



## **WABASH COLLEGE**

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

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### **Class Agent Letter June 2015**

Wabash had another great year. One graduating senior was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship, three were awarded Fulbright Scholarships, three more virtual equivalent fellowships that support post-graduate study. It was an exceptional year for Wabash sports, particularly for the football team, wrestling, cross country and track teams with significant improvements from the basketball, swimming and tennis teams. It was also the first year for a varsity lacrosse team.

The campus is undergoing a significant building project on Crawford Street. From basically next to what I think of the Hays house all the way to the Delt house, new dorms are very advanced in their state of construction, which is a good thing as the first are to open in August. These are the first new dorms built at Wabash in many, many years. You can learn more about the construction and even see a live webcam shot of the ongoing activity [http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news\\_ID=10570](http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=10570).

I had the privilege of being at Wabash at the beginning of the academic year, a few times during the year (including the first football game against Hampton Sydney and another Monon Bell victory) and at the end of the year. I attended Commencement for the first time in a long time. I had the opportunity to see some outstanding undergraduates, who I have gotten to know over their four years, receive their diplomas. I was also present to see John Fischer receive an honorary doctorate from Wabash. At a reception for John held on the Saturday afternoon before Commencement, I had the opportunity to catch up with a couple of our classmates who traveled to Wabash to see John: Tim Weston and Jeff Bean. Wabash graduates from California and New York and many states in between returned to Crawfordsville to honor John at a packed reception (as one of the organizers of the event I only had the opportunity to sort of wave at John and see hello from about 10 feet away).

### **Class News**

I had the opportunity to catch up with Jeff Struewing a couple of times this Spring. He told me a great story connected to research grants to prevent the spread of tuberculosis that Jeff is overseeing for the National Institutes of Health. He was in Ethiopia with researchers and officials from Addis Abba. The group was in very far southern Ethiopia within 25 kilometers of South Sudan and Kenya when the group came across some local tribespeople. His Ethiopian travel companions struggled to communicate with them in a few different languages spoken in Ethiopia (there are over 80), with the addition of hand gestures. As one of the Addis Abba University professors pulled out a piece of paper to write something down, one of the tribesmen

grabbed the paper, turned to Jeff and in clear English said “Would it be easier if I just gave you my e-mail address?” It turns out this young man, Milisha, was one of the tribal leaders and was familiar with the TB study. See the photo below. His brother had made a film documenting the customs of this isolated tribe called "Shooting with Mursi". He had been to New York and London. He told Jeff that he could purchase a DVD of the film at the museum in the nearby town of Jinka.



### **2015 – 2016 Calendar Dates**

This coming year promises to be another great one for the College and our class in particular. Here are some key events and dates:

Hampden Sydney (it is in Virginia - book your room in the Hampton Inn if you plan on joining number of Wabash guys attending this game) – **September 5, 2015** (Labor Day weekend)

Wittenberg - **September 26, 2015** (it is early this year)

Homecoming – **October 3, 2015** (we hope to see you two weekends in a row)

Our 35th Reunion at the Big Bash - **June 3-5, 2016**

### **Giving Back**

Wabash had another outstanding day of giving in April. On April 22, 2015, 2,848 gifts were made by 2,561 unique donors to Wabash for a single day total of \$505,677. The Phi Deltis (244

donors) and the Betas (177) had the top two challenge by donors followed by the Don't Be Feckless challenge in honor of John Fischer's honorary degree, which attracted 115 donors (including a number of our classmates and raised \$16,537).

We want to thank those of you who donated to Wabash during the current fiscal year that ends June 30. The number of alumni donating to Wabash is a metric that foundations consider in making grants and is something that many notice and so your gift of any size is important, particularly with our small class size (this year's graduating class was 229, the second largest every). In 2014 Wabash ranked 27<sup>th</sup> in the country in the percentage of alumni donating.

If you have not yet made your donation it is easy and quick to do so. You can make your outright gift to Wabash by credit card, check or cash.

You can use your credit card to make a one-time gift or to make your gift in multiple monthly payments. You can make your gift on line at <https://www.wabash.edu/giving/give> or call (877) 743-4545.

Please make your check payable to Wabash College. If sending your gift by postal mail, please send your gift to Wabash College / Annual Fund / PO Box 352 / Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933-0352.

Maybe this year it makes sense for you to avoid capital gains and send Wabash some appreciated stock (it will be appreciated). If you have the stock listed with your brokerage account, please ask your broker to contact Rhonda Maynor, Gifts Processing Coordinator, at (765) 361-6088. The College will provide instructions for you to share with your broker to accomplish the transfer. You must be sure the broker does not just sell the stock and then transfer the proceeds. Such a step triggers a taxable transaction for you.

Check out the following page for more information on stock, mutual fund and personal property donations. <https://www.wabash.edu/giving/waystogive>.

## Honor Roll

Thank you to the all of our classmates who have donated to Wabash so far this fiscal year. The year ends June 30, 2015.

Kevin Altman	Bryan Daniels	Cris Johnston	M.D.
John Ashworth III	Dave Dingley	Scott Jones	Mark McGrady
Bill Beach, Jr.	Tom Elliott	Terry Jones	Doug McKay
Dean Beckman	Eric Faires	Fred Kendall	Don Miller
Mark Benne	Lou Fenoglio	Carl Kipp III	Kirk Miller
Mike Bettice	Larry Frye	Jim Kipp, Jr.	Carl Myers, O.D.
Joe Boomhower	Gus Galante	Mike Kraus,	Bill Myers
John Bostick	Mel Gore	FACP	Dave Neal, Jr.
Brian Bowerman	Randy Grimes	Doug Kvachkoff	Bill Nesbitt
Chris Braun	Steve Hartenstein	Mark Lazar	Stephen Pavy
John Brayton III	Doug Haywood,	Mike Leagre	David Powell
Allan Clauser, Jr.	CPA	David Lewis	Steve Pruett
Jim Cooper	Dan Heiser	Dennis Lindauer	Phil Purcell
Doug Coplen	John Helm	Jerry Lodder	Steven Riggs
Shawn Crane	John Hilbrich	Rolf Loescher,	Bill Rippy, Jr.

Pete Schiavone  
Curt Schmitt  
Ned Segelken  
Frank Smaron

Dave Steiner, PE  
Rolland Strasser  
Jeff Struewing  
Stan Thompson

Jay Want  
Tom Weber  
Monty Woolsey  
Pete Wright

Kent Yoder  
Kevin Young

Yours in Wabash!

Peter and Stephen