



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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### Class of 1981

#### Class Agents

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Dear Members of the Class of 1981,

The College has wrapped up the year with Big Bash just having been completed. The Class of 1967 just set a new record for a 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Class gift of \$ 9.6 million, exceeding the prior record gift of \$ 8 million from the Class of 1966.

A little over a month and a half ago Wabash held its fourth Day of Giving on April 19<sup>th</sup>. On this record breaking day 4,250 gifts from 3,325 alumni, friends, and family - totaling over \$875,000. Included in these totals are donations from 100% of the student body. There were donations from every class going back to 1949. Putting this single day into perspective, more than \$1,000 per student was donated.

A number of other colleges have begun to do a Day of Giving and of course all of these colleges are larger or much larger both in terms of students and alumni. IU conducted a day of giving on the same day as Wabash and had 1500 less gifts (although some made very large gifts to IU as the total raised was impressive and even more so was Purdue). No college in the comparison group came close to the per student amount donated or the percentage of donors per alumni. It also happens that this is a very economical fund raising campaign. Finally, it is a lot of fun for those who get involved in the affinity challenges and watch milestone after milestone be exceeded throughout the day by following the progress on the College website and social media.

Wabash had a graduating class of 189 students for the 179<sup>th</sup> Commencement. At graduation over 70% of the graduates were "settled" meaning essentially had a job or were going to graduate school or had some other plan. Colleges, including Wabash, typically report this number at 6 months post—graduation, where the number of not yet settled (or unknown status) is likely to be just a very few for the graduating class. I am sure that Jacob Pactor, the new head of the Career Services Office, will track down those graduates who are not settled and offer to work with them to help them find their place.

As of Commencement Wabash had 250 deposits for the class of 2021. Over the last two years the College has had a remarkable retention rate (students returning after their first year) going from 78% to 89%. The recruiting environment is only getting more challenging as the number of men going to college declines and Wabash has responded to the challenge. Your support throughout the college admission process can make a big difference in a young man's decision to attend and complete Wabash.

Your support of students allow Wabash to be ranked as highly in the Princeton Review as reported in Stephen's last letter. Approximately 90% of Wabash students receive some form of financial aid and that is only possible by the generosity of the alumni and friends of the College. Below please find the Honor Roll for the current College fiscal year (it ends June 30 and so there is still time to put your name on the Honor Roll if it is not there).

Here are some key dates to mark on your calendar for the next academic year:

- Homecoming, September 22-23 (it is early this year)
- Glee Club 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, September 28 -30
- W.A.B.A.S.H. Day, October 21 – 22
- Monon Bell (at De Pauw), November 11

The fiscal year for Wabash is not quite over and so there is still the opportunity to join us on the Honor Roll for the very successful 2016-2017 year.

1. Don't forget, you can give several ways:

- ☎ ☐ By phone: 877-743-4545
- ☎ ☐ On the web: <https://www.wabash.edu/ecommerce/>
- ☎ ☐ By mail: Wabash Annual Fund, P.O. Box 352, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933

(checks payable to Wabash College)

- ☎ ☐ And if you wish to speak to someone in the Development Office about other giving options, visit: <http://wabash.giftplans.org/>

Sincerely,

Peter Wright

# Honor Roll

(As of June 8, 2017)

Kevin Altman  
John Ashworth III  
Mike Bettice  
Brian Bowerman  
Chris Braun 1832  
Jim Cooper  
Doug Coplen 1832  
Bryan Daniels 1832  
Tom Elliott  
Eric Faires  
Lou Fenoglio 1832  
Larry Frye  
Mel Gore 1832  
Steve Hartenstein  
Dan Heiser  
John Helm  
John Hilbrich 1832  
Cris Johnston 1832  
Scott Jones  
Terry Jones 1832  
Chris Keele  
Jim Kipp, Jr.  
Mike Kraus, FACP 1832  
Doug Kvachkoff  
Mark Lazar  
Mike Leagre  
David Lewis 1832  
Jerry Lodder  
Rolf Loescher, M.D. 1832  
Mark McGrady  
Doug McKay  
Don Miller  
Carl Myers, O.D.  
Jon Myers  
Bill Myers  
Bill Nesbitt  
Stephen Pavy  
Tom Phillips  
Phil Purcell  
Steven Riggs  
Bill Rippy, Jr.  
John Ruddy III  
Pete Schiavone  
Ned Segelken 1832  
Rick Skertic  
Frank Smaron  
Dave Steiner, PE  
Rolland Strasser  
Steve Thomas

Stan Thompson 1832  
Ron Vogel  
Tom Weber  
Monty Woolsey  
Pete Wright 1832  
Kevin Young  
Daniel Zajac  
Randy Zromkoski