



## **WABASH COLLEGE**

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Gentlemen,

Welcome to 2015! I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Let's jump right into it...

### **IU Law Partnership**

Wabash and the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law have entered into a partnership agreement creating the Wabash Law Fellowship program. Applicants must be nominated by Wabash representatives, who will consider prior academic performance; letters of recommendation; professional, volunteer and leadership experience; and areas of interest in the legal profession. Those chosen will receive a minimum of a half-tuition scholarship as well as an opportunity for paid employment as a research assistant after completing 30 hours of law school work.

### **Robbins Fund Announced**

Clay '79 and Amy Robbins have established The Robbins Family Fund, an endowment that will support student-centered events and activities at Wabash. The Robbins Family Fund will support a slate of up to 12 new student-focused events per academic year, including cultural and performing arts events, movie nights, speakers, pep rallies, and periodic "Evening of Discourse" events that bring together a cross section of the College community for important conversations on timely topics. This just shows how dedicated Wabash alumni are to giving back to the wonderful college.



## Little Giants Basketball

On January 3<sup>rd</sup> the Little Giants basketball team fought for a double OT win over Hiram. Wabash trailed 65-63 after Hiram's connected on a three-point shot by Jeremiah Thomas with the game clock winding down in regulation. The Little Giants took a timeout with 3.1 seconds left after the Thomas triple before inbound to Aiton. The sophomore raced the length of the floor, scoring the game-tying layup just before the buzzer sounded. At the end of the first OT Aiton quickly found Purvlicis in the front court and fired a pass to the junior, who finished the play with a resounding dunk to tie the contest and force a second overtime. Wabash outscored the Terriers 15-4 in the second OT for a final score of 89-78.



## Student Housing Project Underway



Wabash has begun construction on a \$15 million plan that will add two 38-bed halls, two 16-bed lodges, and two duplex style townhomes with 12 beds each. "We are excited about the development of the near west side of campus and the expansion of student housing options," said President Gregory D. Hess. "The new residences represent careful planning and long conversations with students, faculty,

staff, and alumni that began early last fall and continued through last weekend. The new living units will serve Wabash students well into the future.” With the completion of this housing project students will have many different options for on campus housing.

## Professors Granted Tenure

Wabash President Gregory D. Hess and Dean of the College Scott E. Feller announced the promotion and tenure of three members of the faculty. Professors Christie Byun (economics), Jane Hardy (Spanish), and Walter Novak (chemistry) all successfully completed the tenure process and in July will assume the rank of associate professor at the 182-year-old liberal arts institution.

“Wabash College prides itself on exceptional teaching above all things, and these professors are thoughtful and engaging scholars who transform the lives of our students, one young man at a time,” President Hess said.

## Wabash grad finds true happiness

(Full story is here: <http://www.bkreader.com/2014/12/the-amazing-story-of-nathaniel-mary-quinn-and-the-day-he-decided-to-be-free/>)

Quinn ‘00 grew up the youngest of five boys on the South Side of Chicago. He and his family lived in the Robert Taylor homes, the most notorious projects in the country at the time. When he was entering the ninth grade, Quinn, a bright student with a clear talent for drawing, received an academic scholarship to attend Culver Academies, a boarding school in Indiana. After only one month away at school, he received



word from his dad that his mom had passed away suddenly. The following month, he returned to Chicago to spend Thanksgiving with his family. But when he arrived home, the door was ajar, and his family was gone. He has not seen nor heard from his family since. That was 22 years ago. He was 15 at the time.

Quinn graduated from Wabash in 2000 with a double major in art and psychology. In 2002, he attended New York University and earned his master’s degree in fine arts. Within two and a half months, everything in Quinn’s studio sold and he has been extremely successful ever since.



"I grew up in a community that was specifically designed for my destruction. Yet, I was not destroyed," said Quinn. "In fact, it was the pathway from that community that has led to my specific success. I feel like everything I have received is a direct reflection of all that I have lost. And that is just remarkable! It's as though God has given it all back to me ten-fold."

## Big Bash 2015

The online schedule and registration for the Big Bash 2015 is now available. For those who choose not to enroll online, the invitation package will mail around March 1, 2015. **The registration deadline is May 27, 2015.** You can find the link [here](#).

There is also space on the website for class specific information. If there is something that you would like posted on there, please send it to Tom Runge at [runget@wabash.edu](mailto:runget@wabash.edu). Please feel free to make suggestions to Tom for potential Colloquium speakers for the reunion. There was a great response for Colloquia speakers with 10 officially all lined up. Here is a [link](#) to view the full schedule, which also contains the Colloquium speakers.

## News from our Classmates:

**Tom Bailey** has been promoted to the Director of Industrial Sales and Economic Development at Vectren Energy.

**Kris Schnur** is an Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology at Indiana University School of Medicine.

**Matt Kriech** kicked off the New Year with the grand opening of Wabash Brewing.



**Scott Long** and his wife, Mandy had their third baby boy this past fall.

**Rob Solloway** vacationing in Greece with May back in June.



**Han Ong** is now the Dean of Arts & Science at King University in Bristol, TN. Pictured below are his wife and their three children.



**Mike Arnold** lives in Fort Wayne and is working at Lincoln Financial Group as Senior Litigation Counsel. Mike's third child, Samuel Steven, was born on September 7. Samuel is the youngest of three children.

**Ryan Vaughn** was listed in the Indy Star as a “mover and shaker” in Indianapolis to watch in 2015. Ryan is former president of the Indianapolis City-County Council and chief of staff to Republican Mayor Greg Ballard, who took over last year as president of the Indiana Sports Corp.

And below is a pic of me and my family (Calder, 8; Jamie; Mia, 3) during our annual Fourth of July Indians game this past summer. We took a short trip to Nashville during the Holidays but I was sick part of the time, so no good pics from that one. Still managed to wait an hour outside for the Pancake Pantry!



Yours in Wabash,

Pat, Jeff, Tim, and Trevor

P.S. In case you missed any of our letters from last year:

[http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Class\\_of\\_2000\\_December\\_2014\\_Letter.pdf](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Class_of_2000_December_2014_Letter.pdf)

[http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Class\\_of\\_2000\\_Late\\_August\\_2014\\_Letter.pdf](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Class_of_2000_Late_August_2014_Letter.pdf)

[http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Class\\_of\\_2000\\_July\\_2014\\_Letter.pdf](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Class_of_2000_July_2014_Letter.pdf)

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[http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Class\\_of\\_2000\\_April\\_2014\\_Letter\\_FINAL1.pdf](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Class_of_2000_April_2014_Letter_FINAL1.pdf)

[http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Class\\_of\\_2000\\_March\\_2014\\_Letter.pdf](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Class_of_2000_March_2014_Letter.pdf)

[http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Class\\_of\\_2000\\_Late\\_February\\_2014\\_Letter.pdf](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Class_of_2000_Late_February_2014_Letter.pdf)

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