



## **WABASH COLLEGE**

### ***Class Agents Letter***

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Dear 2001:

I hope this finds you well. I'm sitting in a vendor demonstration, so I thought, "What better time to reach out to my classmates?!"

There is much to discuss.

First, Wabash wrestlers had a tremendous showing at the Division III National Championships. Freshman Riley Lefever became the first Little Giant to claim a national title. He was the number one seed at 184 pounds and never lost on his way through the tournament. His brother, senior Reece Lefever, became a two-time All American as he finished fourth at 157 pounds. See the full story here:

[http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2014/3/15/WREST\\_0315144057.aspx?path=wrestling](http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2014/3/15/WREST_0315144057.aspx?path=wrestling)

Second, just days after Opening Day, Wabash Baseball is already underway. Senior pitcher Ross Hendrickson earned NCAC Pitcher of the Week honors as the Little Giants swept Wittenberg in a four-game visit to the Tigers. See the full story here:

[http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2014/4/1/BB\\_0401143521.aspx?path=baseball](http://sports.wabash.edu/news/2014/4/1/BB_0401143521.aspx?path=baseball)

Wabash Career Services just completed a hugely successful fourth annual Wabash Entrepreneur Summit. Wabash students got a chance to network with aspiring entrepreneurs as well as seasoned entrepreneurs to make impactful connections and learn best practices. Wabash's Center for Innovation, Business and Entrepreneurship, formed with a \$1 million grant from the Lilly

Endowment, held its first meeting to help the College connect students with immersive, long-term internships in emerging fields. Fellow classmate, **Joe Trebley**, was instrumental in helping the Summit connect with students in a meaningful way. See the full story here:

[http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news\\_ID=10234](http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=10234)

What is going on with you?

**Dr. Zachary Dodd, MD '01** joins OrthoIndy an Indiana Orthopaedic Hospital as a surgeon with a focus on spine neurosurgery and trauma. After Wabash, Zachary earned his MD from Indiana University School of Medicine and had his residency through Indiana University.

A classmate of ours is in the running for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) Man of the Year. The winner is determined by the number of votes (\$1 per vote) he is able to raise by May 10. The contest raises funds for blood cancer research in honor of local children who are blood cancer survivors, the Boy & Girl of the Year, because everyone wins when cancer loses. **Ryan Claxton '01**, whose daughter, Sophie Grace, was diagnosed with a type of leukemia just a few days after she was born, is in the process of raising \$100,000 for LLS by May 10. See Ryan's video here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQ0wvWaUawQ>

**Maj. James R. Lisher II '01** was recently selected as the 2013 Case Western Reserve University Young Alumni Award winner. He is currently enrolled in the Procurement and Contract Law LL.M. program at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. After Jim was graduated from Wabash, he was graduated from law school at CWRU in 2004. He joined the Air Force in 2005 and has provided Air Force legal assistance all over the world.

Remember the College.

Thanks for your contributions to the College: Bert Bunton III, Eric Fulmer, Tony Gigli, Dan Harter, Brian Knapp, M.D., Hunie Kwon, Jim Lisher II, Jack Mansfield, Jr., Carlos May, Scott McBride, Bob Munson, Jr., Davey Neal, Nick Nussbaum, M.D., Joe Osborne, Dante Pryor, Derek Richey, Jesse Sanchez, Doug Springer, Tyler Staggs, Brian Steed, Joe Trebley, Scott Wallace, Mark Wallis, Matt Warner, Matt Will, Derrick Williams, David Woessner, and John Wright.

As you grimace when you file your taxes in two weeks, remember that a contribution to Wabash goes much, much further. Give here:

[www.wabash.edu/giving/](http://www.wabash.edu/giving/)

Facebook, Twitter and Instagram tell me that there are many, many more updates to your lives that we haven't captured here. My apologies. I'll try to do better next time.

Until then, my bracket is busted, so I'm rooting for Notre Dame Women's Basketball.

Take care,  
Davey