, the days are getting warmer, and flowers are blooming again here in Indiana.

The message I wanted to get out at this time is to extend heartfelt gratitude and thanks to all of you who have made a gift to the College this fiscal year. Your gifts are significant and have a real impact on the operation of the College. I also want to extend special thanks to those of you who have made contributions to our Dean Moore Scholarship Fund and who have made pledges to the new student dormitory campaign. That project is progressing well, as you can see on the Wabash website live cam, with two townhouses ready for occupation in August. Attached are a couple pictures I took in February/ March and most recently last Friday.

One example of what your gifts are supporting is the research students are doing at Wabash. In January I attend the Student Research Day where 100 students presented their research work in 50 oral presentations and 28 posters. The breadth and quality of the research these students are doing is truly impressive. In the two oral presentations I visited the student research work was equal to upper-level graduate work. This speaks highly for the teaching and quality of a Wabash education. Several pictures of the presentations are attached.

Another example of the value of your support to the College is found in the “Wally in the Lab” Symposium on February 20. From our class Rick Campbell, Harry Hanson, Ray Knight, and I were in attendance. Was good to see Rick, Harry, and Ray again. Kim Johnson took our picture just before a fine dinner with keynote speaker Dr. Richard Gunderman (W83 – Phi Gam) speaking on “Transforming Minds and Hearts in the Laboratory of Life”. It was a splendid afternoon in Hays Hall with 12 presentations and a great evening in the Detchon Center.

On the Wabash news side you have seen President Hess has hired Alan Hill to be Dean for Professional Development in the Schroeder Center, and Director of the Malcom X Institute. President Hess has also hired Michael Thorpe (W86) as Dean for Enrollment Management (combining Admissions and Financial Aid.). We welcome Alan and Michael to Wabash College. Speaking of Wabash enrollment, at the request of Admissions I am working with a high school senior in Indianapolis to help in his decision to attend Wabash to study mathematics and pre-engineering. I hope I am successful. If you ever have the opportunity to work with potential Wabash students, please give it your best effort. I notice high school students interested in Wabash can always use good information from alumni.

In fine tradition Wabash sports have been outstanding this winter and spring. Most remarkable was the wrestling team, placing third in the NCAA Division III Wrestling, winning championships in the 174 and 184 weights, and bringing home four All-Americans: the three Lefever brothers Reece (157), Conner (174), Riley (184), and Ethan Farmer (164). This last Saturday the Wabash tennis team scored its 20th match win, setting a new Wabash record in total victories in a season. Standing at 20-4 they meet DePauw on Wednesday. The Wabash track and field team won its third straight All-Indiana Division III Track and Field Championship at DePauw on Saturday bringing home 10 championships. Some Little Giants!

These are only a few high lights of the many great events taking place at Wabash College, which you can fine on the Wabash website, Facebook, and many links. Your past and continuing support has done so much to make Wabash what it is today. Again I thank you for all you are doing in so many ways for Wabash College!

**Wabash Always Fights!**

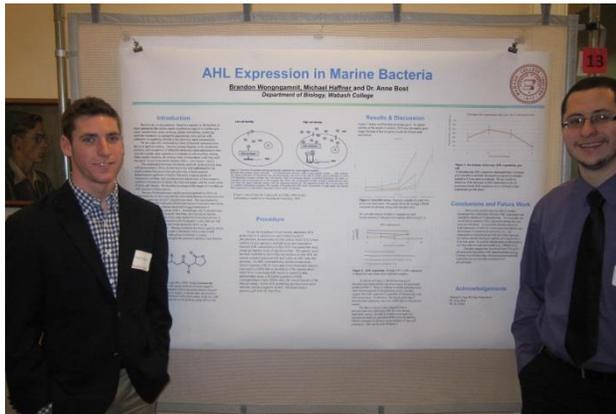
Warmest Regards,

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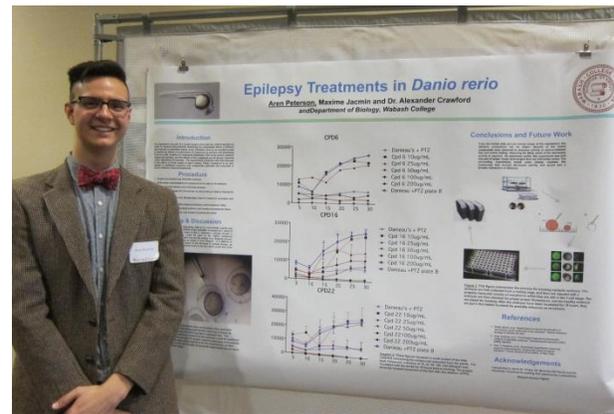
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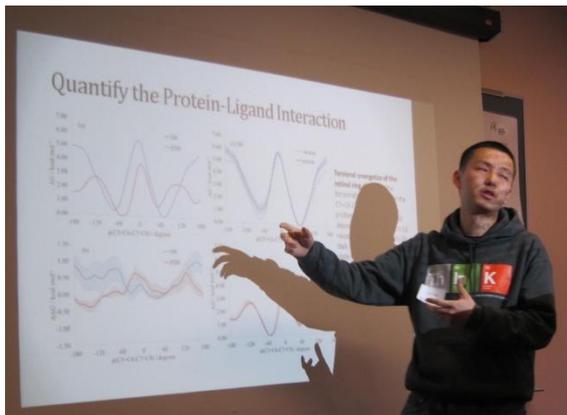
## Student Research Day – January 23, 2015



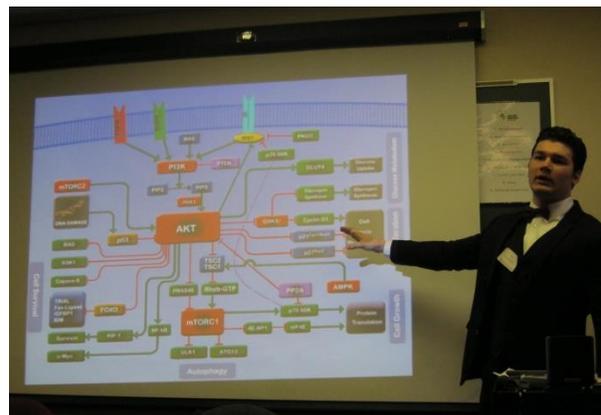
Poster - AHL Expression



Poster - Searching for New Epilepsy Drugs



Presentation - Protein Ligand Interaction



Presentation - Cancerous cell metabolic signal pathways (This was fascinating!...)

## "Wally in the Lab" - January 23



A Class Gathering

## A Tale of Two Townhouses...



February 22



March 17



March 20



April 10



April 10



April 10

It was a beautiful spring day on campus last Friday, April 10!