



## Class Agents Letter

**Class of 1988**

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Dear 1988 Little Giants,

It is hard to believe that it has been over 32 years since we graduated from Dear Old Wabash. While much has changed since that beautiful May day in 1988, Wabash College remains one of the finest colleges in the country. In this regard, as we head toward the end of this unforgettable year, I bring welcome and positive news from our alma mater.

Led by new 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/>. In short, President Feller, Professor Taylor, the faculty and staff of Wabash, and the amazing student body are doing a first-rate job of seeing the College through this unprecedented time.

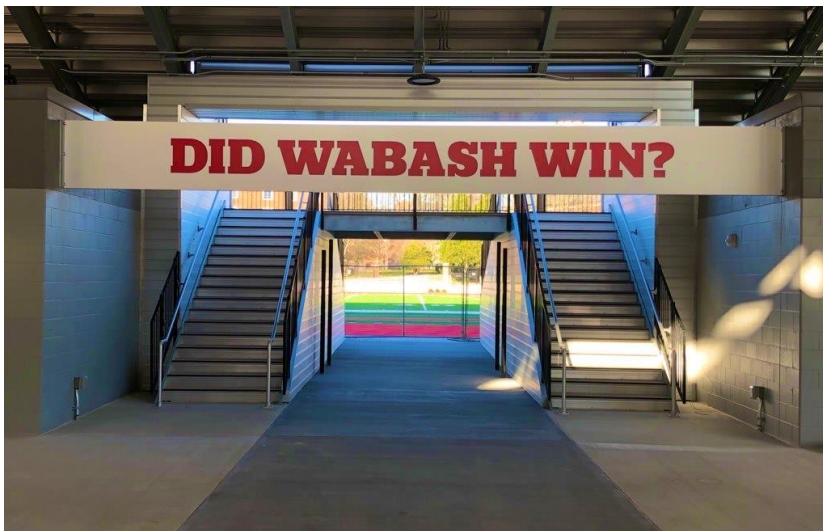
Spring semester will start a week later in January with seniors taking their oral comprehensives first via Zoom before they return to campus to take the written portion of the exam in person. As I think back to this time in our senior years, I vividly recall spending break reading *The Memory Palace of Matteo Ricci* by Jonathan Spence in preparation for history comps. I cannot imagine doing oral comps via Zoom with Professor George Davis. Oh, the memories. Now, alas, back to 2020: 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 College continues to do a wonderful job with student placement. 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](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, nearly 500 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>.



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.



The College just launched **Wherever. Whenever. Wabash.**, an online hub 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](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 have 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](http://wabash.edu/give).

As we all enter the middle of our sixth decade, our personal stories undoubtedly have taken many twists and turns. We'd like to know how you're doing and what's new with you. More importantly, your classmates would love an update. Just fill out the attached Where Are You Now? form, and I will get it in the next letter.

Wishing you Happy Holidays and a joyous 2021.

Sincerely,

Jim Williams

# ***“Where Are You Now?”***

Wabash Class of \_\_\_\_\_

While you are holding this in your hands, take a moment to fill it out and send it to: Wabash College, Alumni and Parent Relations Office, PO Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. While you're at it, why not contact a fellow alum or professor you haven't talked to in a while?

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Home Page \_\_\_\_\_

**Interested in serving your class as a class agent? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_ Not yet \_\_\_\_\_**

**Interested in helping the College with fund raising? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

## **Family Information**

☐ Single

☐ Married

☐ Partnered

(Spouse/partner's name) \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Divorced

☐ Widowed

☐ Father of (kid's name/s) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdays \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Latest Employment and Education Information**

☐ Unemployed ☐ Self-employed doing \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Employed (where) \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Looking for work

☐ Retired

☐ In school at (where) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Working toward a (degree) \_\_\_\_\_ in (field) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Writing a book on \_\_\_\_\_

I'd really like to hear from (classmate/s) \_\_\_\_\_

Any other interesting news? \_\_\_\_\_

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