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Greetings!

This is a mid-year update on some of our Wabash classmates and the Wabash community. I hope this email finds you well and enjoying your summer. As a reminder, Wabash keeps a fiscal year that ends on June 30th, thus this week would be an outstanding time to make a donation to the Annual Fund. You can do that by clicking [here](#). Participation is still very important; gifts of any amount really do help!

Wabash Community Updates

- On April 30th, Wabash organized an alumni giving event entitled “430 on 4/30.” The goal was to generate 430 donations on April 30th through social media. In typical Wabash fashion, the response was much bigger. Instead of 430 gifts, 2,329 were made. Of those, 374 people made their first ever gift. Over \$465,000 was raised. Our class of ’87 had 31 members make a donation that day as well. I hope and trust that this response was a real encouragement to our new President, Gregory Hess.
- Did you know that the Wabash website (<http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/voices>) has a page dedicated to alumni blogs? Our own Allen Schulz’s Random Access Music blog is featured.
- A huge, \$15M student [housing project](#) is underway that includes construction of two 38-bed halls, two 16-bed lodges, and two duplex-style townhomes with 12 beds each. The new construction of halls, lodges, and townhomes will offer Wabash men different room configurations. “Our students have repeatedly told us that they like options, so our plan will allow for singles, suites, and apartment-style living,” said Dean of Students Michael Raters.
- Last month, Wabash [graduated](#) 172 men.
- President Greg Hess was inaugurated as the 16th President of Wabash College on October 11, 2013. You can [click here](#) to see the stories and photography from the event,

and a full video of the inauguration, including the inaugural address, can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

Classmates News—What's New Within the Past Year?

- Todd Shellenbarger '87 is Assistant U.S. Attorney, Evansville (IN) Office, Indiana – Southern District. On April 3 he spoke on campus with a lunchtime talk, “The No Body Murder Case and other Reflections on a Career as a Prosecuting Attorney.”
- Tom Edwards '87 shared, “Last May I began a new career at Bridgestone Americas. After 24 years in medicine (pharmaceuticals at Eli Lilly and medical devices at Guidant/Boston Scientific), I completely jumped the rails. I am working in the field of Business Intelligence for a large, global company and it is awesome! The other bit of news is that after eight years of planning, we were finally matched with twin boys from China. We will be traveling in the next few months to Beijing, Taiyuan City and Guangzhou and returning with two-year-olds.”
- Robert Wright '87 died on March 2, 2014 in Indianapolis. Bob was a founding partner of Dean-Webster Wright, LLP. He remained actively involved with Wabash College, supporting both its mission and student resident life, and Indiana University Law School.
- Timothy A. Brown '87 has been a professor Religious Studies and Japanese Studies since joining the faculty of Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA in 2008. In addition to introducing students to various religions, including a favorite course, “Religions and the Natural Environment,” Tim has also been active with a committee focused on integrating Japanese studies into R-M curricula. After Wabash, Tim earned an MA at New York University, a MPhil at Syracuse University, and a Ph.D. at Syracuse University.
- Dr. David J. Shafer PhD '87 and his wife, Jennifer, are partners in Shafer Consulting in Sarasota, Florida, an environmental consulting firm specializing in communication of science and science-policy issues through analysis, outreach and creative design.
- Dr. Michael J. Carl '87 has joined the Neenah Neuroscience Group's Interventional Pain Management Team. Michael moved to Wisconsin from his practice in Edmond, OK, and he was also on faculty at the Oklahoma University Medical Center. Michael's training is in pain management and rehabilitation in musculoskeletal and neuromuscular disorders and diseases. After Wabash, Mike earned his MD from Indiana University Medical School.
- Curt V. Hunter '87 of Columbus, OH, formerly of New Haven, IN, died Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at Grant Medical Center in Columbus.
- Tom Halverson '87 was named the new Chief Banking Officer at CoBank in Greenwood, CO, responsible for the Regional Agribusiness, Corporate Agribusiness and Rural Infrastructure banking groups this past October. Tom was previously with Goldman Sachs for 15 years in Asia and London, and at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. After Wabash, Tom earned a doctorate in war studies from King's College London.

I have some news as well. As of October, 2013 I am back in the Midwest. I accepted a CEO position with Portable Church Industries in metro-Detroit, Michigan (www.portablechurch.com). We have one son who will finish his senior year at UCLA, one beginning at Michigan State, and a junior in high school.

If you are on Facebook, please note that there is a Wabash Class of '87 group you can search for. That is a great spot to get more timely information on stuff impacting our classmates.

Thanks for reading and continuing to keep Wabash in mind for referring students, hiring graduates, and supporting our alma mater!

Sincerely,

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