March 14, 2016

Dear Class of 2001,

I hope this letter finds you all well! As many of you are starting to make your summer plans, I wanted to be sure that the 2016 Big Bash Celebration was on your radar. That’s right. It’s time for our 15-year class reunion. 15 years. Wow.

This is a great time to think about all of things that have occurred over all those years. Many of us have gotten married, had kids, started and/or changed careers, had successes and failures and are working on ‘what’s next’ as we head boldly into something called ‘middle age’.

What a great time to reconnect with the place that meant so much to us all so many years ago. I was struck by this quote from the most recent issue of Wabash Magazine.

“We leave something of ourselves behind when we leave a place, we stay there, even though we go away. And there are things in us that we can find again only by going back there.”

_Pascal Mercier, Night Train to Lisbon_

I am looking forward to reconnecting with all of you, but also, reconnecting with that naive kid who believed that anything was possible and was probably right, with faculty and coaches that believed in me, and with places on campus that still inspire me.

You will find a lot of the familiar and be introduced to several changes and improvements to campus.

If you have not seen all of the updates to the new athletic facilities (Wrestling, Baseball, Lacrosse, and Soccer to name a few), you will be amazed. They are a far cry from the Armory!
Many of the fraternity houses are new or remodeled by now, and even Martindale is finally being renovated. The new residence halls are up. These buildings extend the campus further across Crawford Street giving the campus a little bit of a new feel. The first students have already moved in!

Also, recently, the Delts have recolonized with over 60 students! They will begin soon to repopulate the house.

With all that has improved, please don’t miss this rare opportunity to return home to explore the new and to reconnect with the old. You can find a complete schedule of events through this link:

**Big Bash June 3rd-5th 2016**  
[https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/schedule](https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/schedule)

**Don’t wait! Sign up now!**  
[https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/signup](https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/signup)

You can also see who has already signed up here:  
[https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/attending](https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/attending).  
You can sort the list of those registered by class by simply clicking on the “Class Year” column header.

One last thing!

It is more important than ever that we increase our giving as a class this year. **If we reach 70 donors (roughly 36% participation) from the class of 2001, those of us at the Big Bash will be treated to an OPEN BAR at our Saturday Reunion dinner!**

So even if you are not planning on attending, please give something (even $5 counts). Feel free to think of it like you’re buying your classmates a drink... or several. 😊

**Here are the ways you can give:**  
Online: [www.wabash.edu/egift](http://www.wabash.edu/egift)  
Phone: 877-743-4545  
Mail: Wabash College / Annual Fund / PO Box 352 / Crawfordsville, IN 47933

I hope to see you all in June! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Davey or me.

Cheers,

Your 2001 Class Agents,

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