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HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO THE CLASS OF WABASH!

Throughout the years Wabash has been blessed with outstanding leadership at all levels- administration, faculty and staff. At this time of the year, it seems appropriate to recognize one of these outstanding individuals- Brent Harris, Athletics and Recreation Communication Director H'03. Brent has seen many administrators and coaches come and go through the Athletic Department, and he has been the glue that holds things together with these changes. A multi-talented individual, Wabash is indeed fortunate to have Brent and we are thankful for his commitment, devotion and loyalty to our Alma Mater. A wonderful article about Brent appears in the Winter/Spring 2026 Wabash Magazine, pages 46-49.



The calendar has turned to November, a time to reflect on the many things in our lives for which we are thankful. I'm thankful that on many days throughout the fall, I get the opportunity to visit with Cal and Marsha Black during their morning walk.

One of those mornings, Cal asked if I might put pen to paper — or more realistically, fingers to keyboard — and share with his Wabash classmates some things I'm thankful for in my everyday duties as the athletics communications director for the College we all love so well.

And that is a great place to start. Many years ago, Robert H. Johnson did his best to try to recruit me to Wabash. I did not heed his sage advice, for life had a different route for me. When I finally found my way back to Crawfordsville in 1999, I was thankful for the opportunity to continue working in the sports field at a place I felt I knew, having covered Wabash as a media member and volunteered at several sporting events. Fast forward to 2011, when I joined the ranks of the alumni body after it so generously offered me the opportunity to become an honorary member of the Class of 2003.

I'm grateful each day for my amazing group of student workers, past and present. Some of my former students have gone on to work in the communications field at either

the college or high school level. Others have found different vocations, but I like to think some of the duties they performed during their time in my office helped prepare them for some of the day-to-day interactions in their jobs. My current group of student-workers are the backbone of the Wabash athletics communications office. At 62 years old, they keep me feeling young and have me excited each day to continue our group work of promoting Wabash student-athletes and successfully running Wabash home athletics events.



Ethan Cook '28 in the black shirt, Dylan Hill '29 in the red hoodie, and me on the upper left edge

I'm equally thankful for the students I don't get to work with regularly. I love to have a random conversation with a student I haven't met or perhaps only know a little bit as we are both walking across campus. Many of these interactions also happened during my evening walks with my late dog, Max, who passed away in October. Max loved to walk on campus, and those walks led to many a conversation with passing students who wanted to connect with the little beagle-corgi mix who loved attention. We might talk about their dog at home that they missed, how their classes were going or what projects they might be working on. More often than not, our paths would cross again a few days later on this small campus, and we now had a connection point to continue those conversations that might not have naturally occurred.



I'm thankful for you, the alumni of Wabash College. Without your passion and love of your alma mater and the regular support you show, my job would be vastly different. Many of my counterparts at other colleges and universities marvel at the way Wabash men and their families care about not only the outcomes of our sporting events but also the success of our students as a whole through the "Wabash Mafia" and its wide reach. I've repeatedly helped connect current Wabash students with alums who can provide a link to an internship, a job opportunity or a connection that may lead to a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

My thanks to Cal for providing this space to share some of my thoughts with his classmates in your class notes. I hope you will carve out some time during this month of November to consider those things you are thankful for. My hope is that something related to Wabash College will make that list. Wabash Always Fights!

"Dear Old Wabash, thy loyal sons shall ever love thee,"

Cal