



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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### Class of 1981

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Class of '81 classmates:

Lots of great news regarding Wabash these days.

The Wabash Alumni network was ranked #1 by the Princeton Review in its annual college guide, "Colleges that Pay You Back: The 200 Schools that Give You the Best Bang for Your Tuition Buck": #1 nationally for Best Alumni Network and #3 nationally for Top Intern Opportunities. Additionally, Wabash ranked #38 nationally among the top 50 Colleges that Pay You Back.

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| Best Alumni Network                 | #1  |
| Top Internship Opportunities        | #3  |
| Everyone Plays Intramural Sports    | #3  |
| Best Athletic Facilities            | #8  |
| Best Career Services                | #8  |
| Most Accessible Professors          | #10 |
| Best College Theater                | #15 |
| Best Health Services                | #16 |
| Professors Get High Marks           | #18 |
| Top 50 - Colleges That Pay You Back | #38 |

Read more: [https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news\\_ID=10961](https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=10961)

Did you know that Wabash College places students in medical and law school *at nearly twice the national average*. Three Professional Development programs at Wabash contribute to this success. Post-Graduate Fellowships success has also seen in the last four years one Rhodes Scholarship, seven Fulbright Scholarships and seven Gillman Scholarships.

Class News:

- Jeff Struewing is taking up wood-working again and purchased a new lathe in November. He and Paula are now empty-nesters so they have also begun fostering dogs for a local adoption agency. Their daughter, Ellie, is a freshman at Goucher

College in Towson, Maryland, one of the “40 Colleges That Change Lives.” You can reach Jeff at: [jeff@struewing.us](mailto:jeff@struewing.us)

- Scott Boone is the new Assistant Linebacker Coach at the University of Arizona, Tucson. He had been the Defensive Coordinator at the University of Nevada prior to joining the University of Arizona. Scott is a member of the Wabash College Athletic Hall of Fame and after graduating from Wabash, earned a Master’s of Science in Higher Education Administration from Purdue. You can reach Scott at: [wsboone12@gmail.com](mailto:wsboone12@gmail.com)
- Chris Keele has a new address (both work and home): 375 La Questa Way, Woodside, CA 94062. Phone: 415.308.8466; [chris.keele@keelegroup.com](mailto:chris.keele@keelegroup.com) / [cakeele@gmail.com](mailto:cakeele@gmail.com).

You may read how the higher education landscape continues to change at a rapid pace. Saint Joseph’s College in Rensselaer, Indiana, will suspend operations as of June 30, 2017.

Wabash continues to be strong largely through the good work of its President, the administration, the Board of Trustees, the excellent quality of its programs, the reputation of its professors, students and alumni and certainly by the generosity of Wabash’s alumni and friends.

Yet, Wabash must continue to grow stronger and engage more alumni in its efforts to raise money for new programs and its general endowment, to engage its alumni in supporting current students in internship programs and in helping place recent graduates in meaningful employment. The connection is *so important!*

Wabash will celebrate its 200<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2032 – the year immediately after we, the Class of 1981 celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. ***I think that means we are the warm-up band!***

As we head to our 50<sup>th</sup> year and Wabash its 200<sup>th</sup> birthday, expect to hear how you can become re-engaged with Wabash (if you are not actively engaged now) and how you can help make Wabash part of your planned giving in your estate. We were all the fortunate recipients of the men and friends of Wabash who went before us. We stand on their shoulders and benefitted from their generosity. We, now, need to answer the call and “pay it forward” for the generations of Wabash men yet to come.

Don’t forget, you can give several ways:

- By phone: 877-743-4545
- On the web: [www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift)
- 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, visit: <http://wabash.giftplans.org/>
- On that page, you will read about Professor Melissa Butler, the first woman tenured professor at Wabash who started at Wabash in 1976 - just a year before we matriculated. She says, "I wanted to help Wabash, and I wanted to find a

way to fund my retirement. The deferred charitable gift annuity is perfect for that. I set the date as 2015 because that's when my early retirement package runs out and social security will kick in. Then I'll better know how much money I'll need." Read more about Professor Butler's gift at:

<http://wabash.giftplans.org/index.php?cID=219>

Sincerely,

Stephen