



Class Agents Letter

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Dear Class of 1981 classmates:

Happy Holidays to you and all of yours and best wishes for the New Year!

This letter is brief with some end-of-year news as well as another sad piece of news about one of our classmates.

Evan Pauly, 60, of Fort Wayne, passed away on Sunday, November 18, 2018. Evan graduated from North Side High School in 1977. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon and was a member of the Wabash Concert Band. His obituary continues:

"He suffered throughout his life from joint pain and depression. Evan was an unusually gentle person, a member of St. Jude's parish and an employee and volunteer there for many years. He loved his dog Bubba and had been close to his sister. Evan loved life in a quiet way and especially relished food and beauty. Evan is survived by his mother, Evelyn; brothers, Thomas of California and George of North Carolina; nephews and a grand niece. He was preceded in death by his father, Leonard, in 1967 and sister, Florence, in 2015. Memorial gifts may be made to ACRES Land Trust of Fort Wayne or St. Jude's parish. To sign the online guestbook, visit www.domccombandsons.com."

Giant Steps

By now I hope you have heard and read about "Giant Steps – A Campaign for Wabash College". To learn more, visit: <http://giantsteps.wabash.edu>

This fall Wabash College announced the largest comprehensive fund-raising campaign in its 186-year history. ***Giant Steps: A Campaign for Wabash College*** seeks to raise \$225 million. The campaign is off to an incredible start.

The campaign will focus on four specific areas:

- further endowing Wabash's generous scholarship programs;
- funding faculty professorships, chairs and academic programs;
- providing immersive learning experiences for all Wabash students;
- funding capital projects and the Annual Fund.

Here is a quote from former Board Chair Steve Bowen, who with his wife made a large gift to the campaign.

"The Giant Steps we will take for Wabash will provide funding for scholarships, faculty and academic programs, immersive experiences, and our physical campus... But the fundamental goal of this campaign — the thing we simply must do — is to grow our \$320 million endowment substantially between now and our 200th anniversary in 2032. Our task — and our responsibility — is clear. We must do better for Wabash men. We must do better for our College. This is our goal and we will take Giant Steps necessary to achieve it."

Find out about the "Giant Steps" regional events that are beginning to take place. Go to www.giantsteps.wabash.edu/events.

Good News

The national average for students graduating from a 4-year institution to have secured their First Destination at 6-months is 64%. 100% of **the Wabash Class of 2018 secured their First Destination by 6-months.**

Wabash has the #2 ranked Alumni Network in the nation – all colleges and universities.

98% of all Wabash students receive some sort of financial aid.

END-OF-YEAR GIVING

You still have until the end of the year to make your gift to Wabash. There are several ways to maximize your gift. Remember, in order to be eligible for gifts to be considered tax deductible for 2018, outright gifts by check, credit card and an electronic fund transfer (ETF) **must be received by Wabash or postmarked by Monday, December 31.**

Visit Wabash's secure online giving page at Wabash.edu/give to make a gift before the end of the year or call 1-877-743-4545. Visit wabash.edu/matching to find out if your company will match your gift to Wabash.

Thank you for all you do to support Wabash College and its mission. "Wabash educates men to think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively and live humanely."

Needed now, more than ever,

Yours in Wabash

Stephen