



## Class Agents Letter

**Class of 1975**

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Dear Classmates,

We'll start this letter with an update about our postponed reunion. While COVID-19 postponed our 45<sup>th</sup> reunion last June, we'll be joining the class after us for Big Bash. Make sure to mark your calendars for **June 4-6, 2021**. It's early, so we don't yet know whether we'll return to the usual on-campus format or some virtual version, but the Alumni Office is committed to providing the means for us to reconnect with classmates and families. We'll be reaching out to some of you to help us contact classmates and get a great turnout, but if you'd like to help, let us know.

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 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 before they 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](https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11637)

News from Admissions is also beating expectations during this pandemic as applications are up over this time last year. From December 10-12, more than 300 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>.

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.





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 you can take advantage 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](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](http://www.wabash.edu/give).

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 the next letter.

Wishing you Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year,

Joe Hockberger

# *“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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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