



## Class Agents Letter

Class of 1981

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Fellow Little Giants,

It's hard to believe, but our countdown clock tells us we are just 4 months away from returning to Wabash for our **45th Reunion (June 5- 7) during the Big Bash weekend**. Somehow, the years since we walked out of Crawfordsville have moved both impossibly fast and impossibly slow.

So where do things stand as we get ready to come home?

We've begun reaching out to our living units to identify **Living Unit Leaders**, starting with classmates who have made past reunions part of their rhythm. Their willingness to step up—again—speaks volumes about the bonds we formed long ago. Expect to hear from one of your fraternity brothers or fellow independents in the next coming weeks.

Our goal is an ambitious one: to make this the **largest 45th Reunion class in Wabash history**, which means welcoming at least 51 classmates back to campus. Think about it—friends you haven't seen in decades, stories you haven't told in years, and places that still feel oddly familiar the moment you walk by.

Reunion weekend runs **Friday through Sunday**, but even if you can only come for part of it, there will be moments worth the trip. We may also schedule some informal gatherings in advance of the weekend. Favorite Big Bash weekend activities include the **Alumni Chapel Sing on Saturday**—which never fails to stir something—and the **Class Dinners Saturday evening**, where laughter, memories, and recognition blend together in the best way.

**Registration is now open**, so make plans to join us! You can see the schedule for the weekend and register at [wabash.edu/bigbash](http://wabash.edu/bigbash).

We'll share more progress next month on living unit outreach.

As always, no class agent letter would be complete without a few personal updates.

During last year's end-of-fiscal-year donor outreach, **Fred Kendall** sent an update from halfway around the world. Fred reports that he is “enjoying semi-retired life and working on becoming a professional sport fisherman,” living about **80 miles outside Tokyo on the Pacific coast**. He even entered his first fishing contest—and proudly came home with what he called the *booby prize*. (Photo proof included.)



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Fred's note prompted **Doug McKay** and **John Hilbrich** to share photos of their own fishing adventures. Doug's trout came from **northern Scotland**, accompanied by the caption, "*I guess Fred's is bigger than mine...*"



John's fish came from **Wollaston Lake in far-north Saskatchewan**, a northern pike so large that, according to John, "*the damned guide wouldn't let me hold it.*" Some things never change—good stories among them.





While we know that many of you are still working full-time, we also know many of us have reduced our time working and may even be fully retired. **What keeps you engaged these days?**

We promise more reunion news next month. Until then, take a moment to picture yourself back on campus—walking familiar paths, seeing familiar faces, and remembering how much of who we became started right there.

Hope to see you in Crawfordsville this summer.

WAF,

Peter Wright and Mike Robak