

Wabash

Class of 1963

December 19, 2021

Greetings! Here's an end-of-year letter and a wish for Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!

Bruce and I participated in a Class Agent's meeting at Wabash on November 6, and here's some information to share. After the Saturday morning session, 39 Class Agents were hosted at the new Little Giant Stadium and Frank Navarro Field for a buffet and special seating for the Wittenberg game. If you haven't visited the stadium and field, it needs to be on your agenda. It's reportedly the best football stadium in Division III and totally debt-free thanks to some strong alumni support. (The success of the later DePauw game and its handling of record crowds proved its excellent design.)

President Scott Feller spent an hour with us for an update. Some items:

- Academic and student life performance is recovered from the pandemic's impact the previous school year. Wabash remained a residential college without missing a single day of in-person education last year, a true feat.
- The goal for admissions to provide planned growth is 250-275 young men per year, in spite of lower national demographics. Prospective recruits who visit the campus produce an 80% yield, so emphasis is on getting high potential high school seniors to visit Wabash. Alumni remain a key recruiting asset.
- The Campus Center is next on the list for replacement ("it's more than fully depreciated!") Goals are to be the "living room" for all students with food always available in addition to meal service for those not in fraternities, a top notch event space, and to fulfill the "crossroads of the Campus" role for all students.
- Wabash has subscribed to a data service providing blind earnings information for Indiana higher education institutions, and although not all schools participated (non-participants were not named so the results may be biased) Wabash ranked Number One overall and by college major.
- 99.4% of last year's graduates got their first job or grad school, and 88% had internships.
- Through a successful Wabash Immersion Program, retention rates are the highest ever, and making "Wabash a Special Place" guides most decisions.

Steve Hoffman reported that Wabash's last fiscal year (June 30) closed only 200 donors shy of a magic 45% goal (Our class should be 60% or higher due to our smaller base) and that a \$250 annual gift is the earnings equivalent of a \$5 thousand slice of the endowment thus making Annual Giving a key part of overall annual revenue. The overall alumni giving rate ranks us in the top tier of all institutions.

Getting to class news, we've lost two more classmates since my last letter. Steve Kain died October 24 in Morristown, Indiana. After graduating from Wabash, he received his Masters degree from IU and devoted his career to education starting as a Latin teacher in Crawfordsville and progressing through

Principal and Superintendent roles in several schools. His wife, Sharon, pre-deceased him. Also, David Kern died in April. He attended Wabash and graduated from the Defense Language Institute where he learned the Turkish language and served in Turkey with the Army Security Agency. Later he owned a family nursery and thrived in the nursery business. His wife, Katy, and their four children survive him.

One of our measurable responsibilities as Class Agents is keeping annual giving high on class members' giving priorities. The stats included in my last letter were: "Thanks to all of you who gave to Wabash during the Fiscal Year ending June 30. Overall, it was the highest Annual Fund total of over \$3.6 million! There were 5,148 alumni donors, or 43.3%, for the third highest participation ever. Our Class of '63, with a base of 109, had 43 donors for a 42% participation – on the wrong side of the average! Skipping FY20 with only 43%, our participation has been 52, 58, 55, 56 and 69 percent for FY18 through FY14. We should be in the 60% range this year if you remember to give something by the end of 2021 for taxes if you itemize or at the latest, June 30 of next year. Better yet, why not now while it's on your mind!"

Well, at mid-December there is no better time to send a contribution to Wabash so you can probably deduct it from your taxes for 2021. Please join Tom, Bruce and me in the Class Roll of Contributors for this Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022.

Thanks to those of you who clicked "Reply Now" to our last letter, as your update was shared with everyone on the group list. Unfortunately, we don't have email addresses for quite a few classmates and some widows, so they miss out on our Class Letters. Following is a list of those "lost due to no email" and hopefully you can provide the needed information.

Have a great Christmas and New Year, and we'll be back with another letter in 2022!

Best regards,

Alan for Bruce and Tom

Class of '63 Members and Widows With No Email Addresses In Our Files

Donato	Ann
Settles	Ann
Carman	Arlene
McGee	Tom
Roos	Barbara
Sudzus	Barbara
Jones	Berne
White	Cassel
Hitchcock	Chuck
Marshall	Dick
Peterson	David
Justice	Diana
Sittler	Conrad

Hill	John
Stephens	Kathleen
White	Leah
Dapice	Lynne
Sundberg	Marilyn
Van Etten	Martha
McCoy	Mary
Krieg	Mary Lou
Meeker	Misako
Litzenberger	Nancy
Thompson	Neil
Hedges	Pete
Mikesell	Phil

Molloy	Mick
Shorter	Edward
Olsen	Helga
Leoucis	Homer
Rodgers	Irene
Corlett	Jim
Endicott	Jim
Woodfill	Jan
Seaton	Jerome
Pollitt	Jerry
Liscomb	Jesse
Roberts	Jim
Doherty	John
Gibbs	John

Bishop	Dick
Hainje	Bob
Martz	Bob
Scott	Bob
Eddy	Sandra
Brant	Sharon
Hatfield	Susan
Verachtert	Tom
Waggoner	Vance
Schiralli	Victor
Beuthin	Bill
Neher	Bill
Owens	Bill
Payne	Wingate