



Class Agents Letter

Class of 1966

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Dear Men of '66,

The preliminary responses from you regarding attendance at our 60th reunion are terrific! Currently seventeen classmates have indicated they will attend the reunion, and with guests, spouses etc. we have a total of twenty-six attendees. If you have not responded yet, please do so ASAP so we may plan accordingly. Please reply to candmblack@aol.com with

- Yes, I wouldn't miss this great event
- Unsure at this time but will advise later
- Unfortunately, I am unable to attend

Big Bash is a Big Deal, and if you have not attended before you will be delighted, exhausted and energized by this extraordinary event. If you have attended before, please ensure you are part of the 60th party!

Regarding our fundraising efforts and the extraordinary achievements we have accomplished together, I'm pleased to provide both an update and a new opportunity.

Here is the current status of our three class projects:

1. Put our name on the rebuild of the Senior Arch as part of the new community center project.
2. Create a memorial garden honoring the Wabash men who died in Vietnam.
3. Endow a Class of '66 Scholarship of \$1,000,000 or more that will provide \$50,000+ in scholarship support each year to future Wabash students. This goal is well on its way to being fulfilled!

Now, let's turn to our overall class giving.

At our 60th Reunion, we will once again present President Feller and the College with a "big check," just as we proudly did at our 50th and 55th reunions. The amount on that check will represent our class's total philanthropy to the College over the past five years — including newly disclosed or increased planned/estate gifts such as bequests.



As of this writing, the total is approaching **\$10 million**.

We believe there are additional bequests that have either not yet been established or have not yet been disclosed to the College. To encourage this important step, a generous classmate has committed an additional \$1 million from his estate to match any new or increased bequests dollar-for-dollar.

For example:

- If you inform the College that Wabash is included in your estate plans for \$50,000, that commitment will be matched — bringing the total impact to \$100,000.
- If you previously shared that Wabash is included for 10% of your estate, and that 10% was valued at \$25,000 at the time of disclosure but is now worth \$75,000, the \$50,000 increase will be matched — doubling the added impact to \$100,000.

The bottom line: If you have made a new bequest, or if the value of a previously disclosed bequest has grown, please contact any member of the Advancement Office or Steve Hoffman at 765-376-2832 hoffmans@wabash.edu to ensure it is counted and matched.

Together, we can make our 60th Reunion presentation truly historical and set an example for the classes behind us.

“Long shall we sing thy praises Old Wabash.”

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