



WABASH COLLEGE

Class Agents Letter

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Dear Class of 1998:

I hope this note finds you and your families are well as we head into this Holiday Season.

Tom Runge from the Alumni Office and I have asked **Jeff Cromer** to serve in the very important role of Reunion Chairman. This means that Jeff will be responsible for communicating directly with our class to arrive at final attendance numbers and he will also help facilitate hotel options. As a reminder, our class reunion will be held this year from June 6-8 on campus and we are aiming to finalize our attendance numbers by May 26th. Next month you all will be able to register for the event on-line and formal invitations will be mailed in March.

We do need your help preparing for the reunion. Specifically, we are looking for one champion from each living unit to personally call your living unit's 1998 graduates and remind them of our upcoming Reunion. Jeff and I can provide you a list of people to call along with their contact information. Please contact us if you would like to get involved with the reunion or would like to reach out to classmates.

I also want to remind you that Tom Runge has created a giving challenge for our class. The challenge is that if our class increases the number of donors who give to the college, year-over-year by May 26, then our reward will be an open bar for our class reunion. Last year 21.8% of our classmates, 50 in total, donated to the college. I believe this is a mark we can easily beat.

So far we had 17 people who have donated. We have 34 more donors to go. You can check out who has given by going to the Honor Roll located at www.wabash.edu/alumni/honorroll.

Classmate News

Jason Bennett ('98)—Demonstrating faultless punctuality as befits a future Wabash gentleman, Darin Constantin Bennett was born on October 14—precisely his projected due date. His proud (and exhausted!) parents are Jason W. Bennett '98 and Yelena Bennett of Lafayette. You can email Jason at Jason.w.bennett@insightbb.com.

Carl Drew ('98)—In May I founded LifeClimb, a charity dedicated to the development of teens through adventure related events and programs. This fall a team of 8 adults will bicycle 3500 miles from LA to Boston, with a mission to speak to 20,000 students and give away \$500,000 in copies of the book, "The Rhythm of Life" by NY Times bestselling author Matthew Kelly. Please check out www.lifeclimb.org to find out more about Carl and the remarkable work he is doing. Also, you can email Carl at carldd@hotmail.com.

Brian Kopp ('98)—Things are pretty busy but good on my end. We have 3 children, soon to be 4. Our oldest, Patrick, is 4 1/2 and we have 19 month old twins—Kevin and Bridget and another baby is due in February.

Tony Loy ('98)—I have begun my second year as President of the Indianapolis Men's Chorus. The Indianapolis Men's Chorus is a performing entity of Crossroads Performing Art, Inc. (dba. IndyChoruses), a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit that is entering its 18th Season serving the Indianapolis arts community. I am also happy to say that I am serving my second term on the IndyChoruses Board of Directors. It is an honor working for and serving on the IndyChoruses Board of Directors as we work to foster unity and understanding within our communities through musical excellence.

Steve Mackin ('98)—On November 3, 2007 my wife Kelly and I celebrated the birth of our third daughter—Amelia Margaret. Amelia was welcomed home by her two big sisters, Madolyn (3 years old), and Fiona (16 months). It does not look as if my future tuition dollars will go to Wabash and I have communicated to the three of them that they are on their own if they go to DePauw.

Go Wabash!

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