



Class Agents Letter

Class of 1969

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Gentlemen of Class of 69,

After too long a delay I am finally writing a class letter, with my last letter written in September 2021. Far too long! My apologies. Time has gone by all too quickly. The fall semester is now completed with, last finals today, and students departing for home and the holidays. We hope they all return for the spring semester. The fall semester had a total enrollment of 835, up from 806 in the spring semester.

The new freshman Class of 2026 has 265 students, second largest in a decade, including 25 international students plus 4 awaiting visas. Sixty-six percent came from Indiana, 20 students from Chicago, 20 from Texas, and 13 re-enrolled after dropping out for Covid. This year's freshmen came from 22 states and 11 countries, and have a GPA of 3.86. The freshman class has 54 legacies, five valedictorians, and 10 Eagle Scouts. We wish the 265 men of the Class of 2026 the best over the next four years in their pursuit of a fine liberal arts education.

The four years will be a real challenge for these gentlemen. As President Feller said to the incoming freshmen "you will develop the capacities of resilience, care, and collaboration that will prepare you to be the leaders our world so desperately needs." Kip Chase '03, president of the National Association of Wabash Men, told the new students "Wabash is a place that will help students become good men, and it will do so by pushing limits and challenging students academically, physically, emotionally and spiritually". Wabash is not easy, but we are sure these fine young men will rise to the challenge and succeed. Your continued support to Wabash College helps significantly!

Dean Moore Scholarship This fall the Scholarship Committee awarded our Dean Moore endowment distribution of \$34,450 to four students for tuition assistance, all from Indiana. With additional funds from the DM spendable account the total amount awarded to the four students is close to \$40,000.

Thomas Fischer '23	Sigma Chi	Indianapolis, IN
Avery Beaver '24	Rogge Hall	West Lafayette, IN
Andrew Sinkovics '25	Martindale Hall	Bremen, IN
Austin Dalton '26	College Hall	Pimento, IN



It is worth noting, as of 30 June 2022, the market value of our DM fund, which produces our yearly distribution, was \$772,600, down 2.5% from the June 2021 market value. The market value goes up and down. The historic value (amount donated), was \$737,080 in June 2022, up 8.4% from the historic value June 2021. The historic value does not go down. This is the result of your generous donations to our Dean Moore fund and the Annual Fund over the last year. Keep up the good work!

In the fall of 2021 the Scholarship Committee awarded our DM scholarship to six students in the amount over \$57K. This included funds from the endowment and the DM spendable account. Details on the 2021 recipients will follow in a separate letter.

On a sadder note I need to inform you of the passing of three of our classmates.

Robert D. Shearer '69 Delta Tau Delta passed away April 16, 2021.

Jerry D. Fanger '69 Independent passed away June 13, 2022 in Fort Wayne, IN

Jack Brown '69 Independent passed away June 24, 2022 in Harwich, MA

Jack played a key role in our 50th Reunion and for our Dean Moore Scholarship. **Some Little Giant!** Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

Giving: 2022 has been a good year for the generous philanthropy of the Class of 69. You have continued a long standing tradition of our Class to give to Wabash College. Your gifts contribute substantially to the College's continuing education of remarkable young men.

The 4.19 Day of Giving this year was a great success, breaking last year's 4.08 Day of Giving record. Your contributions to our Dean Moore challenge on 4.19 exceeded \$30K, thanks to those who gave to our matching gift pledge pool. We had 68 unique donors to our DM fund on 4.19. Really remarkable!

I wish to extend a very special thanks to all of you who made gifts to Wabash College this past year and who gave on the 4.19 Day of Giving. We greatly appreciate all who have given and continue to give to the College and to our Dean Moore Scholarship Fund.

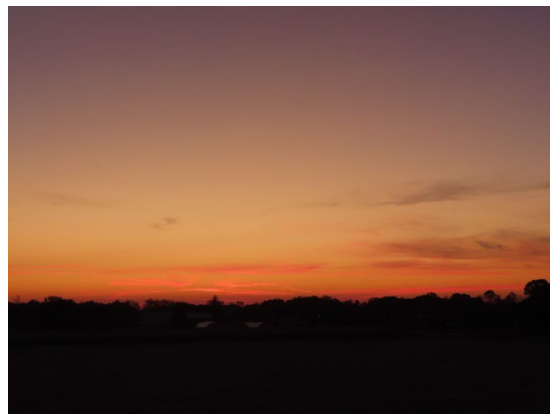
The fundraising efforts for the Giant Steps Program, as of March 2022, exceeded the \$225 million goal which runs to June 2023. As President Scott Feller expressed this fall the word of the day is "Joy".

Sports Although the football team suffered a loss in the Monon Bell game, they completed a respectable 7 and 3 record. Three players were named to D3football.com All-Region 4 Team and quarterback Liam Thompson was named the NCAC Offensive Player of the Year for a second year in a row. The team will have 18 starters returning for the 2023 season. Thompson's performance in the opening Hampden-Sydney was nothing short of remarkable. With 0:46 remaining in the ballgame Wabash put together a nine-play, 63-yard drive, culminating in a 15-yard rushing touchdown to give Wabash College a 52-48 win over Hampden-Sydney on

Saturday afternoon at Little Giant Stadium. 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 rushed for 102 yards and two touchdowns in the win. **Some Little Giant!**

Wabash basketball was ranked #25 nationally on D3Hoops first Top 25 of the regular season back on November 29th based on their performance in the pre-season against some highly rated teams. They are now 7 and 3. Conference games begin in January. They are a very young, talented team and exciting to watch. The wrestling team is doing well in team and individual competition. They are now 2 and 0. On 5 November at the Adrian College Invitational they placed first out of 15 teams. **Go Wabash!!!**

After a warm August and September and a lot of sun, the falls colors were brilliant this year, which on campus added exceptional colors ... “as the day was done and the western sun was painting in flashing glory, across the skies with gorgeous dyes the color we love so well”. Here are just a few pictures of the gorgeous dyes. After the first frost on 17 October we had a lovely Indian summer which extended into mid- November. It was a lovely fall on campus.





As we near the end of the calendar year if you have not yet given to Wabash, I encourage you to consider a gift to the College, by 31 December, to take advantage of the 2022 tax deduction. As always you may give at wabash.edu/give, call 877-743-4545, or mail a check to Wabash College-Annual Fund, 301 W Wabash Ave, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Your gifts are always welcomed!

The Holiday Season is upon us and I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and a healthy and Happy New Year, with good wishes for a successful 2023.

Heavy snow with severe cold (-25) moving into central midwest this Friday and Saturday. Stay safe! It will be a white Christmas, but very cold.

Thank You for all You do for **Wabash College!**

WABASH ALWAYS FIGHTS!!

My very best Holiday wishes to all,

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