



## Class Agents Letter

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Dear Men of the Great Wabash Class of 1976:

I hope this letter finds you in good health given the highly unusual circumstances of the year 2020. It is hard to believe the situation in which we find ourselves but also encouraging to see the bright lights on the horizon with the arrivals of vaccines to help rid ourselves of this pandemic. I feel sure that social distancing and the wearing of masks won't disappear overnight.

That said, I surely hope that our Class of 1976 45th Reunion will be able to take place as scheduled on the weekend of June 4-6, 2021. As you know Rob Matthews and Rick Cavanaugh have agreed to take charge of the Weekend's Events.

Last year the boys of 1975 had their Reunion cancelled and then rebooked to share our weekend of June 4-6, 2021. I sent out a note hoping that we could get the upper hand on the chatter which will no doubt accompany this shared event with 1975. Pat Weber '76, given his status as a fully retired Math Teacher, has offered a brilliant solution to this argument with his suggestion that we print up some shirts with a Reunion slogan which we can all share...

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Thank you, Pat. We can look forward to sharing our weekend in good spirits.

News from Crawfordsville includes two new tenure appointments:

Sabrin Thomas - History

Matt Weedman - Art

Both are elevated to the rank of Associate Professor.

[https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news\\_ID=11641](https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11641)

As we are aware, the College has altered its 2020-2021 academic calendar to accommodate proper COVID related precautions. The Crawfordsville Campus closed on November 24th and plans to reopen on January 13th for Seniors [Comps] and underclassmen return on January 25th. Quite a break for those involved. Winter Athletics have been officially cancelled for all events with little expectation that there will



be any competitive activity for the rest of the Winter. Apparently the Athletic Department is working on very tentative scheduling for the Spring with other Schools following similar protocols.

Wabash has recently announced that all Tuition charges will be held at 2020-2021 levels with no increase for the Academic year 2021-2022.

[https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news\\_ID=11635](https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11635)

The College has also announced that it has joined in a 53-School Coalition called 'The Equity Alliance'. [https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news\\_ID=11633](https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11633) Organized by the University of Southern California's Race and Equity Center, the Coalition will study all issues of Race and Fairness - particularly, I suspect, as they affect the lives of the Members' College and University Communities.

With so little Athletic news one on Campus highlight has shown through: The Wabash and DePauw Swimming Teams held a virtual Swim Meet, cleverly put together as each Team swam in their home pool. One significant scheduling note from The Allen Center is that the 2021 Monon Bell game is now scheduled for the brand new Little Giant Stadium at Wabash on Nov. 13, 2021. This means we will host our friends from Greencastle for Football on the odd years going forward.

Lastly, please send along any qualified candidates for Wabash admission consideration. The College has eliminated any and all fees relating to Admission. It seems a good time to take a look. You can refer them online at <https://apply.wabash.edu/register/refer>

Please, as always, consider the College and the 1976 JP Collett Fund in your year-end giving plans. Easily done online at [www.wabash.edu/give](http://www.wabash.edu/give). The CARES Act provides an up to \$300 universal charitable deduction if you take the standard deduction on your 2020 taxes. This is only applicable for gifts made by December 31, 2020.

Cheers. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. Fred and I look forward to seeing you in June

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