



Class Agents Letter

Class of 1959

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Dear 59ers:

Thank you for your continued support of Wabash College. If you have not made a contribution this year there is still time before the end of the fiscal year. The College needs about \$330,000 by June 30 to meet this year's Annual Fund goal of \$3.6 million, and 573 more alumni donors will get us to 45% and the rarefied air of less than 10 other liberal arts colleges and universities nationwide. Based on the latest giving numbers I have, the Class of '59 needs 17 more classmates to meet our class goal. www.wabash/give

The College has experienced a difficult year during the pandemic. But it has done a creditable job of managing the pandemic. The surveillance testing for the last week of the academic year showed no students either in quarantine or in isolation. President Feller, Professor Taylor and members of the CARE team involved in managing the response to Covid-19 deserve our congratulations for maintaining a low infection rate throughout the past year.

This week we will celebrate Commencement for the classes of 2020 and 2021. It will be the first in person Commencement since 2019. The College has had an outstanding year in many respects. Ten wrestlers were named to the National Wrestling coaches of America (NWCA) Scholar All-America team. The Wabash track and field team won its second consecutive NCAC championship, scoring a stunning 203 points to its second place team's 137. The Wabash coaching staff, led by Clyde Morgan, was named the 2021 NCAC track and field Coaching staff of the Year. Last week we celebrated the annual Awards Chapel that honors men across all of the disciplines. For the second time the Awards Chapel was held virtually.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we have been in touch with a few men of the Class of '59. Sherm Franz and Hoyt Miller joined a Zoom call on more than one occasion. Hoyt and Kathy spend most of their time in Florida now while Sherm and Jacquie are still in Columbus. Sherm has been managing the aftermath of major surgery but is holding his own. Duane Axel is also spending most of his time in Florida with occasional trips back to Ft. Wayne where his sons still reside. Finally, Burt Carlson published his 13th book of poetry and has another about to come out soon. You may recall that Burt won several writing awards as a student, but not as a poet. Roger, Craig and I are in frequent contact. We are all well and vaccinated.



Mark your calendars for September 18 when we will celebrate Homecoming and dedicate the new Wabash football stadium. We hope to see many of you there. In the meantime, stay safe and be well.

Sincerely,

Robert (Bob) Wedgeworth

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