



# WABASH COLLEGE

## CLASS OF 2005 NEWSLETTER

### A NOTE FROM YOUR CLASS AGENTS

January 26, 2015

Gentlemen:

Welcome to 2015! We hope that you and yours enjoyed the holiday season and are looking forward to having another amazing year. As promised, we write to share some updates with you since our last communication:

Lilly Endowment Inc. has awarded a \$2 million grant to Wabash to supplement programming for the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion through 2018. The funding will enhance efforts by the Center to strengthen the preparation of faculty who teach in theology and religion at colleges, universities and seminaries across North America. This effort is the second phase of the Graduate Program Teaching Initiative (GPTI) at the Wabash Center. Launched in 2010, the project highlights the need to better prepare doctoral students for teaching.

Jacob Burnett '15 is Wabash's ninth Rhodes Scholar. Burnett is one of 32 students in the nation to be named a Rhodes. He will work toward his master's degree at Oxford in the fall of 2015. The 32 winners are selected from a pool of 877 candidates.

The last time we wrote you, we had **18** classmates donate to the college. Since then, **8** more men have stepped up to the plate and made a donation. **THANK YOU** to:

*Nate Bell, Eric Bright, Beau Browning, Jason Cantu, John Dustman, Zach Eichel, Michael Einterz, Ryan Feeback, Justin Jannuzzi, Paul Jansen, Bobby Love, Drew McCoy, Brock Medsker, John Meyer, Dane Musil, Josh Petruniw, David Pryzbylski, John Rentsch, Michael Ruffing, David Rusirare, Evan Schmit, Jonathan Schwarz, Jason Sprague, Nathan Storey, Milton Turner, & Brad Williams*

Remember, if we have **63** classmates make a gift before Big Bash registration closes in May (*attending the reunion or not*), the cash bar on the Saturday night of Big Bash becomes an **OPEN BAR** to our class.

### BIG BASH!

The website to register for our Big Bash Reunion is officially up and running!!  
<https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/signup>

So far, only two men have registered. The College has set a goal of 20 for our Class' attendance.  
**THE GOAL SET BY YOUR REUNION LEADERSHIP IS 41!**

Please plan to join us **June 5-7**

*Registration deadline is May 27*

## REUNION LEADERSHIP

Should you have any questions, feel free to e-mail your class agents or Reunion Leadership Team directly:

Beta – Michael Ruffing  
Delta Tau Delta – Tom Reifenberg  
FIJI – Evan Schmitt and Drew McCoy  
Independents – Matt Tanney  
Kappa Sigma – Jason Cantu and Zach Eichel  
Lambda Chi – Nate Dinger  
Phi Delt – Nate Storey  
Phi Psi – AJ Lyman  
Sigma Chi – Chris Beymer  
Theta Delt – Brendan Clougherty and Mark Dietzen  
TKE – Andrew McGlothlen

Last, below you will find our usual class member updates, important links, and a list of class members for whom neither the college nor we have information. If any of you have been in contact with them, please encourage them to log into Wabash Alumni e-services ([http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/home.cfm?pages\\_id=121](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/home.cfm?pages_id=121)) to update their contact information or e-mail your class agents.

Again, thank you for reading! Be on the lookout for another letter next month.

Wabash Always Fights!

Jason Cantu & Michael Ruffing

## CLASS UPDATES

**Matt Boston:** “After graduating, I left to work with Wabash alumnus and mentor **J. Kerr ‘92** in Indianapolis where I cut my teeth in sales at a startup health care consulting firm. After it was acquired I moved on to pharmaceutical sales where I worked in central Indiana for 5 years. From there I went to back to school and graduated with an MBA from Indiana University (Kelley) in 2013.

After IU, I joined a major pharmaceutical / biotech in Chicago, which is where I am now. Here I have worked in Corporate Strategy and Marketing; currently, I’m a Marketing Manager for what is currently the biggest pharmaceutical brand in the world.

My wife, Deanne, and I said our wedding vows in 2010 - she grew up in Indianapolis. We enjoy it in Chicago; summer in Chi-town is awesome, the winter sucks - but it all smoothes out in the end. We go back to Indianapolis every once in a while, particularly in September for the annual Penrod Arts Fair.

Probably the biggest change right now is that I am training for an Ironman while raising money for the Crohns and Colitis Foundation (CCFA). This is taking up a lot of my time... but I think I’d still rather do an Ironman than do Coach Creighton’s 12-minute run at the beginning of training camp... I don’t know, it may be a toss up.”

**CLASS  
UPDATES  
CONTINUED**

**Jon Button:** “I’ve been at Texas A&M, working on getting a Ph.D in experimental nuclear physics for quite awhile, but it looks like maybe that incredibly long chapter of my life is coming to an end as I’m currently writing my dissertation. Two years ago, I finished my Masters’ thesis after completing a project to design, build, and test a new detector.

I’ve been married to my wife, Elisabeth, for six years now. We have a wonderful two-and-a-half year-old son named Luke, with whom we watch a tremendous amount of Thomas and Friends. Additionally, I play a lot of adult rec league softball, do a lot of CrossFit, and I ran my first marathon last December (the BCS Marathon, here in beautiful Bryan/College Station, Texas).”



**Adam Songer:** “All is going well in my life. My wife and I are expecting the birth of our second child in March 2015. I am still serving as a physician in the Navy and have been stationed at the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center in Panama City, FL for the past 3 years. However, this June I will be transferring to the Naval Base Kitsap in Washington State. My wife and I are really looking forward to it.

My brother Drew just graduated from Wabash (Class of 2014) this past May and my youngest brother Ian will start this August (Class of 2019). Unfortunately, because of our move scheduled this summer I will be unable to attend the reunion, but I hope that you all have a wonderful time.”



## IMPORTANT LINKS

Big Bash Schedule  
Registration  
Local lodging info  
Honor Roll of donors

<http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/schedule>  
<https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/signup2>  
<https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/lodging>  
<https://www.wabash.edu/giving/honorroll>

## MISSING CLASSMATES

### *Has anyone heard from any of these guys?*

Mohamed Abdullahi Abdullahi, William Wesley Ambrose, Dimitar D. Angelov,  
Mauricio Arreola, Blake Evan Bodenreider, Aaron Christopher Bogunia,  
Bradley William Bonich, Samuel James Brown, Jonathan Stephen Bruce,  
John Simon Budnik, Jason E Cerny, Kerrance Dewayne Chandler,  
Scott Daniel Christian, Demitrian Leondrey Cook, Steven Michael Cottom,  
Sean Russell Dillon, Jonathan Niccholas Engel, Ryan Joseph Fawley,  
Luke Matthew Finchum, Eduardo Garza, Justin Michael Grams, Grant Joseph Griffith,  
Scott Austin Hall, Christopher Alan Healy, Kenneth Jacob Henseler,  
Nathaniel Richard Herman, David Alexander Hoffman, James Timothy Hubert,  
Dustin Alexander Huner, Jason Joseph Jablonski, Matthew Lucas Jackson,  
Marcus DeWayne Johnson, Samuel Allen Keesee, Stanley Shelton Keets,  
Scott Daniel Kentner, Jay Paul Allan Kirby, Lewis Dean Kivett, Frederick Adam Koch,  
Owen Michael Korn, Michael Joseph Kresslein, Sandeep Singh Lakhan,  
Adam James Layton, Clint Dale Leek, Robert Edward Love, Elliot T. Lozano,  
Virgil R. Lungu, Rudy Luquin, Jared Wayne Martin, John R. Sean McCall,  
Julian Bernard Moreaux, Charles Matthew Myers, Nicholas Allen Myers,  
Tyler Christian Nance, Shaylan Ashley Owen, Zachary Karl Parrett,  
Morgan James Patchell, Thomas Coke Robol, Harvey Rodriguez, James Roderick Ross,  
Brandon Del Sanders, Daniel Joseph Schubert, Shivang Pareesh Shah,  
Paul Stanley Taraska, Ivan Svetoslavov Vassilev, Vincent Lamont Washington,  
Nicholas Andrew Wilson, Ryan Michael Yates, Roberto Zamora,  
& Harley David Zielinski



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