

Class of 1985

Class Agent
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Dear Class of 1985:

First some notes directly related to our class:

- First, a correction to my June letter. Despite a rumor that I accidentally started, **Tim Grusenmeyer** reports that his wife wants to continue to use her original name, **Michelle**. My apologies to Michelle and Tim. :-{ }=
- Two of our classmates, **Mark Brosmer** and **Ryan Lane** are doing a combined exhibit of their art work at the Eric Dean Gallery of the Wabash Fine Arts Center. The free exhibit will run from September 12 – November 14. The gallery is open Monday – Friday 9-5 and Saturdays 2-6. On Friday September 12, there will be an Opening Reception from 4-7 with an Artist Talk from 4:15-4:45. Also on exhibit is 20th Century Indiana Art: A Private Collection of Midwestern Regional Paintings, with works on loan from Dan Kraft '85. You can find more details at: <https://www.wabash.edu/academics/art/gallery/current>
- At the Big Bash, **Jason Dyer** recounted some of his past adventures stargazing, particularly from “dark parks” which are known for their lack of light pollution. He mentioned that he was planning a trip to Wisconsin, so I recommended that he check out our Newport State Park for its dark sky plus also check some of our other scenic spots. He reported back that they “had a great time ... at Mirror Lake, Peninsula and Newport parks. The dark park was quite rewarding!”
- My chance to play tour guide for Jason brings up a good use of the **Wabash Alumni Directory**. With alumni spread out “where ever the breezes blow,” the directory can help you get insider information when you travel to a new place. You might even get a chance to reconnect with a classmate and to send a picture to your class agent for sharing the story with the class! Please update the directory when your contact information changes at: <https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/eservices>

So what about **YOU**? Please feel free to share news of your life with me so I can spread the word.

News from Wabash College:

- In a bit of sad news, former Classics Professor and an honorary alumnus of the class of 1970, **Dr. John Fischer** passed away last month. You can find his obituary at: <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13497>. The College has set a memorial service for Professor Fischer for Saturday, November 1, 2025 in Salter Concert Hall in the Fine Arts Center. The program will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a reception to follow in Detchon Center’s International Hall.

- In much happier news, the 270 members of the Class of 2029 had their Ringing-In Ceremony on August 23. The Class of 2029 includes students from 18 states and 15 countries. You can find a recording of the ceremony here: <https://youtu.be/9e9exxbJJx4?si=j9Dto6APfZXQK7Yf>
- Wabash Magazine Editor, Kim Johnson has some Big Questions for **You** for upcoming articles:
 - What's the biggest chance, risk, dare, bet, or challenge you have taken? What was the result? What did you learn?
 - Do you work or volunteer in the public service sector? Tell us about what you do.
 - Tell us about your favorite holiday and/or family/friend tradition you celebrate every year.
 - If you ran into a college friend you hadn't seen in years, what would they be surprised to learn about you?

You can reply to her directly at: johnsonk@wabash.edu Feel free to answer one or all of the completely unrelated questions. Photos welcome!

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

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p.s. One of the keys to a successful student recruitment year is referrals from alumni. As the number of college-bound men drops in the coming years, the Admissions Office can use your assistance finding good candidates for Wabash. If you would like to refer students for the next 2-3 entering classes, here's a link to the Admissions Office's referral form: <https://apply.wabash.edu/register/refer>