

Class Agents Letter

Class of 1995

Class Agents
Joe Samreta
Kyle Rapp

Alumni and Parent Relations Office 301 W. Wabash Ave. Crawfordsville, IN 47933 765-361-6360 alumni@wabash.edu wabash.edu

December 2020

Classmates:

It has been a crazy year. This letter will update you on events on campus and plans for our 25th reunion. We hope you and your families are healthy and safe.

As you aware our scheduled reunion was postposed last June due to Covid-19. The reunion is being rescheduled. This June, we will be joining other classes at Big Bash. Please mark your calendars for June 4-6, 2021.

It's early, so we don't yet know whether we'll return to the usual on-campus format or some virtual version, but the Alumni Office is committed to providing the means for us to reconnect with classmates and families. We'll be reaching out to some of you to help us contact classmates and get a great turnout. If you'd like to help, please let us know. We will update you with more details as they become available.

While it has been a year like no other on campus, we bring good news from our alma mater.

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/.

The 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 16th along with the Class of 2020 who graduated virtually last May.

Great news from the Class of 2020- 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. Applications are up over this time last year. From December 10-12, nearly 300 prospective students participated in a virtual experience of the Wabash classroom in 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.

As you are aware Covid-19 cancelled fall sports. Nonetheless, renovation of Little Giant Stadium has been ongoing. Next fall, we look forward to the long-delayed 127th Monon Bell Classic scheduled Nov. 13, 2021 at brand-new Little Giant Stadium. Here are some photos of the stadium. It looks amazing.







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 content you can download.

You may have received mail or email about taking advantage of the CARES Act and the \$300 universal charitable deduction 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) and give a gift online at wabash.edu/give.

If you get a chance, send us a message and let us know how you are doing.

We wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday.

Wabash Always Fights!

Joe Samreta samretaj@yahoo.com Kyle Rapp

fijidoc27@gmail.com