



WABASH COLLEGE

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Happy Holidays to the Members of the Wabash Class of 1977:

During this hectic and festive time of the year Herm and I send our sincere wishes to our classmates for continued health and happiness.

Just in case some of you have not been back on campus recently and/or you choose not to stay connected with Wabash through Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn, Instagram, Google Alerts, etc. (Yes, I follow Wabash happenings everyday from Switzerland and routinely tell my brother what is news on campus and he lives in Crawfordsville.) I will share some Wabash highlights for 2014:

- The College continues to be a construction zone. Following the completion of major renovations or demolition followed by new construction of all fraternity houses at Wabash the College is now focused on doing the same for independent housing. Over a period of years Wabash has very purposefully been acquiring properties west of the College for potential expansion of the campus. That time has come and the area behind the Delt House and the new Sig House has been cleared and two 40 bed halls, two 16 bed lodges, and two 12 bed duplex style living structures are under construction and scheduled to open next school year. Additionally plans are underway to give Martindale Hall a major facelift and renovation. Also of note is that the Lew Wallace Motor Inn was purchased by the College and has been demolished. Yes, that convenient and "classy" establishment that you scrambled to get a room reservation to really impress your date for dance weekends is gone. It had been closed down for a couple of years and was a real blight to the neighborhood.
- The Bell is where it belongs for the sixth consecutive year. I hope many of you were able to make it back to campus to enjoy another victory over the Dannies. I absolutely do not agree with some who have expressed concern that the intensity and importance of the rivalry will be lost if Wabash continues to pound the Dannies year after year. You can watch the captains speak at this year's [Bell Chapel Talk](#) to know that would never happen. I will keep my letter G rated and not quote captain AJ Akinribade's statement (jump in at the 24:00 minute mark of the video)

about people asking him if he and his teammates were getting complacent about winning the Bell. I hope when we meet at our 50-year reunion we are talking about having the Bell for 18 consecutive years!

- Last month, Jacob Burnett, Class of 2015, Mishawaka, IN. was chosen as a Rhodes Scholar, one of thirty two selected in the Country. Jacob is Wabash's 9th Rhodes Scholar. Some Rhodes Scholar trivia you may want to drop on your friends/relatives/colleagues that may question why anyone would go to a college for men in Crawfordsville. You can tell them outcomes that other institutions cannot come close to matching—here are the total numbers of Rhodes Scholars from other institutions in Indiana: Purdue 2; IU 14; DePauw 3; Franklin 1; Earlham 2; Hanover 1; Notre Dame 14. Just under one quarter of the total number of Rhodes Scholar recipients from Indiana institutions are Wabash men. This year the total Wabash enrollment is less than 2.5% of the total undergraduate enrollment of IU alone.
- It was an exceptional year for fall sports at Wabash with all three teams—Cross Country, Soccer, and Football—being nationally ranked. The winter sports have picked up where the fall sports ended with the wrestling team currently ranked 2nd in the country and the basketball and swim teams off to great starts.

While much has changed at Wabash—new buildings, new courses, new sport (lacrosse), and the names of the faculty and students are different the core of Wabash is unchanged. It continues to bring out the best of the men who enroll and does graduate men who think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively, and live humanely. I am typically on 30-50 different college campuses around the world every year. There are many, many great colleges and universities that all blend together, but there is still only one Wabash with the special environment this is so conducive for high achievement, high expectations, superior outcomes, lasting relationships, a tradition of excellence, intense pride, superior teaching, and 24/7 learning. Please support our Wabash with your time, your talent, and your treasure, as you are able.

You can make your end of the year donation to help Wabash and your tax bill [here](#).

You can refer a potential student you learn about at Holiday parties and family get-togethers [here](#).

You can let the Career Services office know of your willingness to mentor Wabash men in their career planning [here](#).

Yours for Wabash,

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LOST ALUMNI

CLASS OF: 1977

Boid, Gregory
Cain, Walter
Cathey, Richard
Dewart, Mark
Dietz, Patrick
Furuta, Morihiro
Hall, Chris
Lemieux, William
Mathias, Thomas
May, John
O'Shaughnessey, Clark
Parker, James
Scott, Michael
Sever, Michael
Shiffler, David
Tedeschi, Ralph
Thompson, J.
Wilson, Thomas
Young, W.

In an attempt to engage Wabash alumni, we are including the above "lost" alumni in our class. If anyone is in contact with classmates listed above, please contact the alumni office at alumni@wabash.edu or by phone (765) 361-6369.

Thanks for all you do for Wabash!