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Season's Greetings Classmates!

On behalf of the entire Wabash College community, I want to wish you and your family the Happiest of Holidays and all the best in 2016!

A quick review of the past year shows the College yielded some tremendous results in 2015. Witness the following:

- 239 freshmen, representing 17 states and six Asian countries, comprise the Class of 2019. Naturally, the vast majority of that number (172 or 72%) comes from Indiana, although Admissions has made in-roads in Hawaii and Washington State and continues to recruit well in Arizona. Thirty members of this year's frosh class participated in Wabash's Summer Liberal Arts Immersion Program – a month-long orientation/study program and earned one course credit.
- Two new residence halls are nearing completion on the west side of campus near the tennis complex and will be occupied during the upcoming second semester by students currently residing in Martindale Hall. Martindale will then undergo renovation and should be ready for next fall. You can get an aerial view the new residence halls on the College's home web page at www.wabash.edu.
- The College is working alongside the City of Crawfordsville in its "Poised for Transformation" program, which uses state and federal grant monies to pursue key strategic objectives. Wabash students are involved in a new fusion center to unite community development and other agencies to create various trails, gateways and parks.
- In fiscal year 2015, the College raised \$24 million, including over \$11 million in grants and foundation support. Over 41 percent of alumni contributed to a \$3.1 million Annual Fund, and about \$11.4 million in gifts and pledges has been raised for the new student housing projects. The value of the College endowment stands at approximately \$317 million.

- And, lastly, as most of you may know, the Little Giants captured the Monon Bell Classic for a record seven straight time with a convincing 45-17 shellacking of the Dannies in Greencastle. Wabash followed up that North Coast Conference championship-clinching victory with playoff wins over Albion and Thomas More before bowing out in the Division III quarterfinals at St. Thomas – to finish 12-1 overall.

Class News

In the past year our Class lost one member. *Christopher Roscher* passed away on Christmas Eve 2014 in Crawfordsville. Roscher attended Wabash for six semesters and was a member of Phi Kappa Psi. After Wabash, he attended St. Joseph College and Ivy Tech and obtained a surgical tech license while studying to become a nurse.

On happier notes, *Mike Perkins* married Kim Stoddard Miller in Waynetown, Indiana on October 17th, while in November *Ken Williams* happily celebrated his 20th anniversary with his wife, Tina. And last spring *Tim Kennedy* received a Sagamore of the Wabash honorary from Indiana Governor Mike Pence in recognition of his advocacy work to help expand Medicaid in Indiana through the Healthy Indiana Plan 2.0 program.

Class Giving

In 2015, the Class of 1980 continued to support Wabash through giving to the Annual Fund and other donations. Forty-two members of our class are members of the newly created Loyalty Society, which recognizes continuous financial support of the College. Members of the Loyalty Society are: 25+ Years-*Paul Atkinson, Mike Gullifor, Alex Klefeker, Mike Lambert, Mark Merkle, Mike Perkins, and Ron Rychlak*; 15-20 Years-*Bob Cebul, Doug Highsmith, Curt Keller, Tim Kennedy, Larry Klee, Jim Miller, Gene Mszar, Larry Palmer, Jim Renshaw and Ross Strodel*; 10-15 Years-*Tom Hastings*; 5-10 Years-*Hugh Goodman, Joe Impicciche, Mike Maddox, Todd Moore, Charles Routh, and Mike Wilcox*; and 2-5 Years-*Dan Bohn, Tom Brandes, Randy Braze, Terry Fox, Brent Fulton, Chris Lanane, Emmett McAuliffe, Duane Murphy, Mario Obejas, Mark Oetting, Bob Perrone, Charles Rea, Jeff Rensberger, John Reuter, Doug Rogers, Greg Rose, Brad Sterrenberg, Lee Wertman and Jeff Rothweiler*.

Classmates who've already contributed to the Annual Fund in the current fiscal year are *Paul Atkinson, Bill Goebel, Mike Gullifor, Mike Maddox, Mark Merkle, Gene Mszar, Duane Murphy, Jim Renshaw, Charles Routh, Ron Rychlak, Bob Vogt and Clay Whitney*.

A tip of the Wabash beanie goes to all of you for your continued support of Wabash!

A reminder . . . You still have time in 2015 to make a donation to Wabash College and receive a good tax deduction. Gifts to Wabash in any amount can be done in three easy ways:

Online at www.wabash.edu/egift
By phone at 877.743.4545; or
By mail to: Wabash College
Annual Giving
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Also, you can support the College and its current crop of students in a variety of ways through the Career Services office. Alumni interaction and participation in career services work can be accomplished by hosting, hiring, educating and advising current and former students and/or through support and sustaining activities. Scott Crawford and his staff have undertaken a number of innovative initiatives to assist students well beyond their days in Crawfordsville. If you're interested in learning more about Career Services, check out their link at www.wabash.edu/careers.

Finally, I always enjoy hearing about your latest exploits and adventures. Feel free to contact me anytime at 317.769.4857 or drop me an e-mail at jmiller44@indy.rr.com.

Until then, once again, Happy Holidays and have a joyous and prosperous New Year!

Yours in Wabash,

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