



Class Agents Letter

Class of 1976

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Dear Men of the Great Class of 1976:

We hope that this letter finds you well and enjoying the last bits of Fall, 2023.

There is lots of good news from Crawfordsville as the College continues to thrive and excel as one of two remaining All Male Schools in the Nation.

The largest item on the news front from Montgomery County is the successful completion of the Giant Steps Capital Campaign. The Campaign finished with over \$250 million in total Gifts to the College- far and away the largest fund-raising effort in the 191 year history of the College.

Of the many improvements funded by the Campaign there are several highlights:

- the Shelbourne Wrestling Center
- the newly erected Little Giant Stadium / Frank Navarro Field
- six new Endowed Professorships and Faculty Chairs
- 123 new Endowed Funds
- 81 new Scholarships
- two new Academic Departments: Computer Science and PPE {Philosophy, Politics, and Economics}

Major compliments are due Michelle Janssen and Joe Klen for their on-Campus Leadership of the Campaign.

On the Athletic side of College Life, the Football and Soccer Teams are off to good starts- Football is 4-1 as we write and Soccer is 5-2-4. Both Football and Soccer are looking to be contenders in the North Coast final rankings. Cross Country is active in their Large Meet Schedule with several quality appearances. Cross Country NCAC Championships are scheduled for Saturday, October 28th at Denison.

Wabash Wrestling has a new Head Coach in Jake Fredricksen who has stepped up from Interim status. Wrestling finished at #2 in NCAA Division 3 in 2022. The wrestling record has been nothing short of superb in recent years with numerous National Champions and wrestlers named as All Americans.



Much credit is due to retired Head Coach Brian Anderson. Anderson has moved onward to assume the Executive Director role at the Regional Training Center for Wrestling. Coach Anderson was named the NCAA Division 3 Coach of the Year in 2022.

Upcoming Campus Events for the Fall 2023 include the Annual Monon Bell Festivities / Football Game on the weekend of November 10 -12th. Wabash, the host in odd numbered years, leads the series with 63 wins. DPU has 57 wins in the rivalry game. Nine games have ended in ties. DePauw Football is 6-0 at this writing. The Tigers from Greencastle won the 2022 game in convincing fashion 49-14.

A large gathering is expected for November 11 [1:07PM] in Crawfordsville. Game day tickets are available at www.wabashtickets.com. The Game will be televised on the regional ISC Sports Network (<https://www.iscsportsnetwork.com/>) and also available on the Wabash College Athletics website. [<https://sports.wabash.edu/sports/2021/10/28/wabash-college-video-network.aspx>] We hope to see many of you at the Game. Parking is limited so it is wise to plan ahead to walk to the Stadium.

Annual Giving at the College is always in season. Your gifts and participation are welcome as always. Gift Designation to the Class of 1976 J.P. Collett Fund is particularly encouraged. Best wishes from Fred and me to each of you. Enjoy the remainder of the fall.

Cheers,

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