



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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**Class of 1995**

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Class of 1995,

- DePauw and Wabash have an ongoing challenge for giving each year to see who has the better participation. Earlier this month, DePauw University issued a challenge to their alumni to "Beat Wabash" in alumni giving percentage. Last year, both schools had 37% alumni participation.
- Wabash needs approximately 1,290 alumni to make a gift in support of Wabash students between now and June 30 to reach 40% alumni giving. Every gift, of every amount, will demonstrate how there is strength in numbers when Wabash alumni come together to support unparalleled opportunities and experiences for Wabash students.
- The link below takes you to the most recent Donor Comparison Report as of April 30, 2008. With 60 days remaining in the 2007-2008 fiscal year, this report shows how many donors each class is from where they were on April 30 last year, and how many donors each class is from where they were on June 30 last year.

[www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Donor\\_Comparison\\_080430.pdf](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Donor_Comparison_080430.pdf)

- But reaching where we were last year will only allow us to repeat 37%. Aside from the challenge with DePauw, the Annual Fund will definitely benefit from our participation as well - corporate matching, how Wabash (as a business) looks to endowments for grants based on stability of donor base, etc... Your participation goes a long way both financially and institutionally.
- As an aside, I personally have selected Option D on the college's eGift webpage at <https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift>. It is a nominal monthly deduction from your account and adds up over the course of a year. You don't have to think about it, and it's not a big one-time expense.
- If each of the 2,407 alumni who have made a gift in the last four years made a gift by June 30, the College's alumni participation rate would be 51%. Getting a little over half of the 2,407 to give by June 30 will increase the alumni participation rate to 40%. There are less than 60 days between now and June 30 to make a gift.
- While we can not pay the College back for what we received during our time at Wabash, we can pay forward and give to the students now enrolled so their experience is every bit as meaningful as our experience was 10, 20, 30, 40, or 50 years ago.
- Strong alumni participation sends a clear message to our students that those who came before them place a high value on their education and are willing to invest in the institution.

- Prospective students rely on rankings such as those in *U.S. News and World Report* and other college guides to inform their college choice. The alumni giving percentage helps drive those rankings.
- Foundations who provide generous private support look to our alumni giving percentage as a sign of a stable, well-supported institution - criteria essential to any successful proposal.

**Gifts can be made in three easy ways**

By phone: 877-743-4545

On the web: [www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift)

By mail: Wabash Annual Fund/PO Box 352/Crawfordsville, IN 47933 (checks payable to Wabash College)

For questions about making gifts of stock, please call 877-743-4545

- **Tracking the progress to 40%**  
This information is changing daily. If you are not sure if you have made a gift yet this year, then visit the online Honor Roll of Alumni Donors at [www.wabash.edu/alumni/honorroll](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/honorroll)

Below is the list as of May 8, 2008 – thanks to those donors listed below:

**Class of 1995**

Douglas D. Baum  
Anthony J. Bieszczat  
Jonathan C. Bumgarner  
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- If you don't already, you should set aside a few minutes each day to check out [www.wabash.edu](http://www.wabash.edu). You can stay up to date on all the College news, check the calendar of events for on campus activities as well as regional events, and read about our students, faculty/staff, and alumni in the "Meet Wabash" section. Plus, you can read the current issue and back issues of *The Bachelor* (<http://bachelor.wabash.edu/>), and the *Wabash Magazine* (<http://www.wabash.edu/magazine/>).

Drop me an e-mail ([sextonr@oakwood.org](mailto:sextonr@oakwood.org)) if you have news to include in the next letter, or feel free to give me a call at (248) 544-7918.