

THE PARENTS POST

A Newsletter for Wabash College Parents



October/November 2009

Welcome to all of the Wabash College parents that are new to the mailing list of the Post!

2009-2010 Academic Calendar

Fall Semester

November 21-29	Thanksgiving Recess
November 30	Classes Resume
December 14-19	Final Exams
December 20-Jan 10	Christmas Recess

Future Dates

Homecoming

September 25, 2010

Commencement

May 16, 2010

May 15, 2011

May 13, 2012

For those of you that like to plan ahead, here's the link to the complete **4-Year Academic Calendar** <http://www.wabash.edu/academics/docs/4yrcalendar.pdf> as well as the link to view the **Parents Handbook** www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/ParentsHandbook09.pdf in case you need more information about Wabash go to the alumni and parents webpage <http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/parents>.

When planning a visit to Crawfordsville visit the Montgomery County Visitors and Convention Bureau website at <http://www.crawfordsville.org/>

Campus News and Events

What's Happening on Campus? Visit the College Calendar: <http://www.wabash.edu/calendar/> and/or <http://www.wabash.edu/calendar/announcements.cfm>

Student News

Wabash Women Study Bags – For \$10.00 you can surprise a Little Giant with a Study Care Bag filled with goodies, along with your encouraging words of support as he prepares for final exams. The order form and information is below. You need to complete the form and **return before November 20th**.

To get all of the current student news and updates visit the student webpage at <http://www.wabash.edu/students/>

Did you know that Wabash College is on You Tube? If you would like to take a look go to <http://www.youtube.com/WabashCollege#p/p>

From College Archives

As the Wabash College Archivist, I am accustomed to interesting questions. During Fine Arts Weekend a few years ago while lunching with prospective students, one of these young men asked why the College is named Wabash. A bright young fellow, he rightly noted that we are not on the Wabash River, nor are we located in the town of Wabash, Indiana. So why is Wabash College in Crawfordsville?

In the early 1830's back East there was a missionary movement aimed at what was then "the western country" and included Indiana. Among these missionaries were many Presbyterians. The American Home Missionary Society sent a number of bright young missionaries to this western land where they saw an incredible rush of settlement and a noted lack of education among the settlers. It was clear to these men that there was a great need for preachers and teachers.

It was thought that for this area to rise to its highest usefulness there would need to be widespread education and religious training requiring great numbers of teachers and preachers. The vision was that locally educated men would stay and tend to the ever growing educational and spiritual needs of this area. The reality was that missionaries could not provide enough religion and education to serve the thousands of people flowing into this area. To supply the needs of the country, men from the area needed education locally. From this need flowed a determination to found a college in the "Wabash Country" the name was affixed to the parts of Indiana that were drained by the Wabash River.

Now we come back to the initial question, "Why is Wabash College in Crawfordsville?" As with so many things, the answer is that the new institution was located in Crawfordsville simply because of a donation of a plot of land. Williamson Dunn, a staunch Presbyterian and former official of the local land office gave the founders 15 acres of land just north of the current campus. Dunn had a passion for educational institutions as he also donated land for Hanover and for the Indiana Academy, later known as IU. There is still an area on the Bloomington campus known as Dunn's Woods.

This young man asked a good question and I was tickled to be able to answer it. If you have questions about the traditions of Wabash College, feel free to send them via e-mail to swiftb@wabash.edu. Also, I blog about the college's history at http://www2.wabash.edu/blog/dear_old_wabash/ which can also be found on the More Blogs section of the Wabash.edu home page.

Beth Swift
Archivist



Admissions

Fall Visit Day Schedule: We're hosting another class visit day on December 4. Students can register online at www.wabash.edu/admissions

Top Ten Scholarship Visit Day (Nov. 6): The largest visit day each fall is the Top Ten Scholarship Visit Day and for good reason. Participants are eligible to receive a merit scholarship worth at least \$15,000 per year. Any student in the top 10% of his class is eligible as long as he visits and applies for admission by December 1. If you know of a talented student in the top 10% of his class, tell him to look into this program. More details can be found at www.wabash.edu/admissions/visit/topten.

Admissions Fall Travel: The admissions staff is on the road visiting high schools across the country. To see where we're visiting this fall, check out our fall travel schedule at

www.wabash.edu/admissions/visit/schedule. This page shows where we'll be over the next two weeks. Full schedules for individual counselors can be found at www.wabash.edu/admissions/visit/counselor.

Referral Reminder

If you find young men who are Wabash material, refer them to the Admissions Office. You can refer a student online at www.wabash.edu/alumni/student/refer.

The Wabash College Annual Fund

A special welcome to parents of freshmen and other students!

Each year hundreds of current parents support Wabash students by making a gift to the Annual Fund. Annual Fund gifts play an important part in supporting the College's mission to educate men to think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively, and live humanely. Annual Fund gifts help provide current Wabash students with innovative teaching and learning experiences, life-changing international immersion learning programs, and first-rate career placement and graduate school preparation opportunities.

Economic times are tight for many families right now. Yet the need for alumni, parents, and friends to support Wabash students and their experiences has never been as great.

We hope you will consider making an Annual Fund gift of any amount online at www.wabash.edu/egift or by phone at 877-743-4545.

The 2009-2010 fiscal year runs from July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010.

Double or Triple the Value of your Annual Contribution

You might be able to double or triple the value of your gift to Wabash if you or your spouse work for a company with a matching gift program. Use the online searchable database (www.wabash.edu/alumni/matching) to learn about companies with matching gift programs.

Indiana Wabash License Plates

Parents and current students with vehicles registered in the State of Indiana are eligible to participate in the Indiana Wabash College license plate program. Please visit www.wabash.edu/alumni/plates for more information.

Please contact me (Michele Tatar) at tatarm@wabash.edu or **765-361-6369** with questions or comments.

If you want to be removed from our e-mail list, please reply to parents@wabash.edu, type "unsubscribe" and your full name in the subject line.

WABASH WOMEN

October, 2009

Dear Parents, Family, and Special Friends of Wabash Students:

Wabash students are hard at work completing projects and writing papers, and final exams loom just weeks away. The Wabash Women organization is once again offering you an opportunity to let your son or your favorite Wabash friend know that you are thinking of him.

For \$10.00 you can surprise a Little Giant with a Study Care Bag filled with goodies, along with your encouraging words of support as he prepares for final exams. The bags will be delivered to the living units on Friday afternoon, December 11, 2009, and will then be distributed by the RA or members of the fraternity. Each Study Care Bag contains snack items such as chips, crackers, cookies, candy, a packaged drink, and other goodies, as well as your message (on the form below or in a note of your own).

Last August, Wabash Women donated \$2,000 to a fund administered by the Dean of Students for Wabash students' personal needs and emergencies, \$250 each to the Prudence Kimball Phillips Scholarship Fund, the Building a Healthy Future-Skatepark Fund and the Family Crisis Shelter; \$125 each to the Well Baby Clinic and the Sunshine Van program. With the monies from the Study Care Bag Project we hope to continue to help as we have in the past.

Please send: (1) your check/money order for \$10.00 made *payable to Wabash College*; (2) the form below, filled out with your message; and then mail *your check and completed form* **BEFORE November 20, 2009** to:

Study Care Bag Project
Attn: Sherry Ross
Wabash College
P.O. Box 352
Crawfordsville, IN 47933-0352

Thank you,
Wabash Women Student Study Bag Project Committee
765-361-6310 phone



PLEASE RETURN THIS BOTTOM SECTION *with your check*

(Print student's full name)

(Print Residence Hall and room number, OR Fraternity name, OR apt. address)

MESSAGE FROM _____:
