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Dear Classmates,

Here's some news from campus...

In news from the College, during Spring Break, students traveled as part of their class immersion trips. A biology class went to the Everglades, Greek and Latin classes went to Italy while a religion class visited Rome and Vatican City, an economics class went to Spain, and a German class went to Heidelberg.

Wabash student-athletes were also busy during Spring Break. At the 2026 NCAA Division III Men's Wrestling Championship Tournament in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, senior wrestler James Day finished as the national runner-up at 133 pounds, while junior Titus Waters secured a seventh-place finish at heavyweight. At the 2026 NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships in Birmingham, Alabama, freshman Brock DeBello earned First Team All-America honors with a sixth-place finish in the 400-meter dash final, while senior Quinn Sholar secured Second Team All-America recognition in the shot put.

Wabash College returned to a select group of institutions included on the list of U.S. colleges and universities that produced the most Fulbright scholarships among U.S. students. Five students earned Fulbright Teaching Assistantships (ETA) to Europe in 2024-25—Connor Craig (Spain), Jacob Davis (Germany), Andrew Dever (Spain), Neal Laymon (Andorra), and Logan Weilbaker (Czech Republic)—while a sixth, Mawuli Nevis, earned a Fulbright open study/research award to Perú.

The six awards places Wabash 22nd nationally among the top Fulbright-producing baccalaureate institutions. During last year's Fulbright selection process, Wabash had nine semifinalists, the most in school history, out of an initial pool of 12 applicants.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is the largest U.S. exchange program, offering opportunities for students and young professionals to undertake international graduate study, advanced research, independent study, university teaching, and primary and secondary school teaching worldwide, while serving as a cultural ambassador. The Fulbright open study/research award program allows recipients to design their own projects and work with mentors at foreign universities, non-profits, cultural organizations, or other research institutes. The program awards approximately 2,000 grants annually and operates in more than 150 countries worldwide.



We have recently been advised of the passing of classmate Nick Nizamoff, whose obituary follows. As an esteemed attorney and judge Nick has been an esteemed credit to Wabash College. I recall November 1962 when Nick and several fellow Sigma Chi's hopped in a car and made an overnight trip to D.C. to attend the funeral of President John F. Kennedy. That says a lot about Nick's character. Nick Nizamoff: Some Little Giant!

Nicholas C. "Nick" Nizamoff, 83, of Greenwood, Indiana, passed away on February 14, 2026. A distinguished Indiana attorney whose legal career spanned more than five decades, Nick was widely respected for his intellect, integrity, and unwavering dedication to his family, clients, and his profession.

Nick was born on July 29, 1942, in Indianapolis, Indiana, to Christo Nizamoff and Slavka "Alice" (Doucleff) Nizamoff. His father, Christo, was born in Resen, Macedonia, immigrated to the United States, and became a prominent journalist and editor of the Macedonian Tribune. Nick grew up in Speedway, Indiana, where he developed the discipline, thoughtfulness, and perspective that would guide him throughout his life.

He graduated from Wabash College in 1964 and went on to earn his Juris Doctor, graduating cum laude from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 1969. In 1964, Nick married Janet Rendel, with whom he shared many years of life, family, and partnership until her passing in 2004. In 2006, he was fortunate to find love again when he married Darlene Brown. Their nearly 20 years together brought him renewed happiness, companionship, and joy in the everyday moments they shared.

Nick served as a judicial clerk to the Honorable Amos W. Jackson of the Indiana Supreme Court before beginning a legal career defined by excellence, leadership, and service. He practiced law for 30 years at White & Raub in Indianapolis, followed by 14 years at Stuart & Branigin LLP, and most recently at DeFur Voran LLP, where he continued until the time of his passing.

Nick developed deep expertise in construction law, professional liability defense, and commercial litigation, earning the respect of clients and colleagues alike for his intellect, clarity, and skill as an advocate. He served on the Executive Committee of the International Association of Defense Counsel and was admitted to practice before state and federal courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States. His work helped shape the built environment of Indianapolis, and wherever he went in the city, he could point to buildings and projects where his legal counsel had played an important role.

To Nick, the law was more than a profession—it was a calling. He believed deeply in serving his clients with dedication and integrity, once describing those admitted to the profession as blessed to be part of its "priesthood." When asked what he considered his greatest achievement, he answered simply, "Passing the bar exam."

More than anything, Nick was devoted to his family. He cherished his role as a husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and took immense pride in the lives of his children and grandchildren. He was a steady source of encouragement, wisdom, and friendship, always taking an interest in their pursuits and celebrating their accomplishments. Nick's love for Wabash College endured throughout his life, and he was especially proud that his son Eric continued that tradition.

Nick was a man of wide-ranging intellectual and personal interests and was never one to sit still. He loved books and was a lifelong reader, and he found great fulfillment in travel, music, collecting paintings, and playing his guitar. He was an avid golfer and valued both the challenge of the game and the friendships it fostered. He also treasured time spent dining at favorite restaurants with family and friends, where conversation, companionship, and a Tanqueray and tonic were among life's greatest pleasures.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene Nizamoff of Greenwood, Indiana; his son, Eric Nizamoff (Jackie) of Niceville, Florida; his daughter, Nancy Nizamoff (Jim) of Nicholasville, Kentucky; his daughter, Julie Wilson (Doug) of Bloomington, Indiana; and his stepson, Kevin Brown of Chicago, Illinois. He is also survived by his beloved grandchildren, Jenna Nizamoff (Ryan) of Charlotte, North Carolina; Nick Nizamoff of Jacksonville, Florida; Skylar Winkley and her fiancé, Kevin Quist, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Myles Winkley of Chicago, Illinois; and by his treasured great-granddaughter, Maggie Wilkinson. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Jim Rendel, and his sister-in-law, Karen Byers, along with a nephew and four nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Christo and Slavka "Alice" Nizamoff; his sister, Virginia Surso; and his first wife, Janet.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2026 from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. A Celebration of Life begins at 7:00 pm at G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home and Cremation Center at The Gardens at Olive Branch, 1605 South State Road 135, Greenwood, IN.

When asked when and where he was happiest in an Indianapolis Bar Association profile seven years ago, Nick answered: "Here and now." Those words reflected his lifelong appreciation for his family, work, and the life he built. His legacy lives on in the family he loved deeply, the profession he served honorably, and the many lives he touched with his wisdom, kindness, and encouragement.

Yours in 'Bash,

Ron



Dear Classmates,

I am sorry to have to report the following: John Fox's wife Kathy Hays Fox died last summer. This was an unpleasant surprise. I think she suffered heart failure. Prayers and good thoughts to John and his family. He and Kathy had three daughters, so let us keep them in mind as well.



Mary Katherine Hays Fox, of Lake Forest, IL and Indian Wells, CA, known to all as Kathy, passed away on August 17, 2025, surrounded by her beloved husband and three daughters. She was 81 years old. Kathy was born on September 6, 1943, in Washington, D.C., to Will H. Hays, Jr. and Virginia Henderson Hays. She grew up in Beverly Hills, California and Crawfordsville, Indiana, and attended DePauw University in Indiana, where she was a proud member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. In Crawfordsville, where her father was mayor, Kathy met the love of her life, John Fox, when he was a student at Wabash College. The two were married on July 31, 1965 at the Wabash

College Chapel and shared the next 60 beautiful years together. Before starting her own family, Kathy taught first and second grade and found a lifelong love of teaching and caring for children. She was a gifted and beloved teacher whose warmth and care touched the lives of many. Throughout her life, she shared that same kindness through her many years of volunteer work and various organizations, a partial list of which includes the Junior League of Detroit; the Detroit Institute of Arts, as a docent; Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, as a Founders' Board Member; and the Antiquarian Society at the Art Institute of Chicago. She especially loved her time volunteering in her children's schools in earlier years and, later on, as the "book lady" at Lurie Children's Hospital. Kathy was also deeply devoted to Wabash College, where her grandfather, father, and husband all studied. She was proud to be considered an honorary "Little Giant," cheering on the traditions and community that meant so much to her family. Above all, Kathy was devoted to her family, of which she was immensely proud. She and John raised three daughters - Amanda (John), Megan (Justin), and Caitlyn (Matt) - and she delighted in being "Mimi" to her seven grandchildren: Sander, Silas, Cora, Arlo, Lillian, Mary Katherine (named in her honor), and Harrison. Mimi filled their lives with unconditional love, endless support, and a commitment to making memories. No one was a bigger cheerleader of her children and grandchildren than Kathy. She is also survived by her cherished siblings - her brother, Bill Hays, and her sister, Amy Hays, both of whose friendship meant the world to her. Kathy will be remembered for her graciousness, generosity of spirit, grit, elegance, and her penchant for handwritten notes. Her kindness and compassion extended to everyone she met - from a grocery store clerk to her closest friends. She had a rare gift for making people feel truly seen and appreciated, showing genuine interest in each person she spoke with, and bringing comfort and ease to all who knew her. She loved reading books to her grandchildren and spending time with her beloved husband John, with whom she attended plays and symphonies, and traveled the world. An avid reader and history buff, Kathy was endlessly curious and open to understanding the world around her. She also loved to spend time in her garden, and ride horses in her beloved Wyoming. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in Kathy's honor to Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago Foundation, Department 4586, Carol Stream, IL 60122, or at [www.Luriechildrens.org](http://www.Luriechildrens.org).

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