



## WABASH COLLEGE

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### *Class Agents Letter*

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### Class of 1966

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Dear Classmate;

I just returned from C' ville and the Wabash College first home football game. There was also a Class Agents Forum Meeting, which I attended. I was enthused by the spirit on the campus, the information imparted during the Class Agents Meeting, and the performance of the students and football team. When I got home, I decided to share all this with you guys before other things begin to intrude. Hence, this letter.

First the not so fun part: it rained "cats and dogs" constantly Friday when Marty and I arrived in C ville through Saturday evening, when we left. From simply rain to heavy rain. **Never** ... no rain. Now the fun part: Wabash and its students, College people and just general folks encountered during the visit.

Let's get the game report out. Wabash has ANOTHER very fine team. ***Wabash has 154 footballers on the sideline. The students also have a new "Red Zone"*** area down front on the West side of the home stands. They were having a ball, unbothered by the rain. This past week every (and I mean EVERY) student on Wabash varsity football participated playing in a Wabash College football game against an intercollegiate opponent (which includes the JV and/or Varsity game). Every player played! Our coaches are committed to a full JV schedule so that every student out for football (all 154 of them ... Freshmen to Seniors) will be in games. NEAT ... is all I can say. Wabash is now 2 wins and no losses.

Now while we are on the general subject of sports, ***50% of the Wabash student body participates in at least 1 varsity intercollegiate sport. THAT IS CORRECT ... 50%!*** When you add in those students who earlier in their College career participated but now are not, it is estimated that is another 15%. Then

when you add in Wabash other very fine extracurriculars such as Debate, Music (instrumental and Glee Club), Theater and Art, you can see ... Little Giants of today ARE very busy and involved. All this in addition to success in their studies.

I have been taught (probably at Wabash), **LEAD WITH YOUR GREATNESS** (with objective evidence and outcomes the support). Here is some of Wabash's Greatness (evidence and outcomes) for you to be proud to be a part and to go forth and spread to others:

### **STUDENT NEWS**

- **Freshman Student Body:** New students include 21% of color with 11% being Latino. Average SAT of new students is 1220. 65% of new students listed their interest as athletes. Freshman Class is 183.
- **Graduating Class of 2017:** 98% secured employment, fellowship, or postgraduate education within 6 months of graduation. (For comparative purposes: the National Average after 6 months is 64%).
- **Graduating Class of 2018:** 86% have secured their 1<sup>st</sup> destination as of the date of this letter (some 3 ½ months of graduation).
- **Wabash College Medical/Law Acceptance Rate:** 84% Med School Acceptance and 80% Law School Acceptance.
- **Wabash College Student Internships:** 78% of Wabash Students have a summer internship.
- **Wabash Teams:** In all sports, playing Wabash ... requires bringing your "A game". As I said earlier, 50% of our students participate in varsity sports. National rankings in Track and Field, Cross, Wrestling, and Football are "the norm". Wabash Baseball is there. This past year the team won the most games ever and left a big "HELLO" at the NCAA Tournament ... taking Wooster to the final out in regional the final game ... statements were made by Wooster players that they "*don't want to face Wabash because Wabash never stops coming at you*". WAF flows and is made a part of a student's very being.

### **COLLEGE / FACULTY NEWS** (as reported by National survey and/or publications)

- Wabash holds the **#6 best Career Services** ranking (Note: the evidence in the internships, alumni network, and career placement).
- Wabash holds the **#4** spot as having **the Most Accessible Professors** ... with 65% of students responding they speak with professors outside of class on a weekly basis (Note: the professors know the students and the students are comfortable with the professors).
- **Average Class Size** is **13**.
- The **Student to Faculty Ratio** is **10 to 1**.

- Wabash has **9 Rhodes Scholars** (Note: Butler, Purdue, DePauw, Earlham, and Hanover have a combined 8).
- Wabash **Fulbrights** are **13**.
- Wabash has produced **30 Academic All Americans and 20 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships**.

#### **ALUMNI NEWS** (as reported by National survey and/or publications)

- Wabash **Alumni Network ranks #2** nationally (Behind only Dartmouth.)
- From the GG+A College survey group, which surveyed Wabash Alumni this past year (you all received and most responded) the following is reported:
  - **86%** of Wabash Alumni **feel a connection** with Wabash with **85%** reporting **positively feeling informed** and **82%** reporting **strong Wabash loyalty**.
  - **75%** of Alumni **have Wabash in their top 3 giving priorities**.
  - **86%** of Alumni **desire that Wabash remain a strong institution** and **63%** in **giving back what they received**.
  - **Alumni** report that they **want to hear about Wabash** (hence this letter as one effort) and do so: **59% from Alumni News and Class Letters, 46% from strategic planning and major initiatives, and 41% from fellow Alumni** profiles. All in all, **81% feel informed about what is happening at Wabash**.
  - **Alums interests** include: **51% attending a Class Reunion, 47% local area gatherings, 42% education programs by Wabash faculty, 39% events that include wives and significant others**.

#### **HOW CAN YOU HELP WABASH AND WABASH STUDENTS and HAVE FUN DOING IT? MAKE WABASH GREATER!!!**

1. **Attend a local Wabash function** AND for sure come back and visit the College during the BIG BASH or other event (example: athletic, concert or other event). Wabash Homecoming Football would be great fun and is: September 29, 2018 against Wooster.
2. **Volunteer through the Career Services** to help undergrads with opportunities as you and Career Services may explore. Call Career Services.
3. **Be on the lookout for qualified student recruits and get the info to Admissions**. Easy to do. Go to the Admissions section of the Wabash web site and "follow the yellow brick road". You will find Admissions probably has the student in their data bank and your "heads up" is just the help they need to focus one on one on this student.
4. **Give financial support to the College**. Did you know: ... high activity level for alumni giving occurs in December (tax year end), April (Wabash One Day of Giving), and during May/June as the Wabash fiscal year comes to an end. You

may be contacted during that time ... SO RESPOND. Wabash is a leader. Is recognized as such. Graduates today DO HAVE A LEG UP. Insure this continues.

5. **Participate in giving to The Wabash Annual Fund** (The fund which goes toward everyday operations and is budgeted at \$3,400,000 this fiscal year.
- a. YES VIRGINIA ... \$3,400,000.
  - b. Last year it was \$3,300,000 and it was by alumni and friends met as it has been met for the years prior...
  - c. ***Annual Fund Alumni participation last year was 44.2%.*** This will likely place Wabash in the top 15 national liberal arts institutions in the % of alumni donors.
  - d. The Class of 1966 at our 50<sup>th</sup> ... set the tone of "think big and be a part" with our gift. This ignited the Classes of 1967 and then 68 to go higher and stronger.
  - e. So make a gift this year ... the amount ... while important ... is not as important as your being a part. Institutional donors look at our statistics.

SO ... that is what I learned at school today. Wabash is a fun place with bright achieving leaders of today and tomorrow. Be a part of LEADING WITH GREATNESS  
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Jay