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Hello Gentlemen,

Fall is around the corner down here in Bloomington and I'm looking forward to the beautiful weather this season brings. Lots of great things happening at Wabash with the beginning of the academic year!

Wabash Welcomes the Class of 2019:

The sounds of the Caleb Mills Bell echoed throughout Pioneer Chapel as Wabash welcomed its newest class of students during its annual "Ringing In" ceremony. As tradition dictates, 251 men (which is a third more than we graduated - class sizes are certainly increasing!) sat in the Chapel balcony as President Hess greeted the Class of 2019 and their families to campus, and charged the students to answer the challenge before them.

"If you are ready to take up this challenge; to take on the responsibility embedded in your dreams; to take care for your own life and the lives of your brothers and all the men and women of Wabash; to set as your goal to live the wise, virtuous, and generous life embodied in the Gentleman's Rule; stand with pride so that I might continue the tradition begun by the first professor of Wabash, Caleb Mills, and using his bell, ring



you into the company of Wabash Men.”

Using the hand bell that once belonged to Wabash’s first educator, President Hess rang in the class, which marks the official beginning of the students’ lives as Wabash men.

Here’s an interesting link that Beloit College publishes every year about the mindset of the incoming freshmen class: <https://www.beloit.edu/mindset/2019/>

Dates To Remember:

- Homecoming - Oct 3
- Wabash Day - Oct 10 or 11
- 122nd Monon Bell - Nov 14
- Commencement - May 15, 2016

Alan Hill Named Dean:

President Hess announced the appointment of Alan Hill as Dean for Professional Development at Wabash. In this role, the veteran higher education administrator will oversee the Schroeder Center for Career Development, and the Center for Innovation, Business, and Entrepreneurship, while assuming the duties of Director of the Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies (MXIBS).



“Alan’s vast experience, skills, and connections across Indiana and the GLCA make him an ideal candidate to pull together our efforts for the enhanced personal and professional development of all Wabash students and set the course for the MXIBS.” said President Hess. “This move allows us to concentrate our efforts to better prepare our students for their lives and careers after Wabash.

Wabash Ranks #19 for Greek Life on Campus:

BestCollegeReviews.org has compiled a list of the best colleges and universities for Greek life - schools where participation is high, criminal offenses are low, and current Greeks are satisfied with their experience. This ranking was made based on the following criteria:

- Percentage of students enrolled in Greek life.
- Number of Greek organizations on campus.
- Greek organizations must be chapters of National organizations, such as, but not limited to, the Panhellenic Conference, Interfraternity Council, or Multi-Cultural Greek Council.

- Number of criminal offenses occurring on campus during 2011-2013.
- Average Greek Rank rating.

From the website: "More than half of the students at Wabash live in the ten national fraternities that have chapters at Wabash. Wabash is in the process of constructing new or renovating all of the college-owned houses, part of the \$30 million Fraternity Partnerships Campaign. Aware of criticism of Greek life in America, Wabash seeks to reflect their motto of 'for knowledge and virtue' in Greek life. Wabash's fraternities boast grade point averages of 3.0 or higher and contribute hundreds of hours of community service each year."

Honoring Benjamin Rogge:

A new residence hall at Wabash will be named in honor of long-time economics professor Benjamin Rogge. Alumnus Robert Allen and his wife, Elizabeth, made a gift to honor Rogge in the new Residential Life District.

"All of us at Wabash are grateful to Bob and Betty for their extraordinary loyalty and generosity to the College. The Allen's understand the importance of a residential liberal arts education because they both experienced the lifelong benefits of challenging academics and excellent professors - like Ben Rogge. Their gift of Rogge Hall at Wabash is an investment in the future of our exceptional residential liberal arts education," President Hess said.

Here's a panoramic view of the construction I took from earlier this summer. I was standing on Crawford St., looking at the construction from where the old Sig Chi house stood.



Launch of The Robert Dirks Molecular Programming Prize:

As you know, one of our classmates, Robert Dirks, tragically lost his life in the Metro-North train crash in New York on February 3, 2015. As a graduate student, Robert made indelible contributions to the field of molecular programming, providing the first experimental demonstration of conditional nucleic acid self-assembly, and drawing on deep mathematical principles to develop computational algorithms that enable researchers around the world to analyze and design nucleic acid molecules, devices, and systems. Brilliant, creative, generous, humble, and kind, Robert was a model scientist and collaborator. Members of the ISNSCE research community honor Robert's memory by awarding the Dirks Prize to an inspiring member of the next generation of molecular programmers.



Robert Dirks
1978 – 2015

The Robert Dirks Molecular Programming Prize recognizes exceptional early-career achievement by a researcher working in any area of molecular programming, whether theory, experiment, computation, or a combination thereof. The winner will receive a cash prize and be invited to present a Prize Lecture at the Foundations of Nanoscience Conference. The award will be given in years when one or more candidates of outstanding achievement and promise are nominated.

Wabash Shines in Princeton Review

For the 25th consecutive year, Wabash was named one of the best institutions for undergraduate education by the Princeton Review in its annual college guide.

Inclusion in the Princeton Review's "Best 380 Colleges" means that Wabash ranks among the top 15 percent of 2,500 U.S.-based four-year colleges. The review includes detailed profiles of the best schools with rating scores in eight categories. Wabash received an overall academic rating of 93 with scores of 98 and 99 in the categories associated with teaching faculty.

In addition, the Princeton Review's college guide includes lists of top-20 schools in 62 categories, which are based on surveys of 130,000 college students collected during the 2014-15 academic year.

Wabash ranked in the top-20 in eight categories. Wabash has been featured in every edition of the Princeton Review's college guide since the service was established.

"The Princeton Review quantifies what we have known all along about Wabash College," said Dean for Enrollment Management Mike Thorp. "We are able to provide our students with a high quality educational experience that spans well beyond the classroom."

Thank you for donating to Wabash!

The final Annual Fund and Class Giving statistics for the 2014-2015 fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2015. Here are a few highlights:

- Our class had 59 total donors giving 32.1%, which eyeballing it, looks like we're in the top half of all classes.
- 5,163 alumni, parents, and friends made gifts to the Annual Fund for \$3,115,677.
- 4,677 alumni made gifts to the College (both Annual Fund and restricted gifts). That's 139 more alumni donors than FY14. It's also the fifth consecutive year for the College to realize an increase in the number of alumni donors.
- Celebrating their 50-year reunion, the Class of 1965 had the highest number of alumni donors (105) and the highest alumni giving percentage (65.63%) of any class.
- The Class of 2004, had the second highest number of alumni donors of any class with 101 alumni making a gift. They led all classes on the 4.22 day of giving with 90 classmates making a gift. The Class of 2004 finished FY15 with the highest giving percentage (50.25%) of any class since 1967 (56.36%).
- For the "Go for 2 on 4.22" day of giving, every class since 1949 had at least two alumni donors on the day and every class from 1959-2018 had 10 or more alumni make a gift on the day.
- 73% of the Class of 2015 participated in the senior gift campaign. There were 171 men in the Class of 2015 who made a gift to the College in FY15. This is one of the highest (if not the highest) number of donors ever recorded by a graduating class in a single fiscal year.

Classmate News:

Chris Short will soon be featured on a national television trivia show. You probably remember that Chris was a contestant on Jeopardy in 2011. Chris has been the editor of "Geeks Who Drink" - a trivia company that has turned pub trivia contests into a television pop culture show. Chris has worked the last few months as a writer for the show.



Doug McMeyer has joined law firm Chapman Spingola as partner. Doug is a commercial litigator with significant experience in state and federal courts. He regularly handles complex commercial litigation, breaches of fiduciary duty, trade secrets, toxic torts, product liability, contracts, debt collection and internal investigations. More on Doug and his practice here: <http://chapmanspingola.com/chicago-attorneys/douglas-mcmeyer/>

Yours in Wabash,

Pat, Jeff, Tim, and Trevor

P.S. In case you missed them, here are links to our last six letters:

[http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Class of 2000 Late June 2015 Letter.pdf](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Class%20of%202000%20Late%20June%202015%20Letter.pdf)

[http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Class of 2000 Early February 2015 Letter.pdf](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Class%20of%202000%20Early%20February%202015%20Letter.pdf)

[http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Class of 2000 January 2015 Letter.pdf](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Class%20of%202000%20January%202015%20Letter.pdf)

[http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Class of 2000 December 2014 Letter.pdf](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Class%20of%202000%20December%202014%20Letter.pdf)

[http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Class of 2000 Late August 2014 Letter.pdf](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/Class%20of%202000%20Late%20August%202014%20Letter.pdf)

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