



Class Agents Letter

Class of 1998

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Dear Class of '98,

It has been more than a minute since we have sent out a Class Agent Letter, but we hope it hasn't been that long since you have been in touch with Dear Old Wabash. If it *has* been a minute since you last connected, this will provide some good information and ideally spark you to re-connect.

Speaking of Spark....

The Sparks Center is Gone! Currently under construction, in its place will be a new Community Center. This new space will provide spaces and opportunities for people to come together for food, fellowship, and events that will greatly enhance the student experience as well as offer places for alumni and parents to gather. If you do nothing else, check out the link to see more details including floor plans and a live Construction Cam for ongoing progress.

<https://www.wabash.edu/communitycenter/>

If you ARE looking for an opportunity to connect with alums outside of C-ville and you live in the Indy area, check out the Wabash College Night with the Indiana Pacers.

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Wabashcollege25>

Enrollment

The new class of 270 freshmen matriculated in August, and there are 908 students on campus. This may be the fullest the campus has ever been because everybody must live on campus. Nevertheless, keeping this kind of enrollment in the future is a worry. Around 2010, the birth rate dropped, creating a demographic cliff.

Moreover, only 45% of Indiana college-age males are enrolling in college, a figure that used to be 60%. Also, Indiana does not have a net inflow of people. The Hoosier population is aging, and there are fewer children. As a result, the College is going after men who might not go to college except at Wabash. The College is sponsoring athletic camps and programs of various kinds for high school sophomores. The College is also recruiting in Texas, Arizona, and other states without declining populations. Strong alumni groups in those areas are a big advantage in doing this.



New Dean of Students

Greg Redding stepped down from the Dean of Students position so he could take his sabbatical and return to teaching, and Scott Brown was named to replace Greg as Dean of Students in June. Scott earned his bachelor's degree in English at the University of California, Irvine, a master's degree in higher education and student affairs from Indiana University, and his Ph.D. in student personnel administration from the University of Maryland. He has more than thirty-five years of experience in higher education, including being a dean at six different colleges. At a recent forum, Scott spoke about how excited he was to be at Wabash, and he gave his initial impressions: (1) The rhetoric is real; the Gentleman's Rule and the Mission are special and abided by. (2) Relationships at Wabash are hard-wired, and the College is student-centered. (3) Wabash men exhibit a balance of confidence and humility; they also exhibit stability, positive restlessness, and resourcefulness.

Monon Bell is November 15th

The 131st Monon Bell Classic is in Crawfordsville this year and the game is set to start at 1:07 pm. The game is broadcast regionally on the ISC Sports Network and streamed nationally on the ISC and Wabash Video Network apps. If you're out of state or without a ticket, check here for a Monon Bell Telecast Party:

<https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/mononbell/>

Come support the Little Giants and fellow Class of '98 Alumnus, Jake Gilbert. Jake is in his first year as the head coach of the Little Giants after coming back to the coaching staff as defensive coordinator for the 2024 season and as the next head coach in waiting. Jake has had tremendous success as a leader of men on and off the field at every stop of his career and his start to this season is no different as the Little Giant football team is seeing some great success this season.

<https://sports.wabash.edu/sports/football>

College Rankings

Lastly, we are excited to share that Wabash was named the Best Liberal Arts College in Indiana and is tied for 50th among national liberal arts colleges. We think highly of Wabash, and it is good to see the continued external recognition of the school and the improvement in several categories in the rankings.

<https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13508>