



## **WABASH COLLEGE**

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

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Dear Friends,

Last night, I had the opportunity to meet with 5 TKE seniors about the opportunities and responsibilities of alumni life (Mark met with Phi Psi's in February). It was a meeting I wish someone (other than my dad) had with me sometime after comps were done and before we lined up for commencement. We talked about investing in the College: about referring students and donating money. More importantly, we talked about how those [investments strengthen those very diplomas we all receive](#).

Wabash does better when more of us are committed and connected to our alma mater. It's easier to recruit and retain amazing faculty and it's easier to send more students on immersion trips when the College has alumni who "shout as the lights die out." The graduating seniors are excited about their four years at Wabash, and they are nervous and excited about transitioning to alumni life.

It's hard to believe, but that was us nine years ago. We were ready to graduate, ready to move to graduate school or back home with our parents or to China or to married life. But we were anxious about leaving behind a place we had called home for four years. Before I met with the seniors, I walked around campus and found the Clock Tower between Baxter and Center Halls where we gathered before we began our short walk to sit in front of The Chapel.

If you had told my high school senior self in 2000 that in 2004 I would be graduating from Wabash College, I don't think I would have known what that meant. Today, I realize that degree means I have a responsibility to my students to make sure they are educated and responsible leaders who understand all the opportunities available to them in their communities, for college, and in life. All of them except DePauw. Wabash Always Fights!

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In Wabash news, [Jake Waterman](#) became Wabash's first-ever two-time national champion. Along with Jake, the Track & Field team captured its third straight [NCAC Championship](#). As someone who can't walk up the stairs without pausing for breath, those are two pretty amazing accomplishments.

Wabash also will have a new President on July 1. On January 26, 2013, the Board of Trustees unanimously elected Dr. Gregory D. Hess as the 16th President of Wabash College. The vote followed an intense six-month search. Dr. Hess is Dean of the Faculty and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Claremont McKenna College in California. [The Bachelor has the student perspective here.](#)

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In January, Adam H. Berry '04 was appointed as Indiana Governor Mike Pence's Regulatory Policy Director & Special Counsel. Prior to his appointment, Adam was an associate general counsel at the Indiana Department of Insurance. He is a Marion County (Ind.) ward chairman, a precinct committeeman, and a founder of the GOP Philanthropy in partnership with the Marion County Republican Central Committee. After Wabash, Adam graduated from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. Congrats Adam!

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**Save the Dates:**

Wabash Day 2013: October 5-6, 2013

Big Bash, 10 Year Reunion: June 2014

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