

Class of 2017

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Hey class -

I wanted to provide some updates from campus to start off the school year:

- The Princeton Review released their annual rankings and Wabash placed in more than 1/3 of the 50 lists. (DPU ranked in just one list if you're curious.)
<https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/12967>
- A few weeks ago, President Feller rang in 267 members of the Class of 2026, which is a nice jump in enrollment. <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/12969>
- Wabash football renewed its rivalry with Hampden-Sydney at Little Giant Stadium on Saturday and kicked off the 2022 campaign with a nail-biting win.
<https://sports.wabash.edu/news/2022/9/3/football-snyder-runs-in-game-winning-td-to-lead-wab-past-hampden-sydney-52-48.aspx> Homecoming is Sept. 24 against Denison, and the Bell Game is in Greencastle on Nov. 12.
- Speaking of Homecoming, classmate Riley Lefever will be inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame with his brothers Conner and Reese on Friday, Sept. 23!
<https://sports.wabash.edu/news/2022/8/17/general-2022-athletics-hall-of-fame-announced.aspx>
- Classmate Adam Burtner was recently named in the Indianapolis Business Journal's second annual class of 20 in their Twenties, an honor given to a selected group of up-and-coming leaders in central Indiana. <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/12971>

Here are some of the updates you sent us before Big Bash this summer:

Collin Bell
Dallas

PERSONAL UPDATE

Collin is the secretary for the Wabash Club of DFW.

PROFESSIONAL UPDATE

I changed careers and am now working for Calculated Hire as an Account Executive



Drew Biddle
Indianapolis

PERSONAL UPDATE

I have spent the last year living in Indianapolis and golfing with older Wabash friends at Country Club of Indianapolis near Speedway. I am moving up to West Lafayette in June 2022 to pursue a Masters Degree in Business Analytics and Information Management. Hopefully I graduate in May of 2023! I love hiking, climbing, golfing, and snowboarding, but I am not sure where I want to live after graduation. Let me know if you have any recommendations! Right now I am leaning towards Utah, Colorado, North Carolina, or South Carolina.



PROFESSIONAL UPDATE

I plan on working as a data engineer or product manager after getting my Masters next year.

Trenton Brazel
Cincinnati

PROFESSIONAL UPDATE

Pending bar results, I'll be an attorney at Frost Brown Todd in Cincinnati doing Commercial Real Estate.



Elliott Burge
Indianapolis

PROFESSIONAL UPDATE

I'm working for JA Benefits as a group benefits consultant.



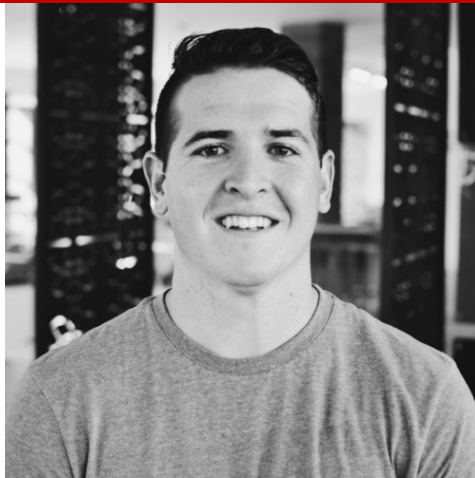
McHale Gardiner
Indianapolis

PROFESSIONAL UPDATE

I'm a Customer Success Manager.

MESSAGE TO THE CLASS

What's up y'all? Hope life's been treating ya alright. Thanks for sending this out.



Austin Earl
Crawfordsville, IN

PERSONAL UPDATE

My wife, Brook, and I are going on 3 years of marriage, and we just had an awesome baby girl in January. Turns out children take up quite a bit of time.

PROFESSIONAL UPDATE

I've been a risk advisor with Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance for the last 2 years. It's been rewarding to help and serve others with their insurance.

MESSAGE TO THE CLASS

Thank you Drew and Andrew for you organizing communications and keep our class up to date. You both are appreciated! I hope all is well with the rest the class of '17!



Dustin Gardner
Darlington, IN

PERSONAL UPDATE

I have a wife and a three-year-old son

PROFESSIONAL UPDATE

I am a Spanish teacher at North Montgomery High School.



Boyd Haley
Indianapolis

PROFESSIONAL UPDATE

I am currently a stock broker at Charles Schwab.



Bilal Jawed
Indianapolis

PERSONAL UPDATE

I proposed to my fiancé in the spring!

MESSAGE TO THE CLASS

Keep up the good work!



Zack King
Indianapolis

PERSONAL UPDATE

Mallory and I just bought a house in South Broad Ripple. Spending a lot of time on the house but love planting roots in Indiana.

PROFESSIONAL UPDATE

Just started as a New Equipment Representative at the beginning of the year in the Industrial Solutions Industry. Have been looking forward to this opportunity for a couple years. Have been really enjoying the role and looking forward to years of growth ahead.

MESSAGE TO THE CLASS

Love both of you Drews!



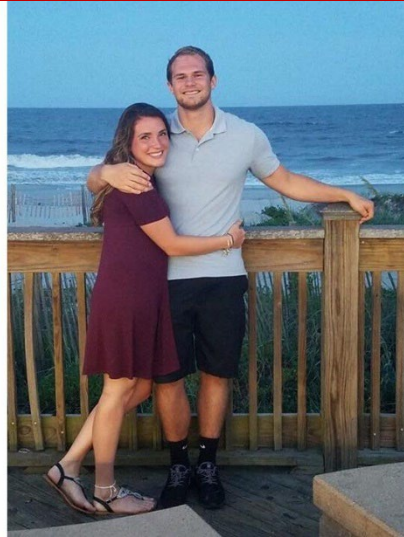
CJ McMann
Brownsburg, IN

PERSONAL UPDATE

Happily married with a beautiful 7-month-old baby girl!

PROFESSIONAL UPDATE

Working at Models LLC, our family owned plastic injection molding company.



Kyle Morgan
Roachdale, IN
PERSONAL UPDATE

PROFESSIONAL UPDATE

I'm the North Putnam High School Social Studies Dept Chair and the Boys Head Soccer Coach.

Jeff Mucha
Grand Rapids, MI

PERSONAL UPDATE

I got engaged this summer and am getting married in September.

PROFESSIONAL UPDATE

I'm a High School Math Teacher.



Calem Parrish
St. Louis

PERSONAL UPDATE

I'm engaged and joined a curling club.

PROFESSIONAL UPDATE

I earned my Masters in Public Health from IUPUI, and I work as a health policy advocate and community health strategist.



Karl Prasher
Atlanta

PERSONAL UPDATE

I enjoy disc golf, frisbee, and spending time with my wife and dogs.

PROFESSIONAL UPDATE

I'm a product manager at a tech company.

MESSAGE TO THE CLASS

Wishing everyone the best

Alejandro Reyna
Indianapolis

PERSONAL UPDATE

I have been accepted into the Aspen Music Festival and will have his debut at Carnegie Hall this summer.

PROFESSIONAL UPDATE

I am finishing up my Masters of Music at Butler.



Jordan Smith
Indianapolis, Indiana

PERSONAL UPDATE

I'm getting back to podcasting. My show got canceled for copyright issues. Once that has passed, I am back again. I have performed line dancing for live shows twice this year.

PROFESSIONAL UPDATE

I have been working at a tech company named OneCause since 2020. I was recently promoted to Account Executive in April of 2022.



Daniel Thompson
Indianapolis

PERSONAL UPDATE

I just adopted a golden retriever puppy! Living my best life. Traveling a lot more. I've visited five national parks in the past year.

PROFESSIONAL UPDATE

I'm an Attorney at Barnes & Thornburg LLP.



Thanks to those who attended our first reunion at Big Bash in June. And thank you to those who made a gift last fiscal year. You helped Wabash achieve 40% alumni giving for the ninth straight year!

As always, reach out to me at adbiddle2@icloud.com with updates and stories you want to share with our class. If you have any requests, recommendations, or complaints, please send them as well so I can do my job better.

Thanks,
Drew