



Class Agents Letter

Class of 1967

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Dear Classmates,

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Day of Giving

The 2024 Day of Giving was an extraordinary celebration of Wabash. With the outpouring of generous support, the gifts made to the College on the Day generated final numbers.

\$1,719,176 raised in support of Wabash and our students, which is a **new record** and the seventh consecutive year to raise more than \$1 million in a single day

- **\$2,035 raised per student**, far higher than our conference, our consortium, and most peer institutions
- \$727,000 unlocked in lead and surprise challenge support from 48 individuals, couples, and groups
- 3,646 unique donors made a **record-setting 8,039 gifts**
- 12,386 Celebrations
- 477 donors have given on all 11 Wabash Days of Giving
- 55 Affinity and 30 Class Challenges launched by 373 challengers pledging \$371,894
- 434 first-time donors to the College
- 571 current students made gifts on the Day



Many thanks to all of you from '67 who contributed on the Day of Giving:

David Bloomer	Ron Brown	Linda Claffey	Edward Cook
Coons Philip	Edward Culver	David Decker	Clark Dickerson
William Fye	Dennis Harrell	Rick Helm	Dennis Henry
Duane Hile	Earl Houck	Mike Irons	Larry Landis
John Lawson	Peer Lykke	John Marshall	John May
David Montieth	Bob Myers	John Newport	Phil Pearson
Alan Pyle	Paul Robinson	Fred Siegel	Gene Snipes
Janes Stahler	Jack Webster	Tom Werner	Alan Witte

If you missed making a contribution on the Day of Giving or haven't done so this year, there is still time to contribute before June 30, 2024. Wabash is still looking for 400 or more contributors to make a gift by June 30 and **get us to 40% alumni participation for the 11th year in a row.** This is a national benchmark of very engaged alumni.

In case you didn't know, you can satisfy your RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) requirements from IRA taxable accounts by having the amount of a contribution go directly to Wabash. This IRA Charitable gift, specified as a Qualified Charitable Distribution, is not taxable, but does count toward your RMD requirements. So, it provides income tax relief even if one doesn't itemize deductions. You can find more information at: wabash.edu/giving/waystogive.

Classmate Comments

From **John May**:

Mike Harvey - what a damn fine gentleman, classmate and teammate. Away football games, Mike and I would share not only a seat but were roomies to boot. Imagine if you would, both of us dressed in coats and ties, seating behind Dean Moore at the front of the Cardinal metro liner - a Greyhound with no frills-with Dean Moore as was his wont and indicative of those times, enjoying one of his evil, crooked cigarillos. Despite the cloud, Mike and I continued this arrangement for three years. Superstition or whatever, those were our seats. Mike, like most of us, was undersized and outweighed on the field during most games. But, he was a fierce blocker and made me look better than I deserved as a receiver of my passing attempts. With his close cropped hair and wiry

physique, Mike was always competitive in the pole vault and boisterous, encouraging anyone in a red jersey - running, jumping or others engaged that ongoing game of Hearts in the infield. Mike was smart and gregarious and I have no doubt that as a vet he was open and forthright.

Perhaps as we age, that need to reconnect with classmates will be spurred, and a telephone call or an email will result. As a class, we have been and remain rather taciturn. Earl and Duane have always been willing and eager to pass on comments, quips and general personal information. Obituaries are a last statement - pun intended - but wouldn't we all rather hear about the here and now ?

PS: To this day, the aroma of a cigarillo will create an image of Dean Moore - in profile - looking like U S Grant!

From **Rick Helm:**

Friends,

I had a scan last week to check progress of my "Plan C" medication. I met today with my nurse practitioner. It is good news and good prospects. The drug, directed at a particular cell mutation in my cancer, has reduced each of the three major tumors by approximately 1/3, and with an expectation that it will continue to do so. The dose is being upped from 8 to 9 mg daily (the max) as I am tolerating it well. Next scan in 3 months. And reason for optimism.

Regards, Rick

From **Duane Hile:** Our oldest granddaughter, who lives in CO and plays lacrosse for her high school perennial championships finalist team (as well as several Eastern travelling teams), has been recruited by Denison for the class of 2025. She was recruited by a number of Eastern schools and we are very excited to have her close enough for personal visits, including her games in OH and Western PA. Maybe as close to attending Wabash as possible for a coed!

Stephenson Institute

May 28, 2024

Ribbon Cutting



Ribbon cutting participants (left to right) Jay Allen, Scott Feller, Chris Stephenson, Luke Stephenson, Stacie Stephenson, Richard Stephenson, Dan D’Amico, Dylan Keller, and Jennifer Stephenson Keller.

Surrounded by trustees and special guests, Richard J Stephenson ’62, his wife, Dr. Stacie J. Stephenson, and members of the Stephenson family officially dedicated the Stephenson Institute for Classical Liberalism at Wabash College. The Institute was founded by Richard J. Stephenson, a philanthropist and entrepreneur who is committed to a free society.

“As we officially dedicate this home for the Stephenson Institute for Classical Liberalism, we extend our sincere appreciation to the Stephenson family, with a special nod to our loyal son, Dick Stephenson,” said President Feller at the ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 10. “Your visionary leadership and unparalleled generosity have paved the way for a brighter future for Wabash.”

Established in 2021, the Stephenson Institute for Classical Liberalism is a non-partisan, student-focused resource center. It provides teaching, learning, and research opportunities for motivated students and faculty at the College and beyond who share an interest in the operations and implications of a free society.

“Thank you everyone for being here to commemorate this momentous occasion,” said Stephenson. “We especially want to thank those here at Wabash who have helped to make my dream of many decades – this Institute – a reality.” Stephenson also thanked his son and fellow Wabash graduate, Dr. Christopher Stephenson ’87, who is a major donor to the College and the Stephenson Institute.

Drawing on the experience of legendary Wabash Trustee Pierre Goodrich and Economics Professor Benjamin Rogge, the Stephenson Institute celebrates Wabash’s tradition of exploring ideas over ideology.

“Classical Liberalism is an intellectual tradition that seeks to recognize and understand the important role of individual liberty in human history and human civilization,” said Stephenson Institute Director Dan D’Amico. “Classical liberalism is the study of freedom. Hence, every academic discipline is welcome and encouraged to participate in this pursuit.” D’Amico began his work at Wabash in July 2022 bringing thought- and conversation-provoking programs, scholars, and guest speakers to campus.

“Dr. D’Amico is already building an international reputation for the Institute through its student programs and research output,” Stephenson said. “Under Dan’s leadership, the Stephenson Institute for Classical Liberalism is providing Wabash men with the rich, stimulating intellectual adventure I had the privilege of experiencing as a Wabash student. Like me, they will discover that the timeless principles of classical liberalism will help them become the best versions of themselves – and the world will be better for it.”

Guests at the ribbon-cutting ceremony also had the opportunity to tour the Institute’s home on Grant Avenue and appreciate the fine furnishings generously donated by trustee Peter ’68 and Carol Kennedy and his daughter, Sarah Dolce Kennedy, from their Chaddock Design house. Guests were able to meet representatives from The Remnant Trust who displayed original and historic printings of some of the most foundational pieces of literature from across the long history of classical liberalism.

Various Subjects

Wabash Endowment:

Jay Allen, Wabash BoT Chairman, reported that the College's endowment grew by 8% this year. He noted that Wabash remains committed to using only 5.5% of its endowment for operating expenses, a strategy that is "allowing the endowment to grow in current markets". The 5.5% rate is "below the national median". Moreover "some close GLCA peers" are drawing at unsustainable rates of 6.9% to 7.9%.

NCAC:

The Wabash; Trustees are aware that the NCAC is looking for a replacement for Hiram. No mention or hint that Wabash could be exploring options for the future of athletic affiliation. Given the continuing financial struggles of several D3 Midwest institutions, including some in the NCAC, multiple conference shuffles are likely

NCAC Football 2024 (from a d3football post):

All schedules are in for the NCAC. Out-Of-Conference games for the teams, with some additional information ---

Denison: Linfield (8-1 in 2023)

Alma (12-1) Playoff team. Combined 2023 records of OOC teams: 20-2.

DePauw: Rose-Hulman (7-3)

Berry (9-1) Combined 2023 records: 16-4.

Hiram: Heidelberg (6-4)

Mt St Joseph (9-2) Playoff team. Combined 2023 records: 15-6.

Kenyon: Bluffton (4-6)

Kalamazoo (5-5) Combined 2023 records: 9-11.

Oberlin: Calvin (first-year program in 2024)

Anderson (0-10)

OWU: Otterbein (0-10)

Franklin (4-6) Combined 2023 records: 4-16.

Wabash: St Norbert (7-4)

UW Platteville (7-4) Combined 2023 records: 14-8.

Witt: Baldwin-Wallace (6-4)

Howard Payne (6-4) Combined 2023 records: 12-8

Wooster: Wilmington (3-7)

Olivet (4-6) Combined 2023 records: 7-13.

The NCAC OOC schedule includes teams from the Northwest Conference, Michigan Conference, Southern Athletic Association, Ohio Conference, Heartland Conference, Northern Athletic Conference, Wisconsin Conference, American Southwest Conference.

The schedule looks formidable, particularly for teams that historically have been at or near the top of the NCAC. A reminder: Jon Carroll enters the NCAC in fall of 2025.

Thoughts on Aging:

It's not my age that bothers me - it's the side effects.

As I've gotten older, people think I've become lazy; the truth is I'm just being more energy-efficient.

Hard to believe I once had a phone attached to a wall, and when it rang, I picked it up without knowing who was calling.

Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.

Getting old is when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.

My age is increasing, but my inner child is forever young. And it frequently reminds me of great memories.

C'mon guys, send us your news!

Duane