



## **WABASH COLLEGE**

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### **Class of 1987**

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Greetings Wabash Class of '87.

I need to open with some sad news regarding one of our classmates, Ben Jackson. Ben passed away in early May at home in Fishers, Indiana. It was a shock to his family and friends. At Wabash, Ben was a Phi Delt and Chemistry-Psychology double major. After graduating, he earned his law degree, did some criminal defense work, and ultimately went to work for his family's business, Hoosier Gasket, serving as their President. He is survived by his wife, Sandra, and son, Blake. During our years at Wabash, most of my interactions with Ben involved avoiding getting run over by him in his white jeep as we crossed Grant Ave. However, when I was living in Thailand, each time I returned to Indy, I looked up Ben and we got together for lunch or a jag at Hoosier Gasket and talked about our Asian travel stories. He will be missed.



## **Wabash's Financial Year Ends June 30**

While most of us think of December 31<sup>st</sup> as the end of the year, Wabash runs on a fiscal year cycle that ends June 30<sup>th</sup>. Thus, there is a big push to encourage the alumni (you and me) to consider making a donation this month. If you have not already donated to Wabash in the last 11 months, will you consider making a donation today?

Wabash is still providing an outstanding, unique liberal arts education to men in a caring, highly attentive environment. The need to be well endowed cannot be over emphasized when it comes to attracting a diverse and excellent group of students and paying outstanding professors who love to teach. Your donation to the General Fund helps build this Endowment.

You can make a gift in three easy ways:

- Online at [www.wabash.edu/egift](http://www.wabash.edu/egift)
- By phone at 877-743-4545
- By mail to:  
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## **Let's Do the Time Warp Again.**

Even though I live in Los Angeles now, I had the pleasure of being on the Wabash campus in May on the last day of finals. We were in Indiana to go to my daughter's graduation from the University of Indianapolis. I had lunch with Jim Amidon and

then went to campus to meet a graduating senior who wanted to ask my permission to start dating my daughter.

Reflecting back twenty-six years to that exact time in 1987 when we were finishing finals, I had just began a relationship with a long-time friend from Crawfordsville, Cathren Gourley. Two years later, she became my wife. Now, twenty-four years later, we are still married and enjoying (most of the time) leading our four children through the same processes. But, this is new territory for sure. After asking my daughter what her answer would be and doing some serious background checking on this Wabash man, I said "yes." We'll see where it goes.

It was great being on campus in May. It brought back some fond memories. For many, though, college had more tough memories than fond. With twenty-six years of additional wisdom, it is clear to me now how both the good times and the rough times both shape us into the men, husbands, fathers, and partners that we are today. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to attend Wabash and it is out of this gratitude that I plan to be an annual donor as long as I live.

My current job as the business pastor of a church in West Los Angeles where the cost of living is mind blowing does not afford me the luxury to give a lot. But, when a high percentage of alumni support the college at any monetary level, this helps Wabash receive grants and assists in recruiting students.

Will you take 3 minutes right now, go online, and help the Class of '87 to remain a leader in our participatory support of Wabash?

### **Staying Connected**

If you didn't know, many (46) of our class are on Facebook and there is a special Class of '87 group. Search for "Wabash College Class of '87" and add it to your Friends and stay in touch.

Hoping you have a great summer!

Scott Cougill