



WABASH COLLEGE

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Class Agent Letter - 2017 Year End

It is hard to write a year end letter without acknowledging that 2017 for many reasons seems to have been a very long year. 2017 has been a year of considerable national and international political consternation. The weather in the second half of the year produced very destructive hurricanes as well as devastating wildfires. There were smaller disasters and personal tragedies. For many 2018 will be a year of rebuilding.

Our little college in the middle of America remains a shining beacon. The support of 43.9% of the 14,415 living alumni is a major reason Wabash is so bright. On a single day in the Spring Wabash alumni, every Wabash student, friends of the College, faculty and parents (3,386 in all) contributed an amount that was the equivalent of \$1,096/student. This was a larger number of gifts and much higher gift per student than many other colleges that are much larger than Wabash had on the same day or with similar days of giving. 90% of the 864 undergraduate students at Wabash receive some form of financial aid. It is expensive to keep a 10 to 1 student to faculty ratio, but I know we all know it is worth it.

The support that Wabash alumni provide is not just financial contributions to the College. This year Wabash was ranked as having the #1 Alumni Network in the country by the Princeton Review (DePauw did well coming in at 18th). Our alumni help one another and our undergraduates in a manner and to a degree as to get this notice and rating. I have ever heard non-Wabash graduates in Indiana refer to the "Wabash Mafia" in what I thought as a respectful way. Wabash also scored impressive rankings in many other categories by various publications related to the superior education and extracurricular opportunities and experience made possible at Wabash due to the generous support of generations of alumni.

For all Wabash graduates I think I say that it always makes the year better when Wabash possesses the Monon Bell. I know some think that it is even sweeter, as occurred this year, when the Bell was retrieved by a victory in Greencastle. Next year we can look forward to the 125th Monon Bell game that will, of course, be played in Crawfordsville.

Wabash is knocking on the door of the Top 10 list of percentage of alumni donation. We are currently 16th, but for every 117 alumni who donate we go up a percentage point. Thank you to all of you, shown in the Honor Roll below, who have already donated to Wabash during this donation year (which runs through June 30, 2018).

Here are the ways you can make a donation to Wabash before the end of the year. Included are instructions for donation of stock that might have appreciated considerably in the past year (save yourself the hassle of trying to account for the gain).

Ways to give:

- a. Online: www.wabash.edu/give
- b. Phone: 877-743-4545
- c. Mail: Wabash College / 301 W. Wabash Avenue / Crawfordsville IN 47933

Stock gifts are valued based on the mean price of the stock on the date of the gift. No capital gain taxes are due on stock that is gifted to Wabash. However, it is important to follow some simple steps to expedite the transfer of the stock to Wabash.

If you have the stock listed with your brokerage account, please ask your broker to contact **Rhonda Maynor**, Gifts Processing Coordinator, at (765) 361-6088. The College will provide instructions for you to share with your broker to accomplish the transfer. You must be sure the broker does not just sell the stock and then transfer the proceeds. Such a step triggers a taxable transaction for you.

If you have the stock certificate, simply send the certificate(s) to:

*Wabash College Annual Fund
Hays Alumni Center
P.O. Box 352
Crawfordsville, IN 47933-0352*

Finally, here is the link to the College website that clearly explains all of the giving options
<https://www.wabash.edu/giving/waystogive>.

I wish you a relaxing and happy holiday season! I look forward to seeing you in 2018.

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