

Class of 1968

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Dear Friends in the Class of 1968,

This letter is mostly about Wabash. I went back to C'ville for the Class Agent Forum on 10 September, and I enjoyed watching the North Central game. The campus is beautiful and well-manicured. And things are reported good and joyful at Wabash. Read on...

9-4-22 Van and Mary Butler

"Thank you, my peeps, for all the birthday greetings from near and far. I enjoyed hearing from you! ♥
Crazy to be so old!"



Stuff we already knew...

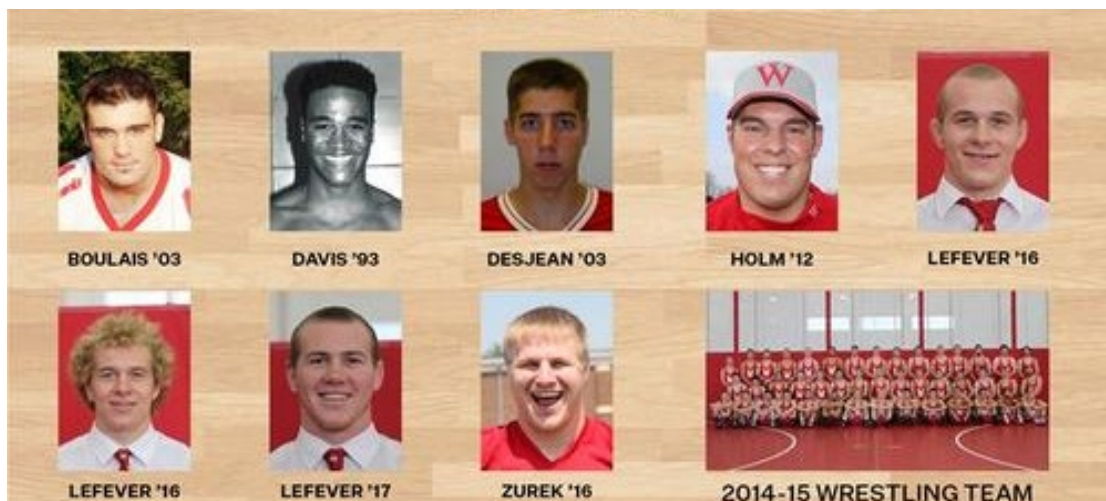
Wabash Named a Top Liberal Arts College

Wabash College is ranked ninth on a Degree Choices list of national liberal arts colleges based on an analysis of the economic benefits students receive from attending college.

The ranking is based on how quickly students recoup their investment and the long-term earnings compared with other college graduates.

“This new ranking, developed by Degree Choices and reported in Forbes Online, should be helpful to prospective students and their families, particularly those looking for a liberal arts education that pays out value over the long term,” said Wabash President Scott Feller. “We like to say that Wabash is a college that provides elite outcomes without elitism, and this new ranking illustrates the powerful return on investment Wabash graduates receive in the short term and over the arc of their lives.”

2022 Wabash College Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees



Wabash Tabbed in Princeton Review's Best 388 Colleges List Inclusion in The Princeton Review's Best 388 Colleges indicates that Wabash ranks among the top-15 percent of more than 2,500 U.S.-based four-year colleges. Refer a high school student. Help recruit the next class of Wabash men.

If you didn't watch this on your computer/phone/etc, you missed a wild one!

The Hampton-Sydney Game. Wabash put together a nine-play, 63-yard drive, culminating in a 15-yard rushing touchdown from with :46 remaining in the ballgame to give Wabash College a 52-48 win over Hampden-Sydney on Saturday afternoon at Little Giant Stadium.



Jim Dashiell 8-26-22



Kelli Kornas is with Wayne Kornas
 09-03-2022 Fourteen years ago today, I saw a picture of this sweet boy, waiting on the other side of the world. I could finally exhale after months of uncertainty.



Kappa Sigma Needs You!

Kappa Sigma is in need of an alumnus advisor and advisory team. If interested or if you know of someone to recommend, contact Associate Dean of Students Marc Welch at welchm@wabash.edu or 765-361-6480.

Thompson Earns NCAC Offensive Football Athlete of the Week Honors

Liam Thompson earned the first North Coast Athletic Conference Offensive Football Player of the Week Award for his efforts in Saturday's 52-48 Wabash victory over Hampden-Sydney.

Thompson amassed 494 yards of total offense, the second-highest total in Wabash football history. The junior quarterback threw for a career-high 392 yards and matched his career-best effort with four touchdown throws. Thompson also rushed 102 yards and two touchdowns in the win.



Liam Thompson led Wabash's passing attack with a career-high 380 yards through the air, tossing four touchdowns without throwing an interception. The signal caller also

added 102 yards and two touchdowns on the ground. Thompson turned in the third-highest overall offensive performance of the week among NCAA Division III teams with his 494 yards of total offense. He ranked ninth in passing yards for the week and eighth in passing touchdowns.



Happy Birthday, **Dan Vannatter!** 09152022

Photos from my trip to Wabash



Sugar Creek--my old Rubicon, where the fun ended and the battle began after trips home to the Region--was low—but I'm not sure the gang does a lot of canoeing these days. The guy wading waved at me. Probably a Wabash guy.

The back of the new stadium. They like the W dot.



The new entrance, complete with begonias. I kinda liked the old sign.



The bench on Friday.



The bench on Saturday.





Saturday began with a meeting with the boss, Wabash President Scott Feller. He noted that the word of the day is “Joy.” The fundraising efforts—as of March—have exceeded the \$225 million goal of the Giant Steps Program, which runs until June of 2023. The new class has 265 students, second largest in a decade, including 25 international students + 4 awaiting visas. Sixty-six percent came from Indiana, 20 students from Chicago, 20 from Texas. Thirteen were re-enrolled after dropping out for Covid. **\$3.9 million was donated to the Annual Fund, and the 40% of Alumni contributors made it by ONE alumnus.** That fact alone resulted in high ratings from US News and World Report, who noted that that the ‘Bash is “taking a chance on young men of promise.” (They made no comment about the class of 1968.) **Thank-you guys who gave. It made the difference.** The endowment stands at \$363 million. Graduation rate is: 83%--8% higher than predicted. Forbes noted that Wabash ranked #9 on return on investment. 58% joined fraternities, who have a 10% better graduation rate than independents. Wabash is working on a Campus Center Design—a “living room” for the campus where food is available until late. (Whatever happened to the Snazzy Pig?) So things are good at Wabash.

And then the football team played the number 2 team in Division3.



QB Liam Thompson did his best but the defense couldn't stop North Central.

↔ Most of you recognize Tom Runge, who never misses a game. He was my bud in the Air Force, and flew the F-111.

Wabash started 4 freshmen on defense. I hope they figure things out by the DPU game.



Let's call this a wrap. Again, thanks for all the donations to Wabash, enabling the 40% alumni contribution tally. Let's keep that up. As someone said on Saturday, "Everything at Wabash rests upon the shoulders of philanthropy." Please send any news you have. When I went back to Crawfordsville, I was impressed. Wabash is in good hands.

WAF,

Jim Roper '68