

Class of 1981

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A Big Thank You for A Big Day



First, thank you to all of you who participated in this year's Day of Giving. On this 8th year of the Day of Giving, Wabash demonstrated that amazing performance raising over \$1.3 million representing over 5,800 gifts. Our class outpaced last year's participation with 65 gifts in large part due to the generous challenge offered by classmate Chris Braun and his wife Trish to match the first \$100 of each classmate's gifts. Other of our classmates made efforts to reach out to their fraternity brothers and fellow independents. Thanks to Dave Lewis, Mike Kraus, Mark McGrady, Steve Riggs, Doug McKay, Jim Kipp, Lou Fenoglio, Doug Kvachkoff, and of course Chris Braun and other classmates who helped out by reminding guys about the Day of Giving. Thanks as well to all of you who have continued to support the important work of Wabash College. The current Class of 1981 Honor Roll is at the end of this letter. Wabash's fiscal year does not end until the end of June and so there is still time to have your name added.

40th Reunion – Modification of Plans

You may have heard by now from the College that it has been decided not to hold Big Bash this June. Instead of hosting Big Bash, the College will make the campus available for tour on Saturday June 5, 2021, the original date of Big Bash. This will be the first time that the campus is open to visitors in 15 months. It will be an opportunity to visit the new football stadium that was completed last Fall in time for the football season that was canceled.

We are planning a get together for those guys and their guests who are interested in returning to campus on June 5. A couple of our classmates who purchased property in Crawfordsville and nearby (including the home of a Civil War general and a church) will make the property available to our class. The planning will be for simple and safe events on campus that will be coordinated with some buildings and facilities open on campus. The intention is that our plans be flexible enough so if you decide on Saturday morning to drive to campus you can call or text as you leave your home (of course advanced notice is always much appreciated). If guys are coming to Indiana from outside the state, I am glad to help organize a gathering in either Indianapolis or Crawfordsville before or after Saturday.

I will send out another Class Letter soon with a description of the plans. Your ideas are welcomed and even more your joining us on June 5.

On October 16, 2021, there will be a tailgate at a football game honoring our class at our 40th reunion.

News – Wabash is a Great Value and Has The Best Alumni Network

This news headline is fortunately the same or similar to prior news. Wabash men for the most part have continued to attend Wabash in person the entire academic year. The College has put in place protocols to do this safely and effectively and it has worked. Wabash offered all students the opportunity to be vaccinated by the end of April before students leave for the school year.

Wabash in the annual college guide: *The Best Value Colleges*, *The Princeton Review* rated Wabash as No. 1 in Best Alumni Network for private schools, No. 3 in Best Internship Opportunities, and No. 28 in Best Value Colleges for private schools. The latter ranking was the highest among private schools in the state of Indiana.

The Princeton Review chose the 200 Best Value schools based on return on investment (ROI) ratings it tallied for 651 schools under consideration last year. The selection process considered more than 40 data points, broadly covering academics, affordability, and career preparation. Wabash's continued excellence recognized by these ratings is made possible by your generosity in terms of financial support and your time to engage and support students and graduates in their pursuit of a post-college career.

If you have news about what you are doing, please share it with me if you would like it to be shared with your classmates.

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Honor Roll Through April

Please see the Honor Roll of our classmates that have made a contribution to Wabash since last July.

John and Michelle Ashworth III
Dean and Vickie Beckman
Jeffrey Been and Eric Graninger
Mark Benne
Mike and Lorie Bettice
Joe and Carol Boomhower
Scott and Jessica Boone *1832*
Brian Bowerman

Chris and Trish Braun *1832*
Allan and Brenda Clauser Jr.
Jim and Deborah Cooper
Doug and Shari Coplen *1832*
Shawn and Debra Crane
Bryan and Catherine Daniels *1832*
Bob and Michele DeFazio *1832*
Dave and Kathryn Dingley *1832*

Steve and Annette Doherty
David and Susan Downey
Brad and Lori Dubbs
Tom and Jane Elliott
Eric and Debbie Faires
Lou and Sally Fenoglio 1832
Gus and Rebecca Galante 1832
Cathy Greene ^
Randy and Monica Grimes 1832
Steve and Sandra Hartenstein
Dan Heiser
John and Tammy Helm
John and Sue Hilbrich
Cris and Amy Johnston 1832
W. Terry Jones and Susan Hoffman 1832
Chris Keele 1832
Fred and Stacie Kendall
Steve Kindred 1832
Carl Kipp III
James R. Kipp, Jr. and Susan Paul
Mike and Molly Kraus FACP 1832
Doug and Patty Kvachkoff 1832
Mark and Monica Lazar 1832
Mike and Sandra Leagre
David and Lynn Lewis 1832
Dennis Lindauer
Rolf Loescher and Donnamarie Darcy-
Loescher 1832

Arthur and Therese Lukowski Jr.
Mark and Misty McGrady
Doug and Cindy McKay
Don Miller
Carl and Cheryl Myers O.D.
Jon and Sarah Myers
Bill and Kris Myers
Bill Nesbitt
Dave and Rhonda Paul
Stephen Pavy
Bill and Paula Payne Jr.
Phil and Elizabeth Purcell
Steven Riggs
Michael Robak and Hattie Leiss
Ned and Dawn Segelken 1832
Rolland and Sally Strasser
Jeff and Paula Struewing
Steve and Susan Thomas
Stan and Janet Thompson 1832
Ron and Julia Vogel
Jay Want and Martina Schulte MXICC
John and Ellen Weaver
Tom and Denice Weber
Monty and Lisa Woolsey
Peter Wright and Nicki Bauer 1832
Randy and Jo Ellen Zromkoski 1832

