



## WABASH COLLEGE

### *Class Agents Letter*

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Dear Class of 1996,

To say it has been a while since you have heard from your class agents is an understatement. Under the assumption that all you want to know about Wabash can be found on the website/web, we can easily slip into the mode of thinking that there is nothing left to share. I [re]discovered this weekend that that is not always true.

The story started a month or two ago. I got a text from one of my pledge brothers that they were meeting at his lake house in Michigan City, IN in the later part of June and asked if I could come. Several of us saw each other at our 20-year Big Bash reunion two years back and we wanted to get back together again before the next one. The difference between us at 21 and us at 44 is the amount of excuses we can find to not give ourselves permission to go live a little. It sounded like a great idea and I negotiated the hall pass to get up there. For those of you who are juggling family, career, summer activities, etc...that may sound a bit familiar.

One guy flew (we are going to all chip in to cover his ticket next year) and the rest of us drove. We shared pictures and stories. We shared some excellent meals and cracked open some terrible beers just to see if they were as bad as we remembered (they were).



We remembered a lot, had forgotten a lot, and were all, to a man, glad that there were no phone cameras around when we were at Wabash.

For the quick weekend we were able to spend together, we had fun. It was a different fun than we had when we were young, but it wasn't a diminished fun. Maybe it was the collective acknowledgement that we all made it. We made it to wherever we are now and a bond we really enjoyed endured. That bond is different now, but so are we. It is part Wabash, and part fraternity. It is

part life as men who have aged and are looking back, and it is part making a choice to connect and remain a connected to the long story.



This is something I hope that each of you have the opportunity to do at some point in whatever context makes sense – fraternity / living unit / sports team / classmates. It matters that you have opportunities to calibrate your life experience. It matters that you remember and that you make new memories. It matters that you show up.

If you want to know more about what's going on with the college now, I would encourage you to check out the website, look at pictures of the campus, read up on the [Liberal Arts Plus](#), Enduring Questions (there is no more C&T), learn about why our [admissions](#) is so strong right now and what you can do to help that trend, and see what an impact our [Day of Giving](#) has on our campus (it's really pretty amazing).

We're at a stage of life where connection really has an impact on who we are and are becoming. I would like to encourage you to make the effort to connect / re-connect with your story. If you have similar stories like this, I would love to hear them and include them in future letters. Please connect directly with me at [thecarpe@gmail.com](mailto:thecarpe@gmail.com).

We've had another strong year of participation in our giving as well. Thank you for that! The fiscal year ends for the college on June 30th, so if you haven't yet and want to [sneak one in](#) in the next few days, the guys preparing to be the future us would appreciate it.

Thanks again for all you do for the college just by being you where you are. Thanks for showing up. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Chris Carpenter (and Andrew Reynolds)

