



Class of 1985
Class Agent Letter
December 2021

Class of 1985:

1. Class of 1985 updates:

a) After 2½ months of retirement:

I must report that this is a wonderful lifestyle. :-} }== I highly recommend that you look into it if you haven't taken the plunge yet.

b) So what have **you** been doing lately? Have you already acted on your retirement plan or are you still working away? What is your post-career plan? Let Kyle (kcarr1@mhc.net) and/or me know what you're up to so we can give our classmates the information! Also, be sure to notify us or the Alumni Office (at alumni@wabash.edu or at 765-361-6360) of any changes to your contact information).

c) More Class news is available on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/206066189687/>

2. Wabash news:

a) Unlike last school year, Wabash is inviting visitors to the almost fully vaccinated (96% of students & 98% of full time employees) campus. The guidance changes each week as the Healthy Campus Task Force continues to evaluate the course of the COVID virus. If you're planning on visiting campus, check wabash.edu/covid for the most up-to-date information and guidelines.

b) The Career Services Office reports, "All graduates from the Class of 2021 have settled into their first destinations six months after Commencement. This once again bucks the national average of 59%." Another amazing year despite the COVID economy!
<https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/11831>

c) The Admissions Office reports, "Applications are running 14% ahead of last year. Domestic applications from students of color represent 35.8% of the pool (a 5-year high). If you know any high school students who would be a good candidate for Wabash, you can do a referral at:
<https://apply.wabash.edu/register/refer>

d) In sports news, the football team, in an excellent display of the W.A.F. spirit, overcame a 21-0 deficit to reclaim the **Bell** with a 42-35 victory!

e) In October, Wabash launched the Wabash College Video Network. If you have a "smart-TV" you can watch live and recent "on-demand" Wabash sporting events (like this year's Monon Bell game). More information at:
<https://sports.wabash.edu/sports/2021/10/28/wabash-college-video-network.aspx>

- e) Be sure to check-out “Whenever. Wherever. Wabash.” It is a free online service which provides an assortment of Wabash related videos including short lectures by faculty on hot topics (like Psychology Professor Dr. Preston Bost’s timely video about conspiracy theories

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnXfqIUlfio&t=5s>).

More information is at:

<https://www.wabash.edu/www>

W.A.F. (*fully vaccinated and boosted*, at a healthy distance, with clean hands, while *properly* wearing a mask!)

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p.s. A quick tax-tip from the former IRS employee:

A special provision of this year’s COVID relief laws is a temporary expansion in the rules for charitable contribution tax deductions:

a) If you itemize your deductions, you are allowed to deduct contributions totaling up to 100% of your income! In normal years, the deduction is limited to half your income.

b) If you use the “standard deduction” instead of itemizing, you are allowed to deduct \$300 (if single) or \$600 (if married). The \$300 deduction was allowed last year also, but this year the larger deduction is an option for married taxpayers. If you’re currently single, you can still get the larger deduction if you make your contribution now *and* then get married by the end of the year, so hurry! :-{ } ==

p.p.s. If you’re trying to decide where to send your donations, I suggest including Wabash in your list. You can make your outright gift to Wabash online at wabash.edu/give, over the phone at (877) 743-4545, or through the mail to: Wabash College / Annual Fund / 301 W. Wabash Ave / Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933-0352. Please make your check payable to Wabash College.