



Class Agents Letter

Class of 1967

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Dear Classmates,

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Fund Raising Records

The Day of Giving in April: A group of Wabash leaders offered \$625,000 to challenge alumni and friends to make 5,000 gifts. In the spirit of celebration, another group of leaders stepped up in the evening to offer an additional \$192,000 to motivate the Wabash Nation to reach 2,025 more gifts. By final count, 3,460 individual donors gave 8,335 gifts and \$1,825,622 in support of Wabash students.

Thanks to all who helped us reach another goal! *OOO WAH WAH!*

David Bickell
Mike Butler
Phil Coons
Clark Dickerson
Rick Helm
Mike Irons
David Merrell
Alan Pyle
Fred Siegel
Tom Werner

David Bloomer
Linda Claffey
Ed Culver
William Fye
Duane Hile
Peer Lykke
David Montieth
Larry Remble
Gene Snipes
Andy Williams

Tom Brown
Ed Cook
Dave Decker
Dennis Harrell
Earl Houck
John May
Robert Myers
Paul Robinson
James Stahler
John Zimmerman



Details of Wabash performance and comparison to “wannabe” institutions:

COMPARISON BY INSTITUTION

School	Date	Students	Alumni	Gifts or Donors	Dollars	Gifts or Donors/Alumni	Dollars per Student
Wabash College	4/30/2025	854	14,925	8,335	\$1,825,622	56%	\$2,138
Allegheny College	4/18/2025	1,114	23,000	2,746	\$2,355,689	12%	\$2,115
Earlham College	4/24/2025	689	20,616	2,765	\$1,270,748	13%	\$1,844
Saint Mary's College	2/27/2025	1,577	19,000	2,578	\$1,611,875	14%	\$1,022
Wittenberg University	3/20/2025	1,207	26,000	1,377	\$1,104,818	5%	\$915
DePauw University	4/23/2025	1,820	31,378	1,133	\$1,081,944	4%	\$594
Ohio Wesleyan University	2/20/2025	1,511	39,000	960	\$892,016	2%	\$590
University of Notre Dame	4/29/2025	8,866	110,347	37,627	\$4,438,282	34%	\$501
Elon University	3/6/2025	6,273	35,000	6,385	\$3,117,337	18%	\$497
Kenyon College	4/10/2025	1,732	25,349	1,740	\$677,264	7%	\$391
Oberlin College	4/8/2025	2,986	40,000	1,764	\$1,056,863	4%	\$354
Hope College	2/20/2025	3,251	30,112	2,262	\$1,031,074	8%	\$317
Denison University	4/2/2025	2,406	39,000	1,312	\$616,320	3%	\$256
Butler University	2/26/2025	4,248	50,000	2,561	\$614,793	5%	\$145
Ball State University	4/2/2025	16,602	190,000	6,718	\$1,244,830	4%	\$75

The Annual Fund also exceeded the goal of raising \$3.75 million and overall alumni participation goal of 40% for the **12th consecutive year**.

- Annual Fund Dollars Raised: \$3,983,888
- A new record for Annual Fund dollars
 - Exceeds our \$3.75 million goal by \$233,888
 - Bests last year's total by \$175,800
- Alumni Donors: 4,934
 - 47 more than our goal of 4,887
 - 25 more than last year
- Alumni Participation: 40.38%
 - 12 consecutive years of 40%+ alumni participation

Thanks to all who helped reach great success!!

In addition to those who donated on the Day of Giving, these classmates made a gift during the last fiscal year.

Nelson Bahler	Gerry Hoeltge	Linda Randak
Ed Bell	Jim Hover	Jack Robertson
Alan Boone	Wendy Kish	Jim Rushton
Marilyn Brown	Larry Landis	Jerry Schaefer
Jack Brumbaugh	Bob Larzelere	Mike Seifried
Dawn Carry	Bob Linnenberg	Roger Smith
Jim Clynch	Haines Lockhart	Bob Sonnemaker
Jeremy Coffman	Steve Loheide	John Sturman
Steve Coons	Mark Mader	Phil Trueblood
Paul Cunningham	John Marshall	Jack Webster
John Evans	John Moody	Joel Wesp
Steve Golliher	Bruce Newby	Alan Witte
Dwight Hamborsky	John Newport	Steve Wood
Dennis Henry	Bob Pinschmidt	Mike Zoracki

Classmate News

Hi Duane,

Priscilla and I completed our move to New Hampshire in late 2023. We're now located nearer to our sons (2) and their families, and we are reacclimating to the Northeast after 37 years in Virginia. In April, I changed to full retirement status, an action forestalled by continuing to work part-time for the previous five years. I always hoped to find myself associated, in some way, with other Wabash graduates in the course of my work and business endeavors. That never once happened for 52 years working in R&D for advanced technology and systems. I missed that experience and possibly I'm an outlier amongst classmates in that regard.

Best, **Mike Zoracki**

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From **Phil Coons**:

Here is the context of the picture: "I was on a site visit for the Global Health Initiative to the Will-Grundy Medical Clinic in Joliet, Illinois. Two of our GHI interns are there this summer. Stopped at the Old Joliet Prison while there and did Route 66 in Illinois."



Obituary of **Lahi Armand Luhahi**: It is with profound sadness that we share the passing of our beloved Dr. Professor Emeritus Lahi Armand Luhahi, born June 16, 1940, in Djundu, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) who passed away peacefully after a life richly lived in service and kindness on Monday, May 12, 2025 at home surrounded by loved ones.

Papa Armand, as he was affectionately known, was a shining light in the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him. His journey on this earth was one marked by love, compassion, and unwavering faith in God. His passing has left a big void in the hearts of his family, friends, and many more whose lives were touched by him.

Dr. Luhahi is survived by his loving wife, Yema (née Museu), whom he married on June 16, 1972, and his three children: Shutshe, Ndjeka and Akaki (Kividi). Dr. Luhahi is cherished by his grandchildren: Ayel, Aton, Asha, Joseph, and Layla. He is also survived by his sister, Mama Uhandju, and his younger brother, Ndjeka Paul. He is preceded in death by three siblings. He also leaves behind nieces and nephews who adored him dearly and a host of cousins who shared in his joyful spirit.

After his graduation from High School, Dr. Luhahi left his country, DRC-Congo and embarked on a lifelong journey in the United States of America to focus on his education. He obtained his B.S. of Mathematics from Wabash College in Indiana in 1967. In 1969, he obtained his M.S. in Mathematics from Ohio University. He returned to his native country and obtained his PhD in Mathematics from the University of Kinshasa in 1975. After holding various positions within the University of Kinshasa such as: Director of the Mathematics Department, Vice Dean and Dean of the Faculty of Sciences, Academic Advisor for the University of Kinshasa, and Director of the Mathematics department. He was called by his country to serve, three times, by three different Ministers of education to serve as an Academic Advisor to each of the Minister of Education. Within his time in Academia, he published many books and publications.

In 1993, Dr Luhahi found his purpose in missionary work. He was recruited by the United Methodist Church of America (UMCA) to assemble a team of educators to start, from the ground up, the University of Meru in Kenya. He became Vice Chancellor of the University until his retirement. His dedication to his faith and his desire to bring education to those in need epitomized his joyful and generous nature. Once retired from missionary work, Dr. Luhahi returned to Academia as a board member at Africa University to pave the way for the next generation of young African men and women leaders.

Those who knew Papa Armand will remember him for his infectious smile and overwhelming selflessness, his deep-rooted faith in God, and his unwavering commitment to spreading love and kindness to everyone he encountered. He had a rare gift for making others smile and laugh, leaving a lasting impact on all who crossed his path.

Deep Thoughts

To err is human; to blame it on someone else shows political potential.

LAZY is such an “ugly” word. I prefer the term “selective participation.”

Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes, that would be boring. Spend a minute in my head; that'll freak you out!

Ask your doctor if a drug with ten pages of contradictory side effects is right for you.

Enjoy them while their young refers to your hips and knees, as well as your children.

Practice safe eating; always use condiments.

Why did Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

What is the speed of dark??

C'mon, guys:

**Send us your news, pictures, and comments!
Inquiring minds want to know!**

Duane