



Class of 1957

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Hi Men and Women of 1957,

Wabash graduated 198 members during the 181st Commencement Ceremony. The Class of 2019 had a First Destination Secured (employment, service programs, grad & professional school, et al) of 87% (National Average at 6 months: 64%).



Photo from this year's Commencement

Wabash is introducing a new major PPE - Philosophy, Politics and Economics. Had it been available, would you have chosen such a major?



Condolences to the families and friends for our following classmates:

WILLIAM K. "BILL" McCOY JR.

Died July 26, 2012, in Bethlehem, PA. He was born January 22, 1935, in Blue Island, IL. While attending Wabash, he was a member of the basketball and tennis teams, Sphinx Club and Phi Kappa Psi. After graduation he served in the U.S. Army and then completed his education with a psychology degree from Lehigh University. McCoy began his professional career working on the NASA Apollo design team followed by a 35-year career as a marketing executive for defense contractors IBM, United Technologies and Grumman. Jazz was a life-long passion. He earned his way through college playing alto sax and continued to play in bands through the '60s. He is survived by his wife, Clara McCoy and children, David, Matthew and Kate McCoy and one grandson. (This obituary appeared in the Winter 2019 Wabash Magazine.)

JOE V. MICHAEL, 83, died March 17, 2019, in Aurora, IL.

Born October 2, 1935 in South Whitley, IN. He attended Larwell High School. While at Wabash, he was an Independent. Joe majored in chemistry at Wabash and received a Doctor of Philosophy from The University of Rochester in New York. He began his career teaching classes as a post-doctoral associate at Harvard University, post-doctoral associate and chemist for Brookhaven National Laboratory and for Carnegie-Mellon University-Pittsburgh as associate professor. From 1975- 1977 Joe was a research associate for Goddard Space Flight Center where he worked with NASA and retired December 1, 2015 as a senior chemist at Argonne National Laboratory in Lemont, IL. He is survived by his wife, Valerie Michael and children Susan, Jane, Jonathon, Derek and Eugene.

ELIAS W. "CHUCK" HADDAD, 85, died April 16 in Bakersfield, CA.

Born July 5, 1933 in Lebanon, he came to the United States at age 19 with \$100 and a pink suitcase. He attended Wabash, but due to the cold weather transferred to Stanford University to pursue an engineering degree. In 1957 Chuck was bargaining to purchase a vehicle, but instead accepted a sales position from the dealer and within four months became sales-manager and within a year General Manager. Later he quit to return to college and worked for another dealership. He opened his first dealership in 1973 in East Los Angeles and another in 1974 in Bakersfield. His three sons followed his career choice and are co-owners in a dealership and partners in other ventures. Chuck was preceded in death by his wife, Inger (1999) and son Jeff (2017). He is survived by sons James and John and has six grandchildren.

REVEREND DANIAL B. HANNA, 83, died May 22 in New Orleans, LA.

Fr. HANNA was born October 24, 1935 in Mishawaka, IN, son of Russell and Jane Hana. He was a Merchant Marine before attending Wabash and receiving his BA from Aurora College in 1957. While at Wabash he was a Sigma Chi. He attended Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, graduating in 1960 with a Bachelor's in Divinity. In 1961 he was ordained to the priesthood of the Episcopal Church and assigned as Rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Buffalo, NY. In 1966 he received a Master's degree in Sociology from Northwestern. He was a caseworker for the Cook County Department of Public Aid and obtained a Master of Science in Industrial relations from Loyola University of Chicago in 1983. For almost 20 years he was employed by the Mental Health and Retardation Services in Aurora, IL until his retirement in 2000. Despite "retiring" to New Orleans, he resumed his work as a priest for many years, serving at St. Anna's Episcopal Church until his death. Fr. Hanna loved his motorcycle taking trips to visit family. He was a avid photographer. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Russell.

ROBERT C. NERN, 83, died June 2 in Fort Wayne, IN.

Bob was born 1935 in Fort Wayne, IN to the late William and Laura Nern. While at Wabash he was a member of The Bachelor, Scarlet Masque and Phi Kappa Psi. Bob transferred to Ball State University and graduated with a BA in English. Nern served in the weather flight of the Indiana Air National Guard with Bear Field's 122nd Tactical Wing, stationed at Chambley Air Base, France. Returning to the United States, he taught English/Language Arts at Harlan High School. Bob changed career, earned an MSBA and worked in commercial and retail banking for over 30 years, and retired in 1999. He then earned a MA in English Literature, taught for a year, switched to Economics, then taught Management and Marketing courses. Bob is survived by his wife Elizabeth Nern, son Douglas; granddaughter Cassidy Nern, and step daughter Elizabeth Gilman.

Wabash is seeking additional contributions for The Annual Fund for 2019 Fiscal year ending June 30th.

The School is close to achieving a 45% Alumni contribution rate. As of June 11th, the College was 438 alumni donors shy of the goal. Consider helping Wabash and generations to come.

We have limited vacation plans for summer 2019. Jeananne is recovering from sciatica and mitral valve heart surgery. She is fine and we walk most days.

Have a great summer.

John

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PS -

You can find stories about our remarkable Wabash men like **Sheldon Slusser '19, Joe Whitaker '19, Will Maloney '19, Matt Hodges '19, Ahad Khan '19, and Jack Davidson '21**, on our news feed (wabash.edu/news) or on our YouTube channel (youtube.com/WabashCollege). We know you'll especially appreciate this video (<https://youtu.be/z8LqIp2Plr0>) where Wabash students express their gratitude for their faculty, staff, and coaches.



2019 Big Bash