

Class of 2008

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Dear Classmates,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Summer. It's hard to believe, but it has been **20 years** since we set foot on campus in August 2004 for our Freshmen year. Given this 20-year anniversary, I encourage you to come back to campus this Fall to reconnect and reminisce, starting with Homecoming on September 14, 2024. If you plan to attend, please fill out this [survey](#) or scan the QR Code.



A list of everyone that has responded to the survey can be found here: [Wabash Homecoming 2024.xlsx](#). Depending on the turnout, we can meet as a class either before or after the football game at 2:00 p.m. I hope you can make it.

Now, for some news about Wabash College and updates on three of our classmates: **Scott Gallant**, **Torm Hustvet**, and **Mike Hutchins**.

Wabash News

- On May 11, 2024, one hundred eighty-four men of the Class of 2024 received their diplomas from President Scott Feller. A photo album of the commencement can be found here: [2024 Commencement Album](#).
- For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, Wabash exceeded its fundraising goals for the 2023-24 fiscal year. Here are some highlights:
 - Annual Fund Dollars Raised: \$3,808,088 (exceeding our \$3.7 million goal)
 - Alumni Donors: 4,909
 - Alumni Participation: 40.25%, the 11th consecutive year at 40% or higher
- In July, the Fiske Guide to Colleges named Wabash College one of the best and most interesting colleges and universities in the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, and Ireland. The guide highlighted Wabash's academic environment, campus traditions, the gorgeous Arboretum, and athletic successes, among others. The full article can be found here: <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13349>.

- Construction on the new Campus Center is scheduled to begin later this academic year. Here are a few additional renditions of the planned Campus Center.



I hope to see many of you at Homecoming. If you have any questions or want to chat about anything, please don't ever hesitate to reach out. Also, if you are willing to share more details about your journey since Wabash, please complete this survey: <https://forms.gle/CqTE83GAuubuZ9Fb7>. I'll follow up with you before sharing your update.

Wabash Always Fights,

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For Classmate Updates: keep reading

Scott Gallant

Living Unit: Sigma Chi

Major: Economics

Current City: San Mateo, Alajuela, Costa Rica

Professional Update: “I am the co-founder of Porvenir Design, a permaculture design firm based in Costa Rica that specializes in regenerative agriculture, land planning, and syntropic farming. We work predominantly in Latin America but have recently been expanding our work to the US and Europe.

Our focus is on helping land stewards grow food in ways that create connections to the places we live and imitate the ecology around us. We teach diverse educational courses on these topics, both in person and online.” One can find more about Scott’s work at www.porvenirdesign.com.



Wondering how Scott landed in Costa Rica shortly after graduation? He hitchhiked through Mexico and Central America!

Personal Update: “I have a wonderful Italian partner, Emilia, and we would like to start a family soon. We are learning how to divide our lives between summers in Italy and our life in Costa Rica. I recently self-published a small poetry book called ‘Empty Pockets’ and I am currently deeply fascinated with the drinking of and culture of Tea, both as a meditative practices and as an agricultural crop.”

If interested, you can buy a copy of “Empty Pockets” on Amazon:

<https://www.amazon.com/Empty-Pockets-Scott-Gallant/dp/B0CSJGHTGW>.

Favorite Memory of Wabash: “Playing volleyball on an early spring day outside of the Sigma Chi house.”

Favorite Wabash Class or Professor: “Prof. Mikek. Just an incredibly kind man, someone who I believe has every student’s true interest in his heart.”

Torm Hustvet

Living Unit: Martindale

Major: Biology

Current City: Lake Mills, Wisconsin

Professional Update: “I started working in pharmaceutical research laboratories and then into Client Services at LabCorp in Madison, WI (2008-2012). I joined Baker Tilly Virchow Krause as a Sales Analyst and then became their Salesforce Administrator until I had the opportunity to join a NetSuite consulting firm (2012-2014). I was with my first firm for four years and am now with Centric Consulting, LLC working remotely since July of 2022. My current title is NetSuite Solutions Architect. I specialize in eCommerce integrations, NetSuite’s SuiteCommerce solution, and inventory management controls. From Biology major to technology consultant!”



Personal Update: “My wife (Deb) and I have been married for nearly 9 years. We're avid campers (20+ national parks visited, bought our first RV last year).”



Favorite Memory of Wabash: “The blur that was senior comps week. Caffeine, cramming, and a sense of accomplishment.”

Favorite Wabash Class or Professor: “Dr. Blix. I learned so much about appreciating and listening to other’s perspectives from just a single class from him.”

Mike Hutchins

Living Unit: Delta Tau Delta

Major: English Language and Literature

Current City: Hobart, Indiana

Professional Update: Mike earned his J.D. after Wabash and then subsequently moved into the real estate business. He is currently an Indiana Real Estate Broker for Century 21 Circle. He was awarded 2023 Agent of the Year by his former brokerage company.

Personal Update: Mike is the owner of a rescue dog named Matty and has spent years coaching Boys Varsity soccer at Hobart High School and Kankakee Valley High School.

Favorite Memory of Wabash: “Rich traditions, hanging out with great friends.”

Favorite Wabash Class or Professor: “Professor Rosenberg.”

Anything else you'd like to share with the Class of 2008: “It has been about 10 years since I last visited the campus. I would love to attend the next Bell game that will be hosted by Wabash. And wondering how many guys from '08 would be attending.”

