



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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### Class of 1969

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Gentlemen of the Class of 69,

With the College year coming to an end and summer almost upon us I hope everyone is fine and beginning to enjoy the longer days and warmer nights and finding time to relax and enjoy life. Looking back at 2014-15, Wabash College has had a good year. From winning the Monon Bell game for the sixth time in a row, to producing four All-Americans in wrestling, to building new student residences, to achieving a record Day of Giving on 4.22, and graduating 229 good men in the Class of 2015, Wabash College continues to excel in educating fine young men to be leaders in a complex and diversified world. The quality of men coming out of Wabash is exceptional, with a Rhodes Scholar, three Fulbright Scholars, and three Woodrow Wilson fellows in this year's class. The Class of 2015 is the second largest graduating class in Wabash history (Class '91 had 231). 43 graduates will go on to study law, medicine, graduate school, and pursue PhD's. 29 seniors were inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. Two of the Fulbright Scholars will teach in Germany and Argentina. The third Fulbright, Patrick Rezek, Sigma Chi, will teach for a year in Poland. He is also one of the two class agents for Class of 15. I met him in April at a lunch for potential class agents for the Class of 15. Some Little Giants!

With the College fiscal year ending in less than two weeks those who have not yet given this year still have an opportunity. So far 85 classmates have made a gift. Last year about this time we had 101. 18 of you who gave last year, and have given consistently over the past years, have not yet given this year. I hope you will still give some thought to sustaining your fine legacy of philanthropy and send a gift, a donation, a dollar, to the College in these final days of June. Your place on our Honor Roll means a lot to our Class and the College. As always you can give on-line at [www.wabash.edu/egift](http://www.wabash.edu/egift), mail a check to Wabash College Annual Fund, PO Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, or call 877-743-4545. Please give something if you can. We appreciate and thank you for all you are doing for Wabash College.

The 4.22 Day of Giving was a great success, achieving just over a half million dollars (\$505.6 K) in gifts, with 2500+ people making 2848 donations. There were 45 affinity challenges for a broad range of causes. My challenge for our Dean Moore Scholarship Fund had 25 donors from 14 classes bringing in over \$7K. It was interesting to see donations from other classes to our Dean Moore Fund. We extend a very special thanks to our 30 classmates who gave a donation on 4.22. We were fifth in number of donors, with the Class of 2004 at 90(!!!) coming in first.

Big Bash 2015 saw over 330+ alumni returning for a great reunion and three wonderful days on campus. The Class of 65 returned for their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. With 76 classmates returning and a gift of \$ 5.5 million to the College they set two new reunion records. This will be quite a challenge to us for our 50<sup>th</sup> in 2019. The Class of 2005 had 55 members returning for their 10<sup>th</sup> reunion, beating the previous record of 40. I attended Big Bash and sat with Joe O'Rourke (H65) and Bev, and was able to see him receive his 50<sup>th</sup> reunion medal from President Hess and sing in the chapel sing on Saturday – still a strong voice, although in a wheel chair. Pictures enclosed. As you recall Joe spoke at our 40<sup>th</sup> reunion and told a good story about Butch Shearer, the Snacker, and Crawfordsville's finest. Dean Moore was involved. It was one of the finer moments for the Wabash faculty.

The construction of the new Residential Life Complex on the west side of campus on Crawford Ave is progressing well. Of the six buildings for a total of 136 new beds, the two townhomes (pictures) for 28 beds will be completed and ready for new students in August. Looking at the two townhomes on 7 June it is hard to imagine they will be ready in August, just two months away, but a lot of work is in progress. On the website live cam you cannot really see the townhomes and the work being done. Again, thank you to those of you who have contributed to the new dormitory project.

Wishing everyone a good summer! Be safe! ...and stay in touch!

Best Wabash Regards,

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