



## **WABASH COLLEGE**

### ***Class Agents Letter***

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**Class of 1969**

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Gentlemen of the Class of 69,

“45<sup>th</sup> in 14”

As 2012 comes to a close and we are in the Holiday Season I just wanted to get a note off to wish everyone Happy Holidays! The year has passed with many successes and some challenges. Overall the College has had a good year. Completed a year ahead of schedule the Challenge of Excellence, announced at Homecoming, achieved a total of \$68,119,695 million, exceeding the \$60 million goal. For the fiscal year ending June 2012, the College achieved a new record in Annual Fund contributions exceeding \$3.17 million reaching in excess of 35% alumni participation for the first time in recent years. Your contributions were a key component in achieving this record.

On our Class Honor Roll 44 of you have already made a contribution for 2012-13, which is ahead of last year's pace. This is remarkable! Also noteworthy is the fact for 2011-12 the Class of 69 had the second highest amount of unrestricted annual giving of all classes. Thank you so much for your thoughts for Wabash and your kind gifts.

Coming down to the final days of the year for those who have not yet given I want to again mention the opportunity to make a contribution to the College to take advantage of the federal tax deduction and, for Indiana taxpayers, the state tax credit. For those considering a donation before 31 December, myself included, there are a few days left. As always you can make a contribution (easiest method) on line at [www.wabash.edu/egift](http://www.wabash.edu/egift) or call 877-743-4545. Even a small check to Wabash College, Annual Giving, P. O. Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933-0352 will work. Any gift, big or small, gets your name on the Honor Roll.

I have added the caption “45<sup>th</sup> in 14” in the letter heading to begin promoting our 45<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion in **June 2014**. It is never too early. At least we can start thinking about it, and maybe write the date on a sticky and put it on the refrigerator. Our goal is to have more class members come back for our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion than we had for our 40<sup>th</sup>. This will take some work. A key will be asking our unit representatives to help keep the lines of communication open. More on this later.

The search for a new President is progressing well. Selected candidates are being interviewed by the search committee in December from which a smaller group will be chosen to visit the College for further interviews. The goal is to have the new President start 1 July 2013. You can see the latest developments on [www.wabash.edu/presidentialsearch](http://www.wabash.edu/presidentialsearch).

We want to welcome our new Dean for Advancement, Jonathan Stern, formerly at the University of Chicago Law School. He succeeds Joe Emmick '92.

The Wabash 100<sup>th</sup> Homecoming was a great weekend, with several of our class members attending. The College's 180th Anniversary was celebrated along with a wonderful banquet Friday evening thanking all who participated in the successful completion of the Challenge of Excellence Campaign. The Glee Club's 120th Anniversary featured sixty alumni along with forty students, with superb performances Friday and Saturday. In beautiful Indiana fall weather on Saturday afternoon, with creative homecoming displays in front of the fraternity houses and a lively halftime parade of the queens, Wabash decimated a highly rated Carnegie-Mellon team 58-24. After a slow start in the first quarter with Wabash down 21-7 it turned out to be a great game...for Wabash! Earlier in the season Carnegie had defeated Allegheny, who beat Wabash by a field goal the week before.



Although Wabash ended up 8-2 and did not make it into the Division III playoffs, the Monon Bell Classic is in a division by itself. Before a crowd just over 8900 in Hollett Little Giant Stadium Wabash defeated Depauw 23-0, retaining the Monon Bell for the fourth year in a row. This means the Class of 2013 graduates have never lost a Bell game, an achievement which has happened only ten times before. The series now stands at 57-53 in favor of Wabash with nine ties.



The Admissions Office can use your help in finding potential students. Chip Timmons '96, Associate Director of Admissions says during the month of December the college search process begins in earnest for high school sophomore and juniors. It's also the time of year when colleges and universities begin their search for students sending brochures, letters, and campus visit invitations. Wabash may be one of those colleges. If you are in contact with potential students consider talking about Wabash with them. And if you find an interested student you can make a referral online <http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/admissions> or call the Admissions Office at 800-345-5385. They will be glad to hear from you.

As we enter the New Year and look forward to welcoming a new President I would enjoy hearing from you and your thoughts on the College. Please stay in touch.

Wishing all a wonderful Holiday Season and good health and happiness in the New Year!

Best Wabash 69 Regards,

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