



Class Agents Letter

Class of 1970

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Thanksgiving

Well, here we are as 2020 heads to its end. I can't imagine many of us are sad to see this year end. We hope that next year will bring better news and better times for all of us. The good news is that our chances of celebrating the 50th anniversary of our graduation next June looks better. Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Save The Date - Big Bash 2021 - June 4, 5, and 6, 2021

We're planning to get together in Crawfordsville in June, if we can get our vaccinations in time. If we won't be able to attend in person, we will have a virtual celebration. In a fit of optimism I've already reserved a room at the Crawfordsville Hampton Inn. The college will let us know in the new year when we can start booking there with a discount rate. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you guys. And as a bonus we'll be there with our many friends from the Class of 1971.

Campus Update

Teaching and learning continue as students, faculty, staff, and administration have worked together to keep Wabash residential this semester. There have been adjustments to help this to happen. The school year started two weeks early, with President Scott Feller ringing in the Class of 2024 on the Mall on Sunday, August 9. There was no Fall Break, and the last day of Finals are scheduled for the Tuesday before Thanksgiving (November 24).

Wabash will delay the start of the spring semester by one week, allowing the return to campus by seniors for comprehensive exams to be two full weeks after the New Year's holiday. The faculty will conduct senior oral comprehensive exams virtually prior to a return to campus. There will be no spring break, but instead three scheduled off days scattered across the semester. This plan allows Commencement for the classes of 2020 and 2021 to remain on the previously scheduled on May 16, 2021. A lot of adjustments, indeed.

Athletics

The North Coast Athletic Conference suspended all sports through Dec. 31. Athletic teams have been holding modified practices, and the Allen Center is open with new restrictions. Wabash College will join with members of the North Coast Athletic Conference in suspending athletics practices and related activities from Wednesday, November 25, 2020 through January 1, 2021. The NCAC also announced the cancelation of officially sanctioned competition and championships in winter sports. This decision also encompasses varsity sport programs that do not officially participate in the NCAC (wrestling and volleyball).



AD Matt Tanney and his staff will begin to create plans for how to reinstate structured, sport-specific workouts, practices, and related activities in January. They will also work to develop competitive schedules for winter and fall sports teams with schools who share Wabash's commitment to sound, data-driven COVID prevention and testing measures.

Though we had no Homecoming game this fall, the Sphinx Club in coordination with the Student Affairs Office held the annual Chapel Sing on Sept. 17. Lambda Chi won for the second year in a row. Oct. 3 saw judging of Homecoming floats with Phi Gamma Delta taking first.

The Princeton Review ranked The Bachelor #7 in publishing online this semester.

The Wabash Theater Department staged its fall production The Race online in September.

We are close to taking possession of the new Little Giant Stadium.

Dean for Enrollment Management and Director of Admissions Chip Timmons '96 was quoted in a September 25th New York Times story on colleges using merit over test scores in admissions. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/25/your-money/merit-aid-SAT-optional.html>

Stay safe, guys. See you on Campus.

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Resources

For more information on how the Wabash campus continues residential teaching and learning through the pandemic: <https://www.wabash.edu/covid/>

For documents, including weekly updates from President Feller and Ann Taylor:
<https://www.wabash.edu/covid/documents>

For the latest in events on campus, many of which you can join virtually:
<https://www.wabash.edu/calendar/>

The Bachelor: <https://www.wabash.edu/bachelor/>

- Drs. David Blix '70 and Eric Olofson talk about teaching in Pioneer Chapel:
https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11627

- Drs. Laura Wysocki and Sara Drury will lead a nearly \$600,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to study the impacts of deliberation on undergraduate STEM education. https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11626

- Profile of Tyler Watson '22, COVID Action Response and Education (CARE) Team manager.
https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11625

Photo Galleries: https://www.wabash.edu/photo_album/

- MXIBS Chapel Talk: https://www.wabash.edu/photo_album/home.cfm?photo_album_id=5269

- Fall photos of campus: [Wabash College Photo Album](#)

- Chapel Sing: (1) https://www.wabash.edu/photo_album/home.cfm?photo_album_id=5266

- (2) https://www.wabash.edu/photo_album/home.cfm?photo_album_id=5267