



# WABASH COLLEGE

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## *Class Agents Letter*

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## **Class of 2005**

Late June 2014

Class of '05 -

A few weeks ago it was Commencement weekend in Crawfordsville, IN and 175 men received their diplomas. Nine years ago that weekend we each threw on our cap and gown and walked away with a rose and our own rolled up piece of sheepskin that we would treasure. See where this is going? Next year it will be 10 years since that weekend. This is also known to some as reunion time, or in Wabash speak, "Big Bash" time!

Two weeks ago the 2014 version of Wabash's Big Bash weekend brought over 380 alumni back to campus for the reunion weekend. A long weekend chock full of reminiscing, golfing, eating, talking and listening re-living Chapel Sing, award ceremonies, etc. This is not necessarily a Save the Date message. There will be plenty of those in the coming months and leading up to next summer. But it is a gentle reminder from afar.

The idea of a reunion means different things to everyone. We hope to position our 10-year reunion as an opportunity for our class to re-connect with fellow classmates, as well as Wabash College. A chance to re-energize our alumnus batteries. A chance to encounter what's new and unique at our alma mater, as well as a chance to remember all that has stayed the same. As President Hess said as he closed this year's Big Bash, "You should always feel like Wabash is your home. Don't ever feel like you can't knock on the door, that there is a friend here you cannot call, or that you can't come back to visit your Wabash family." So I just ask you keep this in mind - The first weekend of June 2015 will be here before we know it!

In other news, thank you to all that participated in Wabash's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Wabash 430" Day. To some, the numbers and stats are overwhelming. What started as a goal to reach 430 alumni and friends of Wabash to donate on a single day turned into an astounding 2,329 gifts

made and a total amount of \$465,421. Wabash truly Always Fights. As a class, the latest donor count was 56 – almost 29% of our class! As a reference, our total 2013 count was only 45. We know that Wabash 430 Day helped bump our numbers but we hope it is a trend we can continue to grow in years to come.

For those yet to give back this year, June 30<sup>th</sup> is the last day of the fiscal year. You can make your gift here: <http://www.wabash.edu/giving/> and join more than 5,300 other alumni, parents, and friends of the college who have already pledged their support of Wabash students this year.

For some other miscellaneous Wabash updates you can follow this link to the most recent News & Notes:

<http://emailink.wabash.benchmarkmails26.com/c/v?e=4947E6&c=CE66&l=230D20&email=E49mIXiRpqpRYvrFZXxDkjiHg%2FVbFy1&relid=C6EC164>

For those fathers's out there, I hope you enjoyed a great day this past Father's Day. All the best to all of you and your families - I hope that summer has reached you wherever you call home.

In Wabash,

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