# Wabash.

# FACTS



#### **GLOSSARY**

**Rush:** the period of time which fraternities may pursue prospective students; begins on December 1st and concludes the day classes start in August.

**Bid:** a formal invitation to a prospective student to join a fraternity; a student may accept, hold, or decline.

Accept: a binding decision to join the house upon matriculation to Wabash; a promise that if the student comes to Wabash, he will join that fraternity. A student may only accept one bid.

**Hold:** a decision by the student to take some time and consider the offer to join a fraternity; a student may hold their bid until the fraternity closes their pledge class, i.e., once the class is full.

**Decline:** a binding decision to reject the bid from a fraternity.

Closed pledge class: a declaration by a fraternity that its rush period is over and no further bids will be extended.

## **HISTORY OF GREEK LIFE AT WABASH**

"In 1846, Beta Theta Pi became the first of many fraternities on campus. Through the years, the college and fraternities have been partners to sustain and promote this special small, independent, residential, liberal arts college for men" (Pactor, J., 2015). Fraternities at Wabash were initially organized as literary societies, a place where college students could gather and discuss great books. These organizations operated underground for several years before finally gaining mainstream acceptance in 1863. Chapters began moving into their own houses in the early 1900s. As fraternities grew in popularity, they eventually became essential parts of campus life. In the last fifteen years, many of the fraternity houses on campus have either been completely rebuilt or renovated. Our fraternities operate largely in a system of self-governance. Fraternities are responsible for managing their own budgets, planning events, providing food service, educating members, maintaining academic excellence, and guiding the social life of the College.

### **NEXT STEPS**

- Contact rush chairmen of the fraternities that interest you.
- Fraternities can extend bids to prospective students beginning on Dec. 1, 2019.
- Students can accept bids any time after April 3. (Fraternities will likely have several recruitment events between now and the start of classes in Aug. 2020.)
- Take advantage of the opportunities. It is your best chance to explore Greek Life at Wabash College and see whether or not it is right for you!



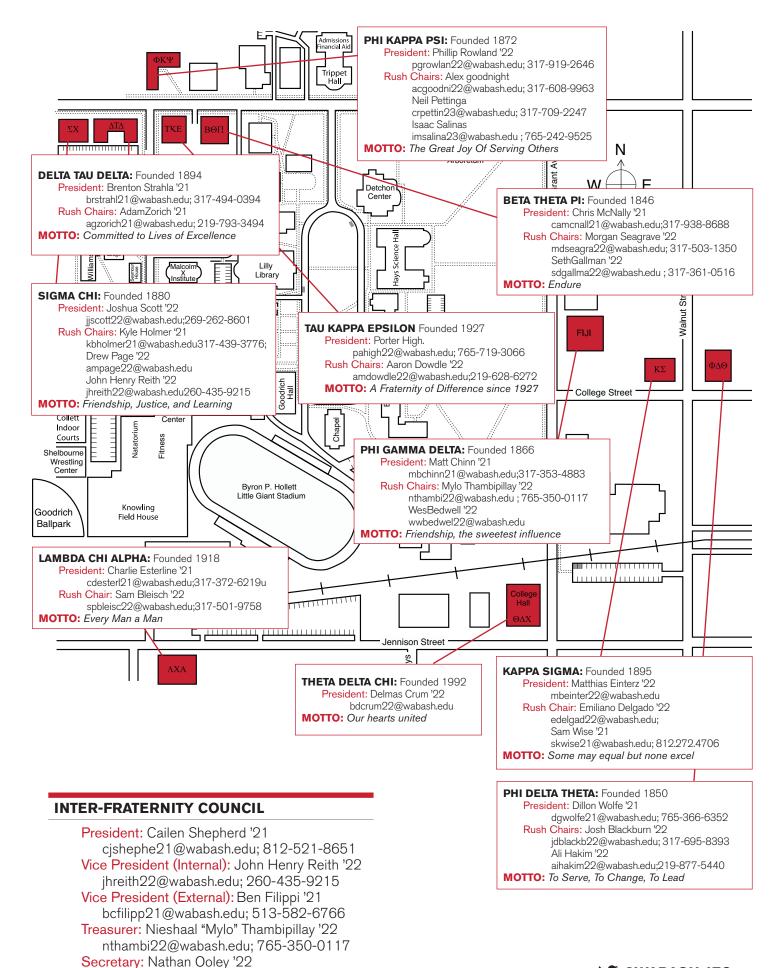
55% OF
ATHLETES

[228 student
athletes are members
of fraternities]



\$7,228

Total gifts to the College by students living in fraternites in 2018-2019 academic year.



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