

# WABASH CLASS OF 2005

June 2017 | Summer Newsletter

## CALENDAR

Below are dates you're going to want to write down.

### July

**07/9-15 OLAB** Opportunities to Learn About Business

**07/14** IAWM Night at Victory Field

**07/20 @ 12:30 PM: Plum Creek Golf Club, Carmel**

IAWM Mitchum Crock Golf Outing

**07/28** Wabash Club of Chicago Golf Outing

### August

**08/03** 2nd Annual Big Cookie Open

**08/17** Evansville, IN Golf Outing

**08/19** Freshman Saturday



Gentlemen,

It's officially summer and time for us to review our class' contributions to the College this past fiscal year before the new fiscal year begins next month. The following pages will highlight our class' achievements along with the usual campus and class member updates.

Additionally, this fall I am planning to be on campus again for Homecoming and I am thinking about organizing a class lunch or dinner during that weekend if any of you are interested. Feel free to reach out if you plan to be on campus or would like to attend.

Wabash Always Fights!

Jason Cantu & Mike Ruffing



## September

**09/21-23** Homecoming Weekend

**09/28-30** Glee Club's 125th Anniversary Reunion

## October

**10/21-22** W.A.B.A.S.H. DAY 2017

## November

**11/11** Monon Bell Game



# Campus Updates

## *Wabash 11th nationally in ROI*

In April, a Time magazine article ranked Wabash 11th nationally in the return on investment for graduates with a B.A. in humanities.

Over a 20-year period following graduation, Wabash graduates who receive financial aid earn nearly \$600,000 more than those without a degree, according to data provided by payscale.com. That return hovers above \$500,000 after factoring in the cost of attendance.

That figure places Wabash in the company of elite institutions nationwide, including five Ivy League schools, Duke, and the University of California, Berkeley.

Wabash's ROI performance outdistances humanities majors in general, earning an average of \$19,100 more per year over that 20-year period for graduates of 245 colleges in the PayScale study.

## *Administration to roll out four year on-campus policy*

Last year, Wabash implemented a policy for the 2016-17 academic year requiring students who are not seniors to live in on-campus housing. However, there are plans to modify the housing policy requiring all students (including seniors) to live on campus. The new plan is expected to take effect in two years. The plan is a response to a decrease in enrollment since Williams and Rogge Halls opened last fall semester.

When construction of the new dormitories began in the fall of 2014, there were expectations that the innovations in residential living would attract more prospective students and result in a larger student body living in the new dorms. While Wabash thought it made sense to modernize its residential halls to attract more students, enrollment numbers have actually dropped, leaving numerous dorms empty.

In the fall of 2015, enrollment at Wabash was at 868 students; now it is just barely over 800 students. While student enrollment was on the rise up to the installation of new dormitories and the

renovation of Martindale, there are no sure answers as to why the student body has been decreasing the past few years. The new policy requiring all students to live on campus will assist in ensuring the \$23 million investment in campus housing is not wasted.



### *Campus “Refresh”*

During the summer, several capital projects will be undertaken. Trippet Hall will be made more accessible to persons with disabilities and the College is working with the city of Crawfordsville on new “gateway” designs for the intersection of Wabash and Grant (the College now owns all four corners there) and the Wabash Avenue entrance to the mall.

### *Delta Tau Delta will reoccupy their chapter house this fall*

After working with Delta Tau Delta International Fraternity, a chapter is back on the Wabash campus and will be back in their house this fall. Beta Psi Chapter existed at Wabash from 1872-1879 and continuously from 1894 to 2008. There are more than 200 Beta Psi alumni living within an hour of the Wabash campus, including members of the Wabash faculty and staff, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Directors of the National Association of Wabash Men.





# Class Updates

## *Steven Andrews*

Steven is currently serving as the pastor of Parkville Presbyterian Church in the northern suburbs of Kansas City, MO, and finding it to be the most difficult, joyful, challenging, frustrating, and wonderful thing he's done besides being a husband and father. His wife, Kari Pellegrino, is a chaplain at St. Luke's North and Truman Medical Center in Kansas City. Their son, future Wabash Man Malcolm Alexander Andrews, is two years old and almost two months. He loves trains, slides that are way too big for him, and singing "Jingle Bells," still, months after Christmas is over.



## *Shay Atkinson*

Shay lives with his wife, Erin, and three children - Persephone (6), Athena (5), and Rennon (2) in Pendleton, Indiana. Erin works at Pendleton Heights Middle School as a 7th Grade social studies teacher. The girls are playing softball and his son loves football.

Shay has worked for the past two years at Paramount School of Excellence, a charter school on the near east side of Indianapolis, as a Visual Art teacher. Each year, he leads their 8th grade class to plan, design, and implement a public work of art. Last year's TURN project was a complete success with the help of Doug Calisch and his artistic talents. This year's SOAR project was completed in May and constructed at Pogues Run Art and Nature Park.

Shay remains active in the arts, drawing, painting, photographing, and creating new instruments and gadgets by circuit bending and modifying children's toys and performing a hybrid of music, noise, and improvised sound art. Shay performs under the moniker #3TEEF and has self produced a CD of original music.

*Beau Browning*

Beau's company, CoreVision Financial Group, was honored to have received the Chamber of Commerce Award for Small Business of the Year in Shelby County. He accepted the award on March 2. Here is a link to his company's Promotional Video: <http://www.corevisionfg.com/about-corevision-financial-group> (Scroll down just a little).

*Jason Cantu*

Since earning a Master of Architecture in 2009 from the University of Houston and a Master of Science in Historic Preservation in 2012 from the University of Pennsylvania, Jason has worked as an architect and building science consultant in Houston for multiple architecture and engineering firms. However, last month he moved to Mississippi's gulf coast to live with his boyfriend, Jacob, and to accept a position as the campus architect for The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) on its Gulf Park Campus in Long Beach, MS. Jacob is also employed by USM and was recently promoted to tenured Associate Professor in its College of Business. On their spare time they enjoy drinking beers while sitting on the banks of the Biloxi River, Jeeping in their Wranglers, grilling, and cheering for Jacob's two daughters at their little league softball games. Although Jason is licensed to practice architecture in Texas, he will be licensed in Mississippi by the end of the summer/before classes resume on campus in the fall.

*Andrew Carwile*

Andrew Carwile recently earned his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from American College of Education. He and his wife Erin live and work in Cherokee County, Georgia for Cherokee County School District. They welcomed their first child, Ethan Matthew, into the world on November 17, 2014.

*Zach Eichel*

Zach and his wife are expecting their second child, a daughter, next month.

*Justin Grimmer*

For the past 7 years Justin worked at Stanford University - first as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science and currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and (by courtesy) the Department of Computer Science. This summer Justin is moving to the University of Chicago where he'll be an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science. Justin's wife, Terese, and three children - Izzy (9), Eli (7), and Holden (5) are thrilled to be living in Chicago (on the North side in Roscoe Village) and they'd love to reconnect with folks in the area.

## Giving Back

The College's fourth Day of Giving on 4.19 broke all previous records. Wabash received 4,250 gifts from 3,325 unique donors and more than \$875,000 was raised, including generous challenge gifts from lead donors. The top ten donating classes were 2016, 2015, 2004, 1989, 2012, 2011, **2005**, 1991, 2014, and 2008. 9 of the top 15 alumni classes with the most donors came from the last ten classes.

While our class was ranked among the top donating classes, we did not have as many classmates participate in this year's Day of Giving as we did last year. In 2016 we had 75 men step up to the plate while only **64** men made a donation this year. Although 64 donors is a good amount, we were hoping to break 80 donors.

Regarding the Annual Fund, Wabash still needs 233 new alumni donors and another \$700,000 by June 30 to reach its goals. Our class needs 17 more donors to reach its donor goal.

Thank you to the following men who have made a donation to the College during the current fiscal year:

*Terry Archambeault, Corey Asay, Nate Bell, Eric Bright, Beau Browning - 1832, Jon Button, Jason Cantu, Andy Cartwright, Kevin Casey, Brandon Clifton, Brendan Clougherty, John Collier, Parker Collins, Daniel Creasap, Jefferson Crew - 1832, Mark Cross, Mark Dietzen, Nathan Dinger, John Dustman, Zach Eichel, Michael Einterz, Jr., Eric Engledow, Colin Fahey, Greg Fulmer, Segy Garcia, Jon Gard, Brandon Garrett, Sean Gerold, Darin Graber, JJ Guthrie-Alpert, Chris Healy - 1832, Bill Hecker, Draik Hecksel, Justin Jannuzzi, Paul Jansen, Jay Kirby, Robert Lombard, Bobby Love, Abraham Lucas, A.J. Lyman, Drew McCoy, Andrew McGlothlen, Brock Medsker, John Meyer, Adam Miller, Josh Mills, Joe Motuliak, Josh Petruniw, David Pryzbylski, John Rentsch, Daniel Rodriguez, Michael Ruffing, Jacob Rump, Parker Sawyers, Greg Schrage, Jonathan Schwarz, Colin Smith, Nathan Storey, Zach Sundstrom, Matt Tanney, Jeremy West, Brad Williams, Nick Williams, & Kris Yoder-Eastes*

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