



WABASH COLLEGE

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Gentlemen,

Eight months has passed since our Class of 1966 50th year anniversary reunion. It was a grand event and, as a classmate, I thank everyone who came, everyone who could not come but participated in their own way, and especially all who participated as a part of our Class Gift which set all time Wabash records. If you get the chance and have not visited the campus in years, you really should do so. It is a blend of the strength of the old and enduring alongside with the freshness of the now and today.

The new. The Delts are back ... as they should be ... in their house. Fraternities now number 10 and continue to be a thread of strength for the College with student participation about 70%. There is also an assortment of new independent housing opportunities for those students selecting that avenue.

The continuing. Then there is what Wabash does and is recognized for and other information concerning Little Giant land. I have tried to highlight some of this below.

I thought this Class letter might just touch on information about the unique institution we call **WABASH**. Did you know:

- **Uniqueness:** Wabash is one of three remaining all men's liberal arts colleges.
 - **Campus Size:** Approximately 100 acres.
 - **Endowment:** Value as of December 31, 2016 - \$315,000,000.
 - **Student Body:** 2015 reports 868 from 33 states and 12 foreign countries. (The College is looking to raise this number gradually toward 900 to 1,000. The facilities and offerings are in [place for its support.]
 - **Applications:** 2015 reports 1,247. 2015 acceptance rate: 61%. Average GPA: 3.64
- Acceptance Factors:**
- Rigor of HS record
 - Academic GPA
 - Academic and extracurricular activities

- Level of interest in Wabash
- **Cost:** Tuition & Fees: \$41,050; Room & Board: \$9,600; Total: \$50,650.
- **Assistance:** Average need based grant: \$25,192. 74% receive some form of need based aid. Average % of need met: 91%
- **Faculty, Classes and Retention/Graduation:** 2014 records: 95% of faculty have Ph.D or equivalent terminal degrees. Student/faculty ratio: 10:1. 74% of classes have less than 20 in a class. Freshman retention rate in 2015 was 86% and graduation rate in 4 years was 70%
- **Sports:** 40% of the students participate in varsity sports and 80% participate in intramurals.
- **How Does Wabash Compare with NATIONALLY (not Regional ... but National) Recognized Institutions:**
 - **Best Colleges ranks Wabash among the top 381 National Liberal Arts institutions and includes breakout rankings:**
 - #65 among 381 National Liberal Arts Colleges
 - #17 in best undergraduate teaching
 - #44 in best value schools
 - #69 in HS Counselor rankings
 - **Princeton Review ranks Wabash among the top 10% of National Liberal Arts Colleges and includes breakout rankings:**
 - #1 as having the Best Alumni Support Network (Dartmouth was ranked #2 behind Wabash)
 - #3 for internships
 - #3 as everyone plays intramurals
 - #8 for career services
 - #8 as having best athletic facilities
 - #10 as having the most accessible professors
 - #15 as having the best theater program
 - #18 for professors receiving high marks from students
 - #38 as a college that pays you back

OK ... I searched a number of web sites to gain this information which I believe to be correct (I may have missed something but did the best I could.). The purpose was to give you an overall flavor of Wabash today. I hope the next time someone asks you about Wabash or the next time you speak with a potential Wabash student and family ... you can proudly provide some of these outstanding living achievements by your College... the College you make better every day by caring, sharing, and helping as and when you can.

Jay