



Class Agents Letter

Class of 1984

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Greeting Class of 84!

I'm sure you've heard this a lot lately, but what a crazy year it has been! We hope you are all staying safe and healthy in these unprecedented times. I know it has been a while since you have heard from us, but we are committed to doing better in the new year.

As we head toward the end of a year most of us would like to forget, we bring good news from our alma mater.

Wabash Deals with COVID Restrictions

Led by President Scott Feller and Chemistry Professor Ann Taylor, Wabash completed a successful semester starting two weeks early, forgoing a fall break, and concluding finals before Thanksgiving. The great tradition of teaching and learning continued as students, faculty, staff, and administration worked together to keep Wabash 97% residential. You can read more about the campus COVID efforts at <https://www.wabash.edu/covid/>.

Spring semester will start a week later in January with seniors taking their oral comprehensives first via Zoom before they return to campus to take the written portion of the exam in person. There will be no spring break, and the campus hopes to finish up in May at the usual time with the aim of physically graduating the Class of 2021 on May 16 along with the Class of 2020 who graduated virtually last May.

The Classes of 2020 and 2021

Six months after their graduation, 97.6% of the Class of 2020 settled into a first destination (employment, graduate school, or service), which is a remarkable feat from the Career Services Office. Here's the story: https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11637

News from Admissions is also beating expectations during this pandemic as applications are up over this time last year. From December 10-12, more than 300 prospective students participated in a virtual experience of the Wabash classroom taking one of 23 courses in a newer type of Honor Scholar Weekend called Scarlet Honors Weekend. These high school seniors will earn scholarship money to attend Wabash in the fall. If you know a young man in high school who should be on Wabash's radar, fill out the online referral form at <https://apply.wabash.edu/register/refer>.



Sports News

Unfortunately, COVID restrictions prevented Wabash from competing in Fall sports this year, but next fall, we will look forward to the long-delayed **127th Monon Bell Classic scheduled Nov. 13, 2021 at brand-new Little Giant Stadium.**

Here are some photos.





Other News from Campus

The College just launched **Wherever. Whenever. Wabash.**, an online hub of to help bring Wabash Together: <https://www.wabash.edu/www/>. Check it for upcoming events and for some content you can download.

You may have received a mailer or email about taking advantage of the CARES Act and the \$300 universal charitable deduction you can take advantage for those taking the standard deduction on your 2020 taxes. This is only applicable for gifts made by December 31, 2020. Find out more about the CARES Act and Ways to Give to Wabash at https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11636.

Wabash stands tall through this crazy year because of the tremendous support of those who've given to the Giant Steps Campaign, which currently stands just shy of \$198 million. (More here: <http://giantsteps.wabash.edu/>) You can add your name and check to see other classmates who have generously given to Wabash this year on the Online Honor Roll (<https://www.wabash.edu/giving/recongnition>) with a gift online at wabash.edu/give.

Class of '84 News

We recently received the sad news of the passing of classmate James Wiles on July 16, 2019. He passed away suddenly and unexpectedly according to his widow, Anne. Jim and his wife, Anne Terese (Schmid) Wiles, raised their family in Rochester, Michigan and had relocated to Tampa in 2018.

As always, we'd like to know how you're doing and what's new with you. More importantly, your classmates would love an update. Please drop us a note to let us know what is going on in your life and we'll get it in the next letter.

Wishing you Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year,

Bill (Bildo) Havlin



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