

Class of 1985
Class Agent Letter
April 2024



Dear Class of 1985:

Wabash College has successfully survived its first full solar eclipse, so I decided to send an update before the 2023-2024 academic year comes to a close.

First a couple notes directly related to our class:

- The National Association of Wabash Men is conducting elections for both the College Board of Trustees and the NAWM Board of Directors. **Houston Mills** is one of the candidates for a four-year term as a trustee. More information on these elections and an online ballot are available at: <https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/vote/>
- As noted in the latest edition of the *W. Magazine*, **Cleo Washington** gave the keynote address at the College's Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration this year. Cleo addressed his talk, "Accelerating Gradualism in a Post Affirmative Action World." He is currently the Vice President, External Affairs for AT&T Alabama. You can find more details at: <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13246>

So what about **YOU**? Please feel free to share news of your life with Kyle (kcarr1@mhc.net) or me.

News from Wabash College Alumni Office:

- Jim Amidon '87 gave an interesting Chapel Talk last month about his adventure tagging along on an Immersion Learning trip to the Bay of Naples over spring break. It was a good summary of that particular trip and of the special way in which Wabash conducts Immersion Learning. I recommend listening to the recording at: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/jim-amidon-87/id1150139357?i=1000650050714>
- Wabash started a major remodeling plan several years ago. One of the key proposed changes has been the replacement of the Sparks Center with a new "Community Center." After much discussion, the end of the Sparks Center is near. A recent article in the Bachelor gives some of the details: <https://bachelor.wabash.edu/2023/03/keeping-up-with-the-campus-center/>

More Wabash news is available at www.wabash.edu or the Class of 1985 Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/206066189687/>

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p.s. The first 10 annual “Wabash Day of Giving” events were so successful, that the College decided to continue the tradition this year. Okay, that is probably not the biggest surprise in this Class Agent Letter, but I wrote it anyway. :-{) }==

The Day of Giving this year will be on April 24.

The college tracks both the numbers of donors and of gifts, and it turns out that last year the Class of 1966 set a record by giving a total of 270 gifts on that “Day of Giving.” By that criteria, they blew us away even though they have 15% fewer living members. Let’s rise to their challenge this year!

I don’t want to discourage you from giving a single lump sum multi-million dollar gift if that was what you had planned for the day, but maybe consider giving more than once on April 24. As an added incentive, Kyle and I have agreed to up the class challenge we made last year based on the number of donors by including a bonus based on the total number of gifts from our class. Check the “Day of Giving” web-page at wabash.edu/celebrate (when it goes live April 24) for the details of our challenge!