



Class Agents Letter

Class of 1974

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Dear Class of 1974,

As we head toward the end of a year most of us would like to forget, we bring good news from our alma mater.

Led by President Scott Feller and Chemistry Professor Ann Taylor, Wabash completed a **successful fall semester** starting two weeks early, forgoing a fall break, and concluding finals before Thanksgiving. The great tradition of teaching and learning continued as students, faculty, staff, and administration worked together to keep Wabash 97% residential. You can read more about the campus **COVID efforts** at <https://www.wabash.edu/covid/>.

Spring semester will start a week later in January with seniors taking their oral comprehensives first via Zoom then they will return to campus to take the written portion of the exam in person. There will be no spring break, and the campus hopes to finish up in May at the usual time with the aim of physically graduating the Class of 2021 on May 16 along with the Class of 2020 who graduated virtually last May.

Six months after their graduation, **97.6% of the Class of 2020** settled into a first destination (employment, graduate school, or service), which is a remarkable feat from the Career Services Office. Here's the story: https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11637

News from **Admissions**: Wabash is beating expectations during this pandemic as applications are up over this time last year. On December 10-12, nearly 500 prospective students participated in a virtual experience of the Wabash classroom taking one of 23 courses in a newer type of Honor Scholar Weekend called Scarlet Honors Weekend. These high school seniors will earn scholarship money to attend Wabash in the fall. If you know a young man in high school who should be on Wabash's radar, fill out the online referral form at <https://apply.wabash.edu/register/refer>.



Speaking of Admissions, did you see the most recent Princeton Review rankings?

- No. 1** Best Internship Opportunities
- No. 1** Best Alumni Network
- No. 4** Most Accessible Professors
- No. 6** Everyone Plays Intramural Sports
- No. 6** Lots of Greek Life
- No. 7** Best Career Services
- No. 7** Best College Newspaper
- No. 8** Professors Get High Marks
- No. 10** Most Active Student Government
- No. 11** Best College Theater
- No. 13** Best Health Services
- No. 17** Best Financial Aid
- No. 19** Best Classroom Experience
- No. 20** Best-Run Colleges
- No. 26** Best Value Colleges

Next fall, we will look forward to the long-delayed **127th Monon Bell Classic scheduled Nov. 13, 2021 at brand-new Little Giant Stadium**. Here are some photos of the Stadium.





More content, including construction cam and videos, is available here: <https://sports.wabash.edu> Yes, the Visitor's Stands were torn down; to be replaced with temporary stands during the football season. The rest of the year has an enhanced view!

The College just launched **Wherever. Whenever. Wabash.**, an online hub of to help bring Wabash Together: <https://www.wabash.edu/www/>. Check it for **upcoming events** and for some content you can download.

You may have received a mailer or email about taking advantage of the CARES Act and the **\$300 universal charitable deduction** for those taking the standard deduction on your 2020 taxes. This is only applicable for gifts made by December 31, 2020. Find out more about the CARES Act and ways to Give to Wabash at https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11636.

Wabash stands tall through this crazy year because of the tremendous support of those who've given to the **Giant Steps Campaign**, which currently stands just shy of **\$198 million**. (More here: <http://giantsteps.wabash.edu/>) You can add your name and check to see other classmates who have generously given to Wabash this year on the Online Honor Roll (<https://www.wabash.edu/giving/recongnition>) with a gift online at wabash.edu/give.

We recently, we learned of the passing of **Terry Bushing** on December 2, in Monticello, Indiana. Terry had lived in the Monticello area most of his life. After receiving a master's degree from Purdue he went to work with his dad at J.C. Bushing Accounting Services of Monticello. After his dad, Charlie, passed away, Terry continued operating the accounting business. An avid golfer, he had also worked at Kroger's of Monticello for the last several years.

We'd like to know how you're doing and what's new with you. More importantly, your classmates would love an update. Just fill out the attached **Where Are You Now?** form, and we'll get it in our next letter.

Wishing you Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year,

Mark and Paul

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“Where Are You Now?”

Wabash Class of _____

While you are holding this in your hands, take a moment to fill it out and send it to: Wabash College, Alumni and Parent Relations Office, PO Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. While you're at it, why not contact a fellow alum or professor you haven't talked to in a while?

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Home Address _____

Business Address _____

Business Phone _____ Business Fax _____

E-mail _____ Home Page _____

Interested in serving your class as a class agent? Yes _____ Maybe _____ Not yet _____

Interested in helping the College with fund raising? Yes _____ No _____

Family Information

☐ Single

☐ Married

☐ Partnered

(Spouse/partner's name) _____ Anniversary (if applicable) _____

☐ Divorced

☐ Widowed

☐ Father of (kid's name/s) _____ Birthdays _____

Latest Employment and Education Information

☐ Unemployed ☐ Self-employed doing _____

☐ Employed (where) _____ Occupation _____

☐ Looking for work

☐ Retired

☐ In school at (where) _____

☐ Working toward a (degree) _____ in (field) _____

☐ Writing a book on _____

I'd really like to hear from (classmate/s) _____

Any other interesting news? _____
