



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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Gentlemen,

I hope you're all keeping yourselves nice and cool in this heat! It's been a beautiful summer here in Bloomington, and one of the only times I'm happy for the polar vortex! It's made for a cool, cool summer. I hope you all can say the same in your respective areas. With the new academic year starting, there's a lot of news coming from the college.

### **Record Giving for 2014 Fiscal Year**

The 2014 fiscal year has seen a record of giving to the Wabash College Annual Fund. Over \$3.2 million in unrestricted donations for the second year in a row. Over 5,200 donors contributed to the fund, which was over 500 new donors since this past year. Over 4,300 of these donors were alumni, so I say again, gentlemen, thank you for your generosity! It is always great to see such widespread support for our Alma Mater.

Here are the percentage amounts of men who gave to the college last fiscal year, thank you for your continuous support for our Alma Mater!

Phi Kappa Psi	12	60.0%
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%

## Marc Welch named Associate Dean of Students

Late July, President Hess named Marc Welch the new Assoc. Dean of Students. He will be coordinating the College's residence life, and will also be responsible for policies and living conditions within the independent men's residence halls, fraternities, and student houses owned by the College. Welch is a 1999 graduate, and since 2012, he has served as the Wabash Secondary Licensure in the Education Studies department. Welch studied Spanish and Psychology, graduated Magma Cum Laude, while also earning induction into Phi Beta Kappa. He earned his M.A.T. in Spanish in 2006 from Indiana University.



## Wabash on Princeton's Best List

In a recent published article by the Princeton Review, Wabash College was named one of the best colleges for undergraduate education. Inclusion in the Princeton Review's "Best 378 Colleges" means that Wabash ranks among the top 15 percent of 2,500 U.S.-based four-year colleges. Wabash polled extremely well in class room experience, professor accessibility, athletics, and recreation. Finally, the Wabash campus was ranked as the

nation's easiest campus to get around. The 60-acre wooded campus contains 25 buildings predominantly of Georgian architecture. Caleb Mills taught the first class of Wabash students in 1833 in Forest Hall, located since 1965 at the north end of campus.

## The Gentleman's Classic

The Gentleman's Classic is this coming weekend (!), taking place September 6<sup>th</sup>, in Crawfordsville. Interesting fact, despite the individual success for the Little Giants and the Hampden-Sydney College Tigers throughout the years, this will be the first meeting between the two schools on the football field. Expectations are for a great game!



Tickets for The Gentlemen's Classic will be sold at the entry gates to Hollett Little Giant Stadium on game day. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students with a college ID and children. Wabash students may enter at no charge by showing their student ID. The game will also be streamed on Wabash's website at [www.wabash.edu/live](http://www.wabash.edu/live).

## **Monon Bell to air on AXS TV**

For 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, one of the oldest college football's rivalries, the Monon Bell Classic, will be able aired across America on AXS TV. The 121st football game between Wabash College and DePauw University will take place Saturday, November 15, in Crawfordsville. It will be presented live beginning at 1 p.m. (EST).

Some fun facts for you: The Monon Bell Classic was voted Indiana's best college sports rivalry by fans of ESPN, and is noted in the DVD collection, ESPNU Honor Roll: The Best of College Football, as one of the nation's best annual clashes. The Monon Bell was featured on CBS' Sunday Morning and has twice been spotlighted in Sports Illustrated. Important to note that ticket information for the 121st Monon Bell Classic will be announced in September.



## **Turn it up! Morgan Motivates Returning Students**



In healthy dose of enthusiasm and motivation last week, Track and Field Coach Clyde Morgan encouraged students to make this year the best it can be.

“If you don’t feel like you’re a great leader – no, make that a phenomenal leader – then I want you to leave.”—Certainly words that grabbed attention!

He continued: “Last year was a pretty okay year at Wabash...But okay is not okay with me. We have to be better than last year. (Other schools) can be okay but not Wabash.”

Morgan shared qualities essential to being a great student leader. Among them was the important of self-discipline and character. He spoke of commitment:

“You can’t be committed to be a phenomenal leader just when it’s convenient...we don’t want part-time commitment. We want commitment to this leadership team, commitment to Wabash and commitment to some kid.”

“When I’m walking around campus this year I’m going to challenge people to ‘turn it up.’ We’re going to turn it up because okay is not good enough. We have to turn it up to be phenomenal.”

Very wise and poignant words, no matter if you are a student or alumni of our great College!

### **Wabash Rings in Class of 2018**

August 23<sup>rd</sup> saw the annual “Ringing In” ceremony in Pioneer Chapel, for the men of the class of 2018. 262 men sat in the Chapel balcony as President Hess welcomed them to the College, asking the students to strive for their fullest potential.

”This College saw greatness in each and every one of you and we promise that we will take you seriously in all that you do,” Hess said. “We are a place of inspiration and expectations. We will expect great things from each of you and we will inspire and support you to reach your fullest potential.”

“Get to work,” Hess began. “You are here to work. Make that the priority. There is no better place to learn than in class with your peers and professors. Second, get involved. Discover the things that inspire you and about which you are passionate.”

“Get to bed,” he continued. “Bad decisions are made late at night. Decisions look much different in the morning. Use that as a guidepost. Finally, get help. College is a set of big changes in your life. There are people here, no matter the problem, who can help you.”



Other notable speakers were Greg Estell ‘85, the President of the National Association of Wabash Men, Dean of Students Mike Raters ‘85, and Steve Klein, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Steve Klein.



### **Wabash Alums make Inc. 5000 List**

The 2014 Inc. 5000 list was recently published, and making the list are three companies founded and/or ran by Wabash men (and on a personal note, all three have executives who went to Martinsville High School!). The list, which ranks private companies based on their

percentage of growth over the course of three years, is a major stepping stone in creating a steadfast, continuously growing, award achieving business. All three companies are Indiana based, and include:

**Apparatus**, an IT and design company based in Indianapolis, IN. Founded by Kelly Pfledderer '96, President is Aman Brar '99, and CTO is Ben Frame '00.

**Sun King Brewing**, a microbrewery located in Indianapolis, IN. Co-Founder is Clay Robinson '97

**Hanapin Marketing**, Bloomington, IN based digital marketing agency, founder Pat East '00.

Congrats to those who made the list!

### **News From Our Classmates**

**Adam Packer** is currently General Counsel at GTECH Indiana, and is currently located in Indianapolis, IN.

**Doug McMeyer** works as an Associate at Husch Blackwell, a litigation firm located in Chicago, IL.

**Matt Baughn**, is currently living in Indianapolis, IN, and is a Manager at Wyndham Worldwide/RCI.

**Josh Neff** lives in Plymouth, IN, where he works for Wells Fargo as a Business Relationship Manager.

**Sokol Cano** is currently the Vice President at KeyBanc Capital Markets, and resides in New York City, NY.

**Ben Allen** lives and works in the San Francisco area. He is currently the CPQ & E-Commerce Market Manager for Apttus.

**Mike Howard** works at RocketFuel in Denver, CO. His current role is Account Executive.

**Tim McHugh** lives in Chicago, IL, where he is Partner at William Blair & Company.

Yours in Wabash,

Pat, Jeff, Tim, and Trevor

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

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