



WABASH COLLEGE

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Wabash Class of '60 – Greetings

When I read of people challenging the worth of higher education, I become concerned for their criticisms are usually economically based. It is no secret that many graduates have accumulated high indebtedness, but little regard is being given to the intrinsic value of education. Wabash makes it possible for academically qualified young men to attend the College through many funding sources without assigning the onerous burden of high indebtedness upon graduation. We Alumni through our gifts contribute to these funding sources so that young men can gain an education. It is my belief that the intrinsic value of an education outweighs the economic negatives being assigned to the higher educational experience. We all share in being a product of the Wabash experience; the very mission statement of the College speaks clearly about generations of its students who have been prepared to think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively and live humanely.

To speak of Wabash's effectiveness, 75% of the newly graduated Class of 2017 of 189 young men have secured their initial destination (full-time job or

graduate/professional study). This noteworthy success was encouraged and developed by extra-academic endeavors such as the immersion education experience, career development and counseling, internships and career mentoring. Graduates are also introduced to the culture of philanthropy to their College; this year's Wabash Day of Giving counted 100% student participation. This culture and practice of annual giving will produce great dividends to the future needs of the College.

The end of the 2016-2017 giving year is June 30. There is still time to get your gift posted. From the May 2017 report, 38.42% of our class have made a gift; year to date from May 2016 was 42.16% so we are lagging. Overall, the Alumni are at 42%; I have always set 50% as a goal since we have hit that level once or twice. The Wabash education is something to be prized. We have achieved that level of accomplishment with the A.B. Degree; our mandate is to ensure that future classes are exposed to the intrinsic values of a Wabash College education. Can the College count on you?

Sincerely,

Charlie Quillin, Class Agent