

Greeting Class of 2003!

I was back at Wabash two weeks ago and—not to sound like an “old guy”—but parts of campus are totally unrecognizable from when we were there just 12 years ago. Specifically, the College bought all of the houses between the back of Delt and the house catcorner from the Allen Center, where Bill and Ginny Hays lived. As you may have seen from the College’s [website](#), a \$15 million project is underway that includes two 38-bed halls, two 16-bed lodges, and two duplex-style townhomes with 12 beds each.

With the homes demolished, the construction is well underway. While the project is sometimes referred to as “independent housing,” it could also include housing such as a “French house,” chemistry majors, etc. The additional housing, long much needed, will also give Wabash a significant boost to recruiting.



Wabash Produces Another Rhodes Scholar

In May, the College will graduate its ninth Rhodes Scholar in Jacob Burnett, '15. Burnett, from Mishawaka, Indiana, will pursue a master's degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Jacob said he “want[s] to fundamentally change the concept of justice in our society” and “to make change through attorneys working on cases, working on legislative policy and helping other countries build their justice system. I want to impact people and the framework they're working in.” If anyone can do it, Justin, it's a Wabash Man. Justin is the College's second Rhodes Scholar in the past 10 years (Jeremy Robinson, '04). Congratulations, Jacob!

Wabash Produces Another Brewery (!!)

Your Classmate **Damon Carl, '03** and fellow Wabash alum Matt Kriech, '00, have opened [Wabash Brewing](#) in Indianapolis. If you're in the area, check them out. You might recognize their ale names such as “Cannonball Pale Ale” and “503 Amber Ale.” My favorite, however, is the BaconFace Brown Ale, named after Bacon, the late bulldog of Wabash alum Rick Strasser, '02. At a minimum you should “like” their page on Facebook, if that's your thing, and if you can stop in and sample their goods. And if you can ship some to your faithful correspondent in Franklin, Tennessee, he would be eternally grateful.



Congratulations Jeff!
Congratulations to **Jeff Espino, '03**, on being named Veterans Memorial High School's Teacher of the Year!

Wabash Basketball

The Wabash Basketball is under new leadership with Coach Kyle Brumett at the helm. Coach Brumett has both the team and the Chadwick Crazies fired up, with the team boasting a 12-7 record at the time of publication. Given the recent state of Wabash basketball, it's great to see the positive impact Coach Brumett is having on the team.

Wabash Football

Wabash Football has had nothing but success under Coach Raeburn's seven seasons at Wabash, where he has posted a 66-12 record (45-6 NCAC). It was no surprise, then, that perennial D-III powerhouse University of Wisconsin—Whitewater was interested in Coach Raeburn for their recently open vacancy. Unfortunately for Coach Raeburn, UW-W hired internally. While the Wabash community was incredibly supportive of Coach's understandable interest in the position and the chance to win a National Championship, we know that Coach Raeburn has the talent to keep the Little Giants on their own path to a Stagg Bowl title.

It isn't too early to start planning your 2015 tailgating. Here are some important dates to remember:

- September 5, Wabash at Hampden-Sydney (Hampden-Sydney, VA)
- September 26, Home Opener, Wittenberg at Wabash
- October 3, *Homecoming*, Hiram at Wabash (Yawn!)
- November 14, The Ongoing Subjugation of DePauw (f/k/a 122nd Monon Bell) (f/k/a A Competitive Rivalry), Wabash at DePauw, 1:07 P.M.

THANK YOU!!

The Class of 2003 owns a proud reputation as one of the most consistent giving “young” alumni classes. Thank you to all of you who have given (based on Honor Roll as of February 6, 2015). If you haven’t given, you can do so [here](#).

Garrett Alson	Mark Hannaford	Maury Raycroft
Chris Barry	Brent Harris (H)	David Ross
Jason Bethay	Jonathan Hoke	Jason Scheiderer
Seamus Boyce	Reed Hoyer	Micah Smith
Mason Dangler	Kris Klippel	Ryan Smith
Jonathan Dille	Jake Knott	Marcus Spillson
Andy Ford (H)	Dan Matz	Joshua Stanton
Alex Fruth	Scott Medsker	Josh Tatum
Adam Futscher	Matt Mercer	Tony Unfried
Melecio Gonzalez, Jr.	Kyle Nickel	
Karl Grimmer, Jr.	Matthew Phelps	

From the Alumni Office

One of the biggest advances for the College since we graduated is the improvement in online alumni services, including the Alumni eServices page. One of the best features is a new online presence for *Wabash Magazine*; it also looks great on mobile devices! There is also a searchable online archive of over 100 years of Wabash history through back issues of *The Bachelor*.

As a Class Agent, the most useful feature for me is the Alumni eServices Directory, which allows you to search for an individual, class, decade, and—if they have made the information public—see their most recent home and email address, employer, phone number, etc. But like any database, the Director is only as good as its data. The week of February 15th, you should all receive an email from the Alumni office (1) providing you with your Alumni eServices log-in information and (2) asking you to provide verify that the College has your current contact info. This is important for the College, but also for us as we work to get out these communications, plan reunions, let you know about important new developments at the College, etc. Please take just a moment to complete this information and return it to the college.

Stay In Touch

Finally, the Class of 2003 has a [Facebook group](#) where your Class Agents share the majority of our quick updates. We keep the group closed so that everyone can feel comfortable sharing personal updates, etc. If you would like to join, please send a note to Scott Medsker and he will add you.

Thanks for all you do for alma mater. If you have updates you'd like included in the next letter, have a question about the College, or are trying to reconnect, please don't hesitate to be in touch with any of us.

Yours in Wabash,

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