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Happy New Year Class of 1985!

1. Who would have guessed that when the country went "off the fiscal cliff" we would almost immediately land on another fiscal cliff? Maybe a poli-sci professor could have predicted it! Wabash retired 2 poli-sci professors last year. David Hadley retired last spring and our honorary classmate, Melissa Butler, retired last month. Pictures from Dr. Butler's retirement party are available at:

http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=9726.

As Dean Mike Raters '85 reported, "I've just returned to the office after joining over 100 Wabash students, faculty, staff, and alumni gathered in the Baxter Hall Lobby to greet Melissa Butler H'85, who exited her 9am class for the final time this morning. It was truly a moving demonstration of the spirit of our College and the love and respect for our classmate, who is clearly 'Some Little Giant'."

2. Tom Denari '85 received some fame for having a really cool office. *Inc. Magazine* online publishes "coolest" lists, as voted by its readers worldwide. Currently showing is "World's Coolest Offices: Your Picks," one of which is Young & Laramore Advertising Office. Alumnus Tom Denari '85 is President of Young & Laramore, located in Indianapolis. Some of their work includes advertising for Goodwill ("which store will get the little black dress?"), Stanley Steemer, and Steak 'n Shake, to name just a few. A few years ago Y&L moved into an unused Indianapolis public school, putting the empty building to good use. It includes a huge steel sculpture in the lobby (which might remind you of "the gherkin building" in London). The Y&L's web site: <http://yandl.com/> has a link to the December 20 *Inc. Magazine* story. Y&L is featured in photos #2 and #3 of the slideshow.

3. Chris Black '85 is now Chief Financial Officer of Viamedia, based in Lexington, KY. Viamedia is the leading independent cable rep firm and provider of online advertising services. After Wabash, Chris earned his MBA from Indiana State University. Chris has worked in senior finance management in a variety of industries, most recently as CFO of Vivint, Inc., one of the largest home security companies in the world. [Click here](#) to read more about Chris. Congratulations!

4. In case you haven't already heard, President White is retiring this spring. Kevin Clifford '77, is chairing the Presidential Search Committee. The 3 finalists for the position will be visiting campus later this month. More details are available at: <http://www.wabash.edu/presidentialsearch/>.

5. As the seniors struggle through comps and head into their final semester, Scott Crawford of Career Services reports several opportunities for alumni to help these guys move into the next phase of life:

- **Wabash Entrepreneur Summit and Start-Up Weekend:** The Summit is Feb 23, Start-Up Weekend April 6. We are seeking alumni panelists and participants. For info, Scott Crawford, crawfors@wabash.edu

- **Interactive Group Skype/Google Hangout Sessions:** We've purchased equipment allowing you to connect with groups of students to share your expertise/experiences/advice. We plan to have at least one session a week. For info, James Jeffries, jeffriej@wabash.edu

- **BashBunks:** We've created a "Wabash-couchsurfing" service through which alumni provide short-term housing options for students traveling to your area. For info, James Jeffries, jeffriej@wabash.edu

- **Skype Mock Interviews:** Students always need individual interview prep assistance, and alumni are an unrivaled asset for that. We can create a schedule of students for you based on your availability. James Jeffries, jeffriej@wabash.edu

6. Kyle has created a Facebook page for the class at: http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151213075522734&set=a.10150282164892734.335901.500607733&type=1&comment_id=8349615#!/groups/206066189687/

7. So what's new with you? Let me (or Kyle, kcarr1@mhc.net) know what you're up to so we can spread some news to our classmates.

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p.s. The Admissions office reports that referrals are down a bit compared to last fiscal year's pace. If you know any qualified high school seniors who need help picking a quality college or juniors who are starting their search, be sure to give them sage advice and don't forget to forward their contact information to Wabash!