

Class of 1969

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Class 69 letter

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Gentlemen of the Class of 69,

Where has the year gone? My apologies for the delay in getting a class letter out to you. We are now in the middle of December, summer has long faded into the sunset, fall has shed her leaves in the cold winds, and we are now facing the first cold days of winter. The Wabash fall semester which began 23 August is now completed. Finals were over today. Students are gone for the holidays and seniors are preparing for their comps starting 8 January, 4 Jan for double majors. Time goes by too quickly!



Class of 2027 was rung in by President Feller on 19 August, using the same bell Caleb Mills used to ring in Wabash's first class 190 years ago. 237 new students from 21 states and 10 countries, with an average GPA of 3.83, joined the brotherhood of Wabash College. Among their peers are 41 legacies, 71 first-generation college students, four valedictorians, and 15 Eagle Scouts. With the first semester completed we hope all, or most, of the freshman class will return for the spring semester.

Dean Moore Scholarships: This fall the Scholarship Committee awarded five Dean Moore scholarships to Wabash men of need. Details on who received the funding, their class and affiliation, and amounts are not yet available. More to follow. This brings the number of DM scholarships awarded since 2014 to 38. A very special thank you to all have who have given to our Dean Moore fund over these nine years, and especially for giving on Wabash DOG (Day of Giving) days. Your philanthropy and generous donations to Wabash and our Dean Moore Scholarship fund have made a significant impact on Wabash men and their liberal arts education.

Our 55th Class Reunion: Mark your calendars for 31 May - 2 June for **Big Bash '24** and our 55th Class Reunion. This will be a great time to return to the beautiful Wabash campus and

enjoy seeing your fraternity brothers and classmates again. There will be many activities, interesting colloquia, and great food from Bon Appetit. Registration for **Big Bash '24** will open later in January. Class of '74 is having their 50th reunion. Members of all classes are invited to Big Bash. Plan to attend! It will be a great **Wabash** weekend.

Sports: The Wabash football team completed their season with an 8 and 3 record, same as last year. They lost to Butler 21-47, not having played Butler in years. Second loss was to Denison by 4 points. Third loss was to DePauw by 3 points. The 129th Monon Bell classic was a hard-fought game and a real nail biter. Wabash was leading in the 4th quarter 27 -21. DePauw scored, missed extra point. 27-27 into OT. Wabash made 3... 30-27. 2nd OT DePauw scored a touchdown 30-33. Game over. The loss was a real heart breaker, after such a long and well played season. QB Liam Thompson established a new NCAC all-time record in passing 2431 yards, and total offense 3155 yards, and earned for the third time NCAC offensive Player of the Year. **Some little Giant!!** The wrestling team is doing well, now 4-0. Basketball is 7-3. Swimming and Diving are 2-1, losing to DePauw by 2 points. The cross-country team captured the North Coast Athletic Conference championship. And so it goes!... **GO WABASH!** On the last page of the Fall Wabash Magazine is an excellent article by Liam Thompson "Now in my last semester". He extends a sincere thank you to the level of philanthropy that has made Wabash what it is.

Year-End Giving: As we approach the end of the calendar year and you have not yet given to Wabash this 2023-24 fiscal year, now is a good time to consider giving a dollar (or two) to 'ol Wabash to take advantage of 2023 tax deductions. For those who make an end-of-the-year gift, here are five ways you can support Wabash students. <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13217>. As always you can give online at www.wabash.edu/egift, or phone a gift in at 877-743-4545, or mail a check to Wabash College, Annual Fund, 301 W. Wabash Ave., Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Give any amount (large or small) to the annual fund or to any fund you wish. A dollar (or two) will go a long way to support the students.

For fiscal year 2022-23, the Annual Fund exceeded its dollar goal with over 40% of the alumni participating for the tenth year in a row.

Giant Steps Campaign: Wabash celebrated this fall its success of the Giant Steps Campaign, from 2018 to 2023, raising \$250 million, 15% above its goal of \$225 million. This is the largest and most successful comprehensive campaign in Wabash's 191-year history. The Campaign established 123 new endowed funds, six endowed professorships and faculty chairs; 36 academic department, internship, special program, and immersion experience funds; and 81 new scholarship funds. The Fall Wabash Magazine lists the newly established funds. The Campaign had 12,029 unique donors for 82,272 gifts, raising more than \$313K per student and \$18K per alumnus. Thank you to all who participated in the Giant Steps Campaign. This was truly a generous and amazing effort by all who took part in the Campaign.

Passing: Sadly I inform you of the passing of two of our classmates. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

Jim Fogarty, Delta Tau Delta, living in Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, Canada, passed away 16 Mar 2023, after a short bout with pancreatic cancer. Jim was an editor for the Bachelor, a member of the Glee Club, German Club, and Pi Delta Epsilon.

John Hickman, Independent, passed away 6 Oct 2019, in Terre Haute. At Wabash John was active in football, basketball, baseball and WNDY radio station.

New Student Center: As you have seen in the Fall Wabash Magazine the new Student Center is progressing from the architectural concept to detailed design. It is hoped construction on the new Center can begin in May 2024, depending of finalization of funding. The Sparks Center will be completely demolished, having served

Wabash and thousands of students for 67 years, since 1957. Back then it had a bowling alley in the basement. The Sparks Center and the beloved Scarlet Inn will fade into Wabash history. The new Student Center will be a beautiful and significant contribution to the Wabash campus.

New Book: Our classmate George Anagnos, Independent, gta678@gmail.com, has written a new book titled "The Five Handshakes", published in September 2023, available on Amazon. George presents his conservative political views, with some interesting historical notes and various personal stories, many about Wabash and the folks there in his college years. He welcomes hearing from anyone who reads the book. I am reading the book now.

Again, my apologies for the delay in getting my letter out to you. It is long overdue. In the future I will try to write a little more often and not so much. There is a lot going on at Wabash and I will try to capture the highlights to pass on to you.

If there is any change in your contact information please let me know or email Mike Warren in the Alumni Office at warrenm@wabash.edu. We like to keep in touch with you.

I wish all a safe and **Happy Holiday season**, with a heartfelt Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, a Happy Kwanzaa, and a Happy New Year! I extend to all my best wishes for 2024, with hope for Peace in the world. May your New Year bring you happiness and success in all you do. Enjoy life!

Again, I thank you for your support to Wabash and your generous philanthropy to help the young men of Wabash to achieve a remarkable liberal arts education.

And remember...**WABASH ALWAYS FIGHTS!!**

With the **Best of *Holiday Greetings!!***

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