



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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### Class of 1997

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Dear Class of 97,

I hope things are going well and everyone survived the holidays. It has been a bit since our last letter but you will be hearing from us more regularly with the Big Bash Reunion Weekend coming up June 1-3, 2012. It's hard to believe it has been 15 years! Here's the link to the Big Bash web site <http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/bigbash/> everything concerning the Big Bash Weekend can be found here and the online registration has been available since early this month at <https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/signup>. You can see who has already registered or those who hope to attend as well.

- We have a Reunion Committee in place with living representatives identified – **WE STILL NEED REPS FOR KAPPA SIG, TKE AND ADDITIONAL INDEPENDENTS**. You will be hearing from them and I have listed their emails below as well. If you would like to help please let us know.
  - Beta Theta Pi - Rex Ryker ([rryker@cville.k12.in.us](mailto:rryker@cville.k12.in.us)), Frank Duncan ([fduncan@gmail.com](mailto:fduncan@gmail.com)) and Justin Rojas-Castle ([Justin.Rojas-Castle@megapath.com](mailto:Justin.Rojas-Castle@megapath.com))
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  - Kappa Sigma - **NEED**
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  - Sigma Chi - Jared White ([jaredwhite@guybrownproducts.com](mailto:jaredwhite@guybrownproducts.com))
  - Theta Delta Chi - Jeff Nicoson ([jnicoson@Endocyte.com](mailto:jnicoson@Endocyte.com)) and Ethan Kirchner ([ethan3438@yahoo.com](mailto:ethan3438@yahoo.com))
  - Tau Kappa Epsilon – **NEED**
  - Independent – Mike Clump ([Michael.Clump@rockhurst.edu](mailto:Michael.Clump@rockhurst.edu)), **NEED additional support here**

- You can keep up on all news and updates regarding our class and the Big Bash through the “Wabash Class of 97” Facebook page or follow on Twitter @Wabash1997.
  - **Facebook:** <http://snurl.com/wabash1997>
  - **Twitter:** <http://www.twitter.com/wabash1997>
  
- We have identified our “Class Hotel” as the Holiday Inn Express – with the Quality Inn (old Holiday Inn) as the 2<sup>nd</sup> choice. We hope to have a hospitality room and this will allow everyone to gather in one particular hotel. The college has blocked rooms but we need to make reservations as early as possible.
  - Holiday Inn Express (50 rooms) – **NOTE - THIS IS THE CLASS OF 1997 FIRST CHOICE. Please tell your classmates.**
  - Quality Inn (50 rooms) – old Holiday Inn – has bar/lounge
  - Other options
    - Comfort Inn (25 rooms)
    - Hampton Inn (50 rooms)
    - Candlewood Suites (25 rooms) – newest hotel...no breakfast served
  
- **Donor Challenge Award** - if we meet the challenge we will have an open bar at the class dinner on Saturday night.
  - There were 44 men who gave to the college between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011
  - **We must have at least 45 gifts to the college by the RSVP deadline (May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012). These gifts must come between July 1, 2011 and May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012.**
  - We have 23 so far – half way there!
  
- **Following the banquet**, there will be music from one of our own classmates - the band *Riot Inside* (John Castro '97) in the Knowling Fieldhouse. Stick around and listen as you share memories with your classmates and other alumni. *Riot Inside* will play some original songs and mix in some covers from the 1990's. You can search *Riot Inside* on iTunes to listen to a sample of their music!
  
- **Class specific apparel.** Many of you who attended last time saw that many classes had a shirt or hat to distinguish their class. We have suggested a golf shirt with the Class of '97 possibly on the sleeve. However, we need to have interest in purchasing these so we can get the best possible deal. In addition, we could all wear the shirt during the chapel sing competition on Saturday. Wabash has a vendor that can produce these, but we need your feedback as to the interest in this or any other suggestion. Please send me an email if you are interested – [cmiller@hshs.org](mailto:cmiller@hshs.org)

There will be more info regarding the Big Bash coming in the next few months. We would really like to get as many classmates back as possible. The college does a really good job with the weekend and it is a great time to sit back and catch up with old friends.

## IN CLASS NEWS:

- **D.J. McCallister '97** is co-owner (with his wife, Erin) and brew master of the [Black Swan Brewpub](#) in Plainfield, IN, which celebrated its first year anniversary in October. Since last year, the Black Swan has opened its on-site brewery and now serves its own brewed beer. **Nick Carter '95**, Kappa Sig fraternity brother, is the executive chef with creative food ideas, such as Black Swan Fries (you choose your own toss and a dip). This week the Black Swan is featured in the *Indianapolis Business Journal's* video feature "*Inside Dish: The Business of Running Restaurants.*" [Click here](#) to read the full story and listen to D. J. and Nick discuss first year results for the Black Swan. Good beer and good food by two Wabash alumni – good idea!
- Be sure to check out the current edition of BizVoice, that features Sun King owner Clay Robinson <http://www.bizvoicemagazine.com/media/archives/12janfeb/BusinessBrewing.pdf> there is an article on Indiana's microbrewing industry. One of the subjects is Sun King, an Indiana Chamber member whose recent success has been remarkable.
- Congratulations Tom - Thomas P. Stafford '97 has joined law firm Kreig DeVault in Indianapolis as employee benefits and executive compensation, ESPO practices, attorney. His focus is qualified retirement plans. After a double major in History and Religion at Wabash, Tom earned his J.D. at the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis.
- James Scurlock 1997 (james.scurlock97 - [jamosc1997@msn.com](mailto:jamosc1997@msn.com)) recently graduated with Honors from the Bowen School of Law at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He was honored to serve as both Chief Justice of the Honor Council and as Vice President of the Student Bar Association during his time at the school. He will begin working for a local firm after taking the Arkansas Bar in February.

Thanks for all of the class notes and updates – please keep them coming and don't forget to sign up for the Big Bash at <https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/signup>

On a final note, Justin and I would like to thank Parker Lyons for all of his efforts and dedication as a Class Agent over the past 15 years. He has other commitments that make it challenging for him to continue as an agent, and we truly appreciate all that Parker has done for the Class of '97 and Wabash College. Parker has been a great supporter and has put countless hours of time into his work as a Class Agent. Thank you Parker!

Yours in Wabash,

Craig Miller/Justin Rojas-Castle