

Class of 2003

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Greetings Class of 2003,

It has been quite some time since our last Class Agents' Letter updating you on the current news of both the Class of 2003 and Wabash College. We promise to be better in the future! In the meantime, we hope you enjoy the summary of current events below.

Class of 2003 updates

A big thanks to Class Agent Kip Chase who has been positing on the Class of 2003 Facebook Page. If you are not already following the page, please join us!

Kip Chase writes: Nicole and I are still in Indianapolis and our boys are just getting big. We spend way too much time at baseball diamonds and eat way too much popcorn and hotdogs.

Karl Grimmer writes: I am currently in private practice with US Anesthesia Partners in Maryland and Washington, DC. DC was a new location for USAP; my colleagues and I recently celebrated the one-year anniversary of successfully launching this new practice. When not working, Mike, Lexi (our dog), and I spend time at our home near the beach in southern Delaware. I am looking forward to visiting Wabash College this fall! Should you find yourself in Washington, DC or southern Delaware, please let us know!

Peter DeYoung writes: My wife, Rachel, and I live in Evansville and spend our time chasing around our 4 kids. 3 boys and 1 girl. My wife just went back to work as a realtor after staying home for the previous 10 years, which is a big change for us. I currently am working the afternoon shift as a Detective Sergeant with the Evansville Police Department and have been in law enforcement for 14 years now.

Josh Wilson writes: The Mrs and I live out in the country in Posey county. She's been a stay at home for the past 13 years and started doing some school sub'ing last year to help out due to the problems due to corona. I'm a quality director for GAF have been at this job for 8 years in August. I really enjoy going to the local alumni functions. **Damon Carl** lives near and keeps me on the straight and narrow the best he can.

George Milberger writes: Happy Thursday, men. Thanks for kicking this off, Kip! My wife and I started the month by celebrating our anniversary - 3 years married, together 11 years - and then celebrating the life of my father. Dad passed in November, but we delayed gathering friends and family together until now - my Wabash family has been tremendously supportive during this whole time, I'll add. (Repeated thanks, gents.) We bought a new home in September and are enjoying every opportunity to host friends and family now that it feels safe[r] to do so. We managed to stay healthy and gainfully employed all of last year, so we're grateful for that. I've been in technology at Lilly for just over 3 years after spending 12 years in the Indy startup/scale-up scene, focused in software development, training, and management roles. Aside from the never ending honey-do list that a new home offers, I've been focusing my free time on staying virtually connected with friends far and wide, and getting back into writing and recording music at home.

Chris Laguna writes: I'm down in Columbus, working as a line cook at Amazing Joe's. Had to step down from being a GM because the stress was literally killing me. My kids are now 12 and 14...both about to have birthdays, so....um, lessee...not much else. Just working for the man and trying to make a living.

Charlie Shrode writes: I'm in Asheville, NC, with my wife Kirstin, son Finn (6-years-old), and daughter Eleanor (14 months). I have been in private practice with Asheville Gastroenterology Associates since August 2014. Feel free to hit me up if you are in town or need recommendations when visiting!

Jason Bethay writes: I'm back up in northwest Indiana...not much new with me other than coming up on 1 year working for USPS as a rural carrier. Hope everyone is doing well!

Josh Tatum writes: Greetings, men of Aught Three! I'm practicing law at Plews Shadley Racher & Braun LLP in Indianapolis in a broad set of areas that includes litigation and advising nonprofits, religious organizations, and small businesses (everything from employment to contracts to corporate stuff). I live in midtown Indy with Candice, my wife of almost 18 years, and our daughters Lydia (12) and Phoebe (9), and our son Noah (7). Among other things that keep me busy, I'm on the board for the Indianapolis Association of Wabash Men and a den leader for Noah's Cub Scout Pack 72 at Tabernacle Presbyterian. I look forward to seeing some of you at this fall's football games and a Big Bash in '23!

Get excited: During the Summer 2023 Big Bash, we will celebrate our 20th Class Reunion!!! Start planning to attend now. We would love to see the entire Class of 2003 on campus. The Big Bash is a fun weekend of events and catching up!

General Wabash News

After nearly 15 months of social distancing, Wabash College opened to visitors on Saturday, June 5th. The College deserves kudos for the incredible pro-active social distancing campaign which kept the current students safe during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The College also hosted a mass vaccination this April to help ensure that current students, faculty and staff were

protected by the available vaccines. For more information and some photos of the drive:
https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11705

The 183rd Commencement, celebrating the Classes of 2020 and 2021, was held on Saturday, May 15, 2021 in the new Little Giant Stadium. 178 men from the Class of 2021 received their diplomas, and 98 men from the Class of 2020 were in attendance to receive recognition of their achievements. Honorary doctorates were awarded to Emeritus Political Science Professor Melissa Ann Butler H'85 and Dr. Gregory D. Hess H'19, who served as the 16th President of Wabash College from 2013 to 2020. For more information and some photos from graduation:
https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11721

Wabash College's 8th Day of Giving was held on April 8, 2021. There were more than 5,800 individual gifts made to the College that day, which totaled over \$1.34 million. The impact of this day was incredible, and a BIG THANKS is owed to many from the Class of 2003 who continue to actively donate to Wabash's mission. President Scott Feller said, "We received gifts from members of 77 different classes from 1948 to next year's entering freshmen. Pause and think about that for a moment. Wabash is a tiny college that is defined by the generosity and loyalty of its alumni, parents, and friends. No other college our size comes close to what we accomplished." For more information:
https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11703

Wabash College was named a "Best Value" by The Princeton Review. Included in that ranking was a No. 1 rating for Best Alumni Network for private schools. As reported by Wabash College, "Wabash stood strong in rankings associated with faculty accessibility and engagement, both receiving scores of 99. The College also received a financial aid rating of 98. According to payscale.com, a Wabash graduate with a bachelor's degree can expect an early career median salary of \$62,300 with a mid-career salary of \$139,100." Our Wabash education continues to not only provide us with a superior ability to interact intelligently and humanely with our world, it also gives us the ability to provide a good life to our families. For more information:
https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11707

Financial Giving

Wabash College is in the middle of a major financial giving campaign: Giant Steps: A Campaign for Wabash College. As the college prepares to celebrate its bicentennial in 2032, a fundraising goal of \$225 million was set to help Wabash make bold, giant steps into the future. The campaign has currently raised over \$204 million – over 90% of the goal – from 10,263 individual donations. Please consider adding your name and donation to this campaign, which will ensure future generations of Wabash men will benefit from the world class education and boundless opportunities offered at the College. See: <http://giantsteps.wabash.edu> for more information.

Wabash College is very close to reaching 45% alumni participation in annual giving. We are actively encouraging members of the Class of 2003 who have donated before but haven't in 2021, and anyone who is new to donating to the College, to do so prior to the end of the fiscal year on June 30th. www.wabash.edu/give

We want to hear from you! Please drop your class agents an update note to be included in the next Class Agents' letter.

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Yours in Wabash,

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