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Wabash Selects 16th President to Usher in New Era



After a 6 month long search, the Board of Trustees has selected Dr. Gregory Hess to be our next College president, following in the footsteps of men like Elihu Baldwin, Joseph Tuttle and Lewis Salter.

Dr. Hess is currently Dean of the Faculty and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Claremont McKenna College, and brings with him an impressive resume as an economist, teacher, scholar and administrator. Notably, he previously worked as an economist for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, a consultant for Honda Motors of North America, a member of the Ohio Governor's Council of Economic Advisors, and visiting scholar for the Federal Reserve Banks of San Francisco, St. Louis, Cleveland and Kansas City, the International Monetary Fund and the Bank of Japan.

He has also published over 40 journal articles and authored 20 books and book chapters. Dr. Hess has appeared as a guest lecturer or seminar speaker at more than 80 conferences and meetings around the globe.

Hints at his Direction for the College:

-“Promoting and identifying Wabash College’s distinctiveness as a 21st century liberal arts college for men is a critical element for the new president to articulate,” Dr. Hess said.

“Wabash needs to be known as an institution that understands the unique abilities and needs of young men, firmly grounds them in the liberal arts, and resolves to fully develop their cultural and skill-based competencies. A Wabash education must be made synonymous with the superb preparation of men to be the next generation of ethical and responsible leaders who will address the key challenges facing our country and their communities.”

-“Not only are we going to be a male liberal arts college, but we are going to try to work on being the best place for any man to get educated.”

-“I am hoping to make that mark pretty early because I think we need to set a course.”

-“We are going to try some new things and we are going to do them well within the culture of Wabash but we are going to try to expand students’ opportunities for the future.”

One this is clear...Hess has high hopes and plans for Wabash to continue to thrive as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the country.

Dr. Hess will begin his responsibilities on July 1, the beginning of the College’s fiscal year.

For more information: http://wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=9777



Once again, Wabash has been rated a “Best Value College” and one of the “Best in the Midwest” by the Princeton Review.

Only the top 10 schools in each category are listed with others presented alphabetically. Wabash made the list in best private colleges.

For story: http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=9794

For review: http://www.wabash.edu/news/docs/wabash_col.pdf

Noteworthy Numbers:

84% - The acceptance rate for Wabash men applying to Medical Schools

Just under 80% - Acceptance rate for Wabash men applying to Law Schools

38% - Percentage of the Wabash alumni body with advanced degrees

13 – Average class size at Wabash (Student/Faculty ratio = 11:1)

3 – Number of liberal arts colleges that are all male (Others include Hampton-Sydney and Morehouse)

Referral Tip of the Month:

Wabash is highly ranked as a college that has changed peoples' lives. All of us have benefited from this and from seeing others go on to careers where they really made a difference in a wide range of activities.

Hard working students who bring excellence to the College are the life blood and tradition at Wabash College, enabling Wabash to maintain its high standards.

In 2013, college recruitment has greatly changed from even ten years ago. The pool of students who are ready for college is smaller. Many top students and families begin their search by reviewing college surveys and college web sites. In Indiana, state universities can give many top students a full scholarship and others a partial scholarship. Developers are building resort type apartments for students at big universities. Most small private colleges that compete with us have money for scholarships, immersion learning trips, internships, as well as updated student living and athletic facilities. It is a very competitive world.

Alumni referrals and help in recruiting are more important than ever.

A common objection to referring students to Wabash is, "I don't know any high school students." The Admissions Office has a way for anyone to help – by helping out at a local college fair.

Wabash is invited to dozens of college fairs a year that they simply cannot cover. In these instances, they turn to alumni volunteers to represent the College.

In many cases, a 'local' will attract more activity than someone from the Admissions staff. Families you might know from work, your neighborhood, school, athletics or church, will stop by just to say "hi" or learn more about your Alma Mater.

If you're interested in helping out, contact the Admissions Office at 800-345-5385, or [refer online](#).

Congratulations!

Our own **Brian Shepherd**, original class agent, has been named Executive Vice President of [TeleTech](#) and President of Strategic Consulting and Global Technology Businesses Services.

Brian earned his MBA from Harvard after majoring in Econ at Wabash. Wow - way to go Brian!!!

(<http://www.teletech.com/investors/press-releases/2013/teletech-names-brian-shepherd-as-executive-vice-president-of-teletech-and-president-of-its-strategic-consulting-and-global-technology-businesses/>)

Wabash YouTube

Did you know that Wabash has its own YouTube Channel?

(<http://www.youtube.com/WabashCollege>)

Check it out!

Final Thought...

“The average college guy spends 41 hours watching ESPN, playing video games and hanging out. He wouldn’t last a week at Wabash...”

As always, let us know of any news in your life and how we can do a better job of communicating with you. We are always open to ideas!

Yours in Wabash,

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