



WABASH COLLEGE

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Gentlemen,

Greetings from Southern Indiana, once again! It has been a great summer here; I hope you all can say the same! There's been a lot of good news coming out of Crawfordsville and the men of '00. Let's see what has been happening this summer!

Professor Sarah Drury was recently named one of America's "40 Under 40: Professors who Inspire". Drury, who teaches Rhetoric, has been inspiring Little Giants for three years. She is known for her enthusiasm and spearheading student tutorials, summer research trips, and debate parties. She inspires her students to think critically and understand the power of speech and democracy. At 31, she has accomplished a great deal, the best of which being a constant source of inspiration for Wabash men.



Goals & Initiatives Underway at Wabash College

In the latest issue of Wabash Magazine, President Hess provides a detailed and inspiring article naming the College's "four milestone goals" and strategic initiatives underway that will help us achieve them. In his article, President Hess declares that through these goals and initiatives, we will make Wabash "The **best** liberal arts college—for men."

With so many prospering and exciting things happening in and around the College, I found it important to take the time and briefly name these goals and initiatives. A more detailed account can be found here, in Hess's article:

https://issuu.com/wabash_college/docs/wm_winter_2014/13?e=3598651/7585528

Four Milestone Goals

- 1) Demonstrate and articulate the value of a Wabash liberal arts education;
- 2) Extend the academic and geographic footprint of the college;
- 3) Emphasize leadership development in each Wabash man; and
- 4) Enhance the culture of philanthropy

Hess states these goals will be reached, and the implementation of the following initiatives will take us closer to that day:

Initiatives

- 1) **Global Health Initiative**- Students immersing themselves in global health public education, investigation, and service.
- 2) **Democracy and Public Discourse Initiative**-Students and the community using the power of public discourse to work through and solve controversial issues
- 3) **Business and Entrepreneurship Initiative**-Encouraging students to connect their liberal arts education with experience in entrepreneurship, business, and public service
- 4) **Digital Arts and Human Values Initiative**-Understanding the importance digital media has on our age and how we can engage students and leverage it's unlimited possibilities

New Dean for College Advancement

Earlier this month, President Hess announced the appointment of Michelle L. Janssen as the Dean of College Advancement. Bringing nearly three decades of successful fund-raising experience to the College, Janssen will be responsible for managing Annual Giving, Major Gifts, Advancement Services, and Alumni and Parent Relations functions at the College.

“Wabash was exceedingly fortunate to attract a large and talented pool of candidates for this position, and we are thrilled that Michelle Janssen will be joining our administrative team,” said President Hess.

“She has had success at small colleges and large universities, and she has worked in all aspects of Advancement work. I am excited to work with her as we enhance the culture of philanthropy at Wabash College.”



She starts August 1st. More on her background at Berea and Valpo here: https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=10310

Class of 2000 Giving

By living unit, here are the percentage amounts of men who gave to the college last fiscal year:

Phi Kappa Psi	12	60.0%
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Phi Gamma Delta	7	53.8%
Theta Delta Chi	3	50.0%
Lambda Chi Alpha	9	45.0%
Phi Delta Theta	4	40.0%
Sigma Chi	10	38.5%
Beta Theta Pi	4	25.0%
Independent	11	18.6%
Tau Kappa Epsilon	1	12.5%
Delta Tau Delta	2	11.8%
Kappa Sigma	1	6.7%

As a class and compared to last fiscal year, we increased our donor count by 12 (55 to 67). Only two classes in the 90's had more donors, and only one class had a higher donor percentage. Thank you for your continuous support for our Alma Mater!

Big Bash 2015

Before you realize it, Big Bash 2015 will be here! It's June 5-7, 2015. Mark your calendars for next spring and prepare for big celebration! In order to encourage more of our classmates, I encourage you all to connect with your peers via social media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.) and encourage them to participate in the 2015 Big Bash. Stay tuned for more updates via our Class Agent Letter.

Upcoming Dates to Save!

- **July 24th**: IAWM's Mitchum Crock Golf Outing
 - http://www.wabash.edu/calendar/EventDetail.cfm?Event_EventID=37788
- **September 6th**: Wabash Football! Wabash vs. Hampden-Sydney
- **October 11-12th**: WABASH Day
- **October 25th**: Family Day
- **November 14th**: Athletics Hall of Fame Induction
- **November 15th**: Monon Bell Classic
- **June 5-7, 2015**: Big Bash

Wabash Freshman Receives Rare Opportunity

Justin Miller '17, has been having quite the remarkable summer. The Wabash freshman, who has been an avid chemistry enthusiast, is one of several students on an accelerated path in his academic career. Participating in research project alongside Dr. Laura Mysocki of the chemistry department, Justin was chosen based on his skills in organic chemistry. This is highly remarkable,



considering he has never been exposed to organic chemistry in the classroom.

Miller has stated that the constant support from Wabash professors that have helped him grow as a scientist. Miller is originally from the small town of St. Doe, in northeast Indiana.

First Little Giant Legacy Outing- Big Success

On June 19th, the first Little Giant Legacy Outing took place; an event deemed a great success.



The event was organized by the Department of Athletics, and was an opportunity for alumni interested in Wabash athletics to get together, play a round of golf, and financially support a project for the Athletics Department. The event took place at the Heartland Crossing Golf Links, on the southwest side of Indianapolis.

Over 90 golfers attended the event, and the team of Tom Jones, Kirk Booe, Doug Alison, and Leonard Orr won the tournament. GO Express

Travel, Sun King Brewing, and Triton Brewing—the last two being Indiana-grown brewing companies that have a strong connection to Wabash College, sponsored the event.

News from our Classmates:

Jeremy Bird, alongside his company *270 Strategies*, will be leading the “Ready for Hillary” national organizing strategy and building the group’s field operation. *270 Strategies* is a leading next-generation consulting firm that works specifically with campaign building (and winning). Jeremy most recently served as the National Field Director for President Obama’s 2012 re-election campaign.

Dr. Brad Prather lives in Danville, IN, where he specializes in adult total joint replacements, revisions and joint preservation, and sports medicine with the Hendericks Regional Health Group. On June 5, he offered a free orthopedic joint seminar at Hendricks Regional Health YMCA in Avon. At Wabash, Brad was a soccer four-year Academic All-American. He earned his MD from Indiana University School Medicine, completed his residency at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, and fellowship training at Steadman Hawkins Clinic of the Carolinas.

In Evansville, IN, **Brad Schmitt** works as the Associate Director for North America Distribution at Mead Johnson Nutrition.

Mike Dickerson is a Financial Planner at Dickerson Wealth Advisers in Indianapolis.

Scott Long currently lives and works in Indianapolis, he is an Advisor at Apex Benefits Group, Inc.

Lee Sutton resides in Denver, CO, where he works as the Client Services Manager, Sr. at OneAmerica Financial Partners Inc.

Scott Berger is the Director at Discovery Management, currently living in Kansas City, MO.

Jon Allen lives in Chattanooga, TN, where he works as the ED Medical Director at Hutcheson Medical Center

In Cincinnati, **Mike Baker** works as the Director, Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Social Innovation Fund at United Way of Greater Cincinnati

Joe Armentano currently lives in Evansville, IN. He works as a Massage & Bodywork Therapist.

Out in Honolulu, **Jason Androff** is an ROTC Instructor at the University of Hawaii.

If you have any news you'd like to share- you've moved, you're recently married, new job, children, vacation, etc., etc., please email me at pat.east@hanapinmarketing.com.

Yours in Wabash,

Pat, Jeff, Tim, and Trevor

P.S. In case you missed our letters from earlier this year:

http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Class_of_2000_June_2014_Letter.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_Late_February_2014_Letter.pdf

http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Class_of_2000_January_2014_Letter.pdf