



Class Agents Letter

Class of 2009

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Fellow Wallies –

15 years have passed since we would have been anxiously finishing our final preparation for comprehensive exams. It is unimaginable to me that it has been that long.

15 years also means that we are coming up on a **Big Bash year**, so I wanted to get a class agent letter as you all begin your 2024 planning.

Our **15 year Big Bash reunion** will be held **Friday May 31 – Sunday June 2**. We have aged out of the dorms, so time to be adults and head over to the local hotels. I know many of you are in a busy season of life trying to juggle careers, kids, partners, aging family members, and everything else that life throws at you, but do consider trying to head down to campus for a couple of days for a relaxing weekend.

We are due with baby #2 in April, so I know I will be doing my best to make it down for a day but will need your thoughts and prayers that the baby will be sleeping by that point. If part of your end of the year wrap-up is reviewing charitable contributions for the year, **[here are five ways you can support Wabash students.](#)**

Even if you cannot make Big Bash, I recommend trying to **get down for a visit sometime in the next year**. I had a chance to get down for the first time in years for Homecoming and had a fantastic weekend.

While there has been so much progress on campus (and the sophomores might not be heading to C&T anymore), Wabash is still Wabash, and it was great to get down on campus. Was able to catch up with a few of our classmates over the weekend (Steve Egan, Joe Merkley, Michael Washburn, and Kyle Hayes). It does not matter how old I get, it is still weird calling your old college buddies doctor – looking at you Drs. Hayes, MD and Washburn, PhD.



I thought I would start by sharing some exciting changes I saw while on campus:

Mud Hollow added a soccer stadium in 2011 named for Prof. John Fischer (hosting varsity lacrosse matches as well) and moved baseball north of campus dedicating Goodrich Ballpark earlier that same year. The [new Little Giant Stadium](#) was completed in 2021 and hosts outdoor track meets and rugby matches in addition to football games. The tailgate scene in Mud Hollow is lively to say the least (and sold out for the Bell game!), and the W Club inside the stadium offers comfortable seating with food and drink readily available. While we did not get a chance to visit, there is also now Wally's, a pub & restaurant inside Sparks Center to be able to enjoy a bite to eat on campus after the game.

Martindale was renovated in 2016 in addition to the completion and dedication of [six new dorms](#) that bear the names Butler, Placher, Rogge, Seymour, and Williams in addition to a lodge named for the Class of '66. Lambda Chi, FIJI, Theta Delt, Delt, Teke, Beta, and Sigma Chi are in various stages of renovation projects.

Homecoming weekend was also the new dedication of the Theta Delta Chi house over on 607 S. Grant. Congrats to the brothers in Theta Delta Chi on the new house.

Despite all of these changes on campus, I found myself saying how the bookstore still smells the same and appreciated the nods, alumni respect, and conversation with the undergrads. For those with nostalgia, the Wabash QuikMart has not changed over the years, and Arni's is still fantastic.

If getting to Crawfordsville is out of reach for you, then I encourage you to engage with the college virtually. Check out the [Whenever. Wherever. Wabash. alumni site](#). I know I have personally enjoyed being able to join the After the Bell sessions where current faculty and staff members present virtual liberal arts sessions for alumni and their spouses, partners, friends, and parents. You can also find news stories, on demand playlists of campus content, and live streams of campus events.

For the next virtual After the Bell, Warren Rosenberg H'98, Emeritus Professor of English, will present Movies and Masculinity: Exodus (1960), Munich (2005), and Me on Thursday, January 18 at 7:30 p.m. EST. Register [here](#).

I hope to see many of you soon and that you and your families are well.

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