



WABASH COLLEGE

Class Agents Letter

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Class of 1981

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Class of '81 classmates:

Here is the Honor Role for the Fiscal Year completed June 30, 2016. A BIG "THANK YOU" for those who responded to the call and contributed to Wabash this past year.

Kevin Altman	Doug Haywood, CPA	David Powell
John Ashworth III	John Helm	Steve Pruett
Dean Beckman	John Hilbrich	Phil Purcell
Jeff Been	Cris Johnston	Steven Riggs
Mark Benne	Scott Jones	Bill Rippey, Jr.
Mike Bettice	Terry Jones	Mike Robak
Joe Boomhower	Fred Kendall	Ned Segelken
Brian Bowerman	Mike Kraus, FACP	Rick Skertic
Chris Braun	Doug Kvachkoff	Frank Smaron
Allan Clauser, Jr.	Mark Lazar	Dave Steiner, PE
Jim Cooper	Mike Leagre	Rolland Strasser
Doug Coplen	David Lewis	Jeff Struewing
Bryan Daniels	Rolf Loescher, M.D.	Steve Thomas
Dave Dingley	Bill Macon, Jr.	Stan Thompson
Kirk Dixon	Greg McGowan	Ron Vogel
Tom Elliott	Mark McGrady	Jay Want
Eric Faires	Doug McKay	Tom Weber
Lou Fenoglio	Don Miller	Dave Welch
Joe Fistrovich, Jr.	Kirk Miller	Monty Woolsey
Larry Frye	Carl Myers, O.D.	Peter Wright
Gus Galante	Dave Neal, Jr.	Brian Wyneken
Mel Gore	Stephen Pavy	Kevin Young
Chris Happel	Tom Phillips	Randy Zromkoski
Steve Hartenstein		

All in all, it wasn't our best effort, but it wasn't our worst, either. With 35 years out now, we should be hitting our stride and being very consistent from year to year. Out of the 195 total on our roles, 70 gave for a 35.9% giving participation rate. Last year, we had 78 give for 40.0% and we had targeted 79 for this year, so we fell 9 short. In all funds, our giving

totaled \$72,708.06. That is about average for classes in our timeframe who are not undertaking large fundraising goals.

For the College, here are the overall results and highlights:

- 5,283 alumni, parents, and friends made gifts to the Annual Fund for \$3,129,507.
- 4,908 alumni made gifts to the College (both Annual Fund and restricted gifts). This total is a *new record for the number of alumni donors in a single year* and is 231 more alumni donors than last year. This was the sixth consecutive year for the College to realize an increase in the number of alumni donors.
- Alumni participation was at 42.4%, which is up from 41.0% last year and 40.2% in FY14.
- There were 34 classes in FY16 that finished ahead of FY15 in alumni donors with an increase of at least one or more alumni donors. (We were not one of these, sadly.)
- Of the top 10 classes in terms of alumni participation, seven were at 50% or more alumni participation. There were 17 classes above the College's alumni participation rate of 42.4%.
- Added together, the 15 most recent graduating classes were at 35.1% participation. This is an outstanding performance for younger alumni, as the 15 most recent classes were at 31.4% last year.
- Eight of the 10 Big Bash reunion classes were at or above the number of alumni donors they had in FY15. (Again, sadly, this was not true for the Class of 1981.)
- Celebrating their 50-year reunion, the Class of 1966 had the highest number of alumni donors (138) and the highest alumni giving percentage (75%) of any class.
- The Class of 2015 made a statement in their first year away from Wabash. The Class of 2015 had the second highest number of alumni donors of any class with 108 alumni making a gift. Not far behind, the Class of 2004 had 104 alumni make a gift for FY16.
- The Class of 2004 led all classes on the day of giving *for a third year in a row* with 84 classmates participating on the day. They also finished FY16 with the highest giving percentage (52.3%) of any class all the way back to 1967 (56.36%), 1965 (52.9%), and 1962 (51%).
- Every class since 1949 had at least one donor on the 4.27 Day of Giving and every class from 1959-2019 had 10 or more alumni make a gift on the day.
- 601 current students in the classes of 2016-2020 made gifts to the College in FY16. This is up 50 from the similar cohort in FY15. Much of this increase can be attributed to the on-campus events that were part of the 4.27 Day of Giving.
- Class of 2016—72% of the Class of 2016 participated in the senior gift campaign with 139 men in the Class of 2016 making a gift to the College in FY16.

Class giving totals and donor comparison numbers are included on the attached reports. Names of those alumni who made gifts in 2015-2016 can be found on the online Honor Roll at www.wabash.edu/giving/honorroll.

For those who came to the reunion, again, a very special “THANK YOU”. We had a great time and we certainly had the BEST WINE! If you didn't see the pictures, they are still online in the June Class of 1981 letter.

And so, another year begins.

- Homecoming is coming up the weekend of 7th, 8th and 9th. More information at: <http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/homecoming>
- Great news on Wabash in this year's "Princeton Review". An excerpt: "...Wabash College continues to hold its place among the best institutions for undergraduate education by the Princeton Review in its annual college guide. Inclusion in the Princeton Review's "Best 381 Colleges" means that Wabash ranks among the top 15 percent of 2,500 U.S.-based four-year colleges. The review includes detailed profiles of the best schools with rating scores in eight categories. Wabash received an overall academic rating of 94 with scores of 98 in the categories associated with teaching faculty availability and engagement. In addition, the Princeton Review's college guide includes lists of top-20 schools in 62 categories, which are based on surveys of 130,000 college students collected during the 2015-16 academic year. Wabash ranked in the top-20 in nine categories overall..."
Read more: http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=10872
- Sad news: Bob Allen, Class of 1957 and father of Jay Allen whom many will remember (Class of 1979) passed away recently.
Read more: http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=10880

Don't forget, you can give several ways:

- By phone: 877-743-4545
- On the web: www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift
- By mail: Wabash Annual Fund, P.O. Box 352, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (checks payable to Wabash College)

Sincerely,

Stephen