

Wabash College Class of 2004

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Dear Classmates:

Let's reconnect. With busy schedules and the lapse of time, remaining in contact becomes less of a priority. However, with the assistance of social media, we can follow



along in the milestones of our lives – children, career advancement and changes, involvement in civic groups. These Class Agent letters arrive far less often than Facebook updates. Join 106 of your classmates, if you haven't done so, in the [Wabash College Class of 2004 Facebook group](#). Post an update, share a memory, or browse updates posted by classmates.

The *Indianapolis Business Journal* compiles a list of the city's most inspiring and active young leaders each year. Among the Top 40 Under 40 this year were three Wabash alumni, including classmate Bob Shaver (and Colts quarterback Andrew Luck). Here is the excerpt from the profile on Shaver:

2014 Forty Under 40: Bob Shaver

Food, glorious (local) food: Shaver admits to being a little nervous moving back home to Indy from Brooklyn (where, he said, "Everyone and their uncle is making bitters in their apartment"). A board member of Slow Food USA, an organization with over 200 chapters around the country, and a proponent of progressive food issues locally and nationally, he was pleasantly surprised with what he found here ... although, he added, there's still plenty of opportunity for change.

For instance? "I'd like to see food waste being addressed more aggressively. One of the business ideas that I'm working on ... relates to creating more of a market for this 'secondary' food to prevent waste and provide better access to low-income populations to fruits and vegetables."



Religion + physics = food? After studying religion and physics at Wabash College and attending Yale Divinity School, Shaver realized that "the life of a religious studies academic wasn't suited to my problem-solving view of the world." Then he met his to-be wife, a Yale law student, and began hanging out with "people trying to do good things in the world and gaining the skills and professional life that would allow them to do that. It was the first time I felt like I had a group that shared my values and interests."

Follow, follow, follow: When his girlfriend was offered a Fulbright scholarship to work in Johannesburg, Shaver tagged along. In South Africa, he found work with the Catholic

schools office helping teachers in poor townships. When she was offered a position back at Yale Law School, they returned to New Haven, Conn., where he worked with Wellspring Consulting. “I was the only person in the firm who didn’t have an MBA—except one woman with a Ph.D. in rocket science. I was the dumb guy.” But, he added, it was a perfect company through which to be exposed to the ways business is done “in the context of doing good in the world.”

And more following: A move to Brooklyn led to work as director of strategic planning for City Harvest, a NYC hunger organization that distributed millions of pounds of food each year that would otherwise go to waste. And then back to Indy, when she was asked to teach at Indiana University's Robert H. McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis. Shaver embraced the move, finding work with KARP Resources, where he is venturing off into to-be-announced entrepreneurial projects. “The theme here,” he said, “is that I followed her around quite a bit.”

Oven-ready: Shaver, a self-proclaimed pizza geek, built a wood-fired oven in his back yard. “Not only is Napolese my favorite restaurant, the folks there are my favorite tech-assistance providers.” •

Class of 2004: 10 Year Reunion

June 6-8, 2014

Our 10 Year Reunion is just months away – please consider making plans to attend. There are currently 8 classmates registered to attend. If you have yet to register, please do so online: <https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/signup>

- If you do not register, you will be contacted by your living unit representative and he will provide you with many reasons why you should plan to attend. A few reasons to attend:
- Meet Wabash President Greg Hess and hear his plans for the future of the College.
- Chat with Professor Rick Warner at the Friday evening Dinner and hear his perspective on campus life ten years after our time.
- Attend colloquium sessions on interesting topics, including an Education Panel stacked with 2004 Classmates Jeremy Robinson, Joe Warfel, Stu Johnson, and Jacob Pactor.

Join the Facebook Group. Send us an Update. Register for Big Bash. Wabash Always Fights!

Best,

Mark Shreve and Jacob Pactor