



# WABASH COLLEGE

## Class of 1969



**June 2019 ... our 50th Reunion!**

A message from Reunion Gift Chair Dave Pancost '69

Dear Classmates,

### **5 for 50!**

Before I explain what this means, I want to thank you for your generosity to the College during this most recent fundraising year (July 1-June 30). For our 45th reunion year, 106 of you made a gift to the College and as our Class Agent Ken Crawford reported in his recent class letter, outside of senior classes and their senior gift campaign efforts, this is a new record for the total number of alumni in a class contributing in a year! What a phenomenal effort! In addition, you answered our requests over the last year to support our Class of 1969 Dean Norm Moore Scholarship Fund which now stands at nearly \$300,000.

Now: 5 for 50! During our reunion weekend back in June, Ken and I—along with some others in the class—thought it might be helpful to have a slogan for our 50th reunion class gift. “5 for 50” is what we came up with.

5 for 50 means a few things:

1. \$5,000,000 for our 50th reunion class gift goal! The College tells us the current record is a bit over \$4,000,000 set by the Class of 1961. If we go to work right now, we'll make this ambitious goal by June 2019.
2. We would like to bring the value of our Class of 1969 Dean Moore Scholarship Fund to \$500,000 with another \$500,000 in outright cash pledges or deferred commitments through planned giving by our 50th.
3. We have approximately 5 years to reach these two goals for our 50th reunion.

The College sets the “counting” parameters for the 50th reunion gift. The time period for the 50th reunion gift starts on July 1 after the 45th reunion (so July 1 of this year) and extends to any commitments made through our 50th Big Bash Reunion in June 2019. The counting guidelines are simple—any and all gifts, multi-year pledges, monthly credit card donations, and deferred gift intentions count toward our total. This includes gifts to the Annual Fund, Indiana License plates, Dean Moore Scholarship Fund, Annuities, Trusts, Bequests—every gift, large and small counts toward our 50th reunion class gift.

So what do we do now?

Well for starters, I ask that you continue to support Wabash with an Annual Fund gift each year for the next five years. The Annual Fund is the foundation for all philanthropic support at the College—men who looked a lot like we do now supported us when we were in school through gifts to the Annual Fund. The College offers you the ability to spread out your gift over a monthly payment schedule on a credit or debit card. For example, a gift of \$175/month from now until our reunion would count as a

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\$10,000 gift towards our class goal. Sign-up at [www.wabash.edu/egift](http://www.wabash.edu/egift) (option D).

Second, at our 40th reunion we started the Class of 1969 Dean Norm Moore Scholarship Fund. As I mentioned this past spring, the College awarded the first Class of 1969 Dean Norm Moore Scholarship last year. Our Class is having and will continue to have an impact on making a Wabash education accessible and affordable for years to come. If you have some additional dollars you want or need to give away, please make a gift to the Dean Moore Scholarship Fund. This should be on top of what you are contributing to the Annual Fund.

Finally, give careful consideration and hard thought about what the College has done for you, look long and hard at what you can afford, and then when the time is right, make an ultimate gift to Wabash College. There are a number of ways to make a “major” gift and we will explore some of the outright and deferred giving options in future class communications.

Paige and I have thought about what our gift will be and we have decided on a combination of outright cash gifts and leaving the College a % of whatever is left after supporting riotous living over the next 40 years (I plan on attending our 85th). We want to do what we can because I feel totally indebted to the College for what it has done for me and Paige has been totally blown away by what it does for young men. We’ll share more about our gift intentions in the coming months so you will have one example of how you might join us in making a major commitment to Wabash and helping our class reach our 50th reunion gift goals.

In the meantime, I encourage you to use the resources available on the College’s website [www.wabash.edu/giving](http://www.wabash.edu/giving). There are links to more information about the Annual Fund, Endowed Funds, and Planned Giving along with contact information for the folks in the Advancement Office including Joe Klen ([klenj@wabash.edu](mailto:klenj@wabash.edu)) and David Troutman ([troutmad@wabash.edu](mailto:troutmad@wabash.edu)) who will both help the Class of 1969 with our fundraising efforts.

Until next time, be thinking...

**5 for 50!**

For the Class of 1969,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave".

Dave Pancost '69