

Class of 1976

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Dear Men of the Great Class of 1976:

Greetings from Fred and me as we approach the calendar year end of 2024. It has been a momentous year by any standard led by our very own Classmate Mike Braun being elected Governor of our great state of Indiana. A great achievement..Congratulations Mike!

News from the College is strong again with lots of activity across the Little Giant Campus. Here are a few highlights:

- Freshman to Sophomore retention this year is at 93%.
- Juan Hernandez is the new Glee Club Director at the College.
- The Freshman Class is the largest since 2018.
- At Homecoming this Fall, the 1972 Wabash Soccer Team was inducted into the Wabash Athletic Hall of Fame. Our Class played a large role in the 1972 season successes -turning a program with a historic record of 6-34-1 into a winning program of 8-3 while only giving up 6 goals in eleven games on the year. Familiar Classmate's names on the 1972 Team are Ed Wanamaker, Mike Dizzine, Alex Betz, Carl Johnson, Rusty Youngblood, Francois Njieha, and Dick Sword. A Great Honor for this team..the first Soccer Team to be inducted into this special group.
- A familiar Wabash name-Dr. Richard Gunderman '83 gave a talk on Campus "You Contain Multitudes." Fascinating talk and video replay available on the College Website at The President's Distinguished Speaker Series. The Gundermans had sons at Wabash in recent years.
- Wabash XCcountry - Senior Brayden Curnutt '25 repeated as the NCAC Conference Champion this year..finished first in the NCAA Regional and 18th at Nationals thereby earning All American recognition..
- Sparks Hall is now closed for a complete renovation and rebuild. Independent Food Service is being provided in a new facility nicknamed "Grub Hollow" --12 mobile units attached and placed on the outdoor JP Collett [W1924] Center Tennis Courts. Reviews are good thus far. Stop by the next time you are in Crawfordsville.

- After Final Exams finish in the Spring of 2025, the Wabash Baseball Team will travel to the Dominican Republic. As we all know, the Dominican provides a large number of MLB players every year.
- Lastly, reports from the College are that over 97% of 2024 graduating Seniors have found their initial destination of graduate school or employment.

As previously reported, the Class of 1976 gave a Gift of \$10,000 to the College in honor of our friend Chick Clements H'77. The monies will be used to restore and renovate the Equipment Supply area of the Allen Center.

The Class will greatly appreciate any contributions to the Collett Fund and Annual Giving as we reach year end. Simply mark a check or web site contribution as designated for the Collett Fund.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all. Please don't hesitate to call Fred or me if there is anything College related that we can help with.

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