



Class of 1985  
Class Agent Letter  
October 2018

Dear Class of 1985:

1. Class of 1985 updates:

- a) A few of our classmates played key roles in this year's Homecoming celebration. You can check the details at [wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news\\_id=11292](http://wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_id=11292).
- b) I got a "new" job. I'm still working in the IRS Research department, but now I'm a "Senior Research Operations Analyst" instead of an "Economist." The new title is governmentize for "Old Math Magician." The biggest difference between the jobs is that the new one requires a degree in Mathematics. The lesson is, "If you don't get a job to match your major right out of college, just wait 33 years and it might come along!"
- c) Last year's Alumni Survey revealed that one of favorite ways to keep track of classmates is through Class Agent Letters. Let Kyle ([kcarr1@mhc.net](mailto:kcarr1@mhc.net)) and/or me know what you're up to so we can give our classmates the information that they are seeking!
- d) More Class news is available on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/206066189687/>

2. Wabash news:

- a) 283 new students are in the Wabash Class of 2022. Their average high school GPA was 3.7. It's a good thing I applied back in 1981 and didn't have to compete with these guys! Wabash currently has about 900 students from 20 countries.
- b) President Hess has set a goal of growing the enrollment around 1,000. Getting there will require a lot of prospective student referrals from alumni. You can use this streamlined form if you have anybody in mind: <https://apply.wabash.edu/register/refer>
- c) The college won high praise (again) from the Princeton Review and the U. S. News & World Report college rankings issue. [https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news\\_ID=11285](https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11285)  
It looks like the only ones who don't recognize Wabash is the Wall Street Journal. By policy, the WSJ excludes from their rankings all colleges with fewer than 1,000 students. As President Hess asks, "When did it become the mission of the WSJ to discriminate against small private enterprises?"
- d) The college and the town are planning for some structural changes in the future. Besides building for a bigger college, the plans include the elimination of the soon to be obsolete railroad tracks which traverse the campus and run by the football stadium.

### 3. Monon Bell Game:

- a) The game is in Crawfordsville this year on November 10. If you move quickly, you can get tickets at: [www.wabashtickets.com](http://www.wabashtickets.com)
- b) If you can't make it to the game, you can find a Monon Bell Game Watching party at: [www.wabash.edu/alumni/mononbell/](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/mononbell/)
- c) If you can't make it one of the party locations listed above, then maybe you can host a party near you!

### 4. Healthy Ponders - Deep thoughts aren't just for C&T. They say pondering is a good way to fight off Alzheimer's. So here are a couple topics to ponder:

- a) Christina Egbert is preparing the next issue of Wabash Magazine. The issue will focus on alumni and students working in the fields of television, film, and fashion. She is asking for your answer to this issue's Big Question: "What is your favorite quote from a movie or television show?" You can send your quotes to her at: [egbertc@wabash.edu](mailto:egbertc@wabash.edu)
- b) Back when we were kids, my favorite comic strip character was Linus van Pelt from Charles Schulz's Peanuts. Now, I seem to relate more to Brian Crane's Earl Pickles character. <https://www.gocomics.com/pickles/2018/10/21>. So what do you think?
  - 1) Who is (or was) *your* favorite cartoon character?
  - 2) If my favorite cartoon character changed from a kid to a grandpa, does that mean I'm getting old?

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p.s. Now might be a good time to check your listing on the Alumni Directory and make any needed updates. You can find it at: <https://wabash.edu/alumni/eservices>