

CLASSMATE UPDATES



KAIZAD DARUWALA

I have been living in Indy (Broad Ripple) and working on the business side of healthcare. About 3.5 years ago, I moved into consulting, versus working directly for a hospital, mostly involving compensation valuation and design (exciting stuff, am I right??). I switched over to a new firm, SullivanCotter, in January, which is significantly more specialized in this area.

Also, I recently visited fellow '07er Gabe Smith in Sydney, Australia (photo left) and made my way to Melbourne and Auckland, NZ as well. Sadly, I can report that he has not picked up a fake accent, which would have been a prime opportunity for mocking.

ADAM KIRSCH

It's been five years since I started Sourced Strategies, an occasion marked by a new website (www.sourcedstrategies.com), new logo, additional staff member (Wabash Class of 2018 member Chris Roman), and new office space.

BRETT GANN

I've lived in Madison, Wisconsin, and worked for the electronic health record company Epic for the past eight years. Over the past four years I've created Epic's third party developer program and marketplace, App Orchard, and recently became its fulltime director and product manager. Wabash representation is a dozen strong here at Epic. If Wabash Men are interested in learning more about careers at Epic or life in Madison, they're always welcome to reach out to me.

CHARLES JACKSON

Recently passed our first full year in Nashville, TN. My son Cael Jackson will be 1, May 23rd. My wife and I are expecting our daughter CharlieMarie Anise Jackson July 2nd. My wife and I also started our franchise business Nurse Next Door, in-home care for senior citizens, this year.



KEALOHA WIDDOWS H'07

This year Kealoha (Kay) Widdows, one of '07's two honorary classmates, officially retired as Professor of Economics at Wabash College. Kay is pictured above (center) with fellow '07er Andrew McKone and his wife Lindsay (left) at a pub in the British town of Melton Mowbry earlier this year. Kay spent her final semester in sabbatical at nearby Harlaxton Manor, the British campus for the University of Evansville in a program championed by trustee and generous Wabash advocate John C. Schroeder.

PROFILES

GABRIELLE PAZOUR - OWNER, ASTER + GRAY

07R: Tell us a little about your business (history, mission, etc.). What do you enjoy most about being an entrepreneur and small business owner?



When I started my business, my vision was to simply have a creative outlet while still working at my full-time job. I began by refinishing vintage furniture and selling vintage-inspired merchandise, both of which I really enjoyed. Around the time I started Aster + Gray, artisan pop-up markets were becoming very popular in Northwest Indiana, and my goal was to participate in a half dozen markets per year. I applied to my very first market in July 2016, and I instantly fell in love. I knew it was something I wanted to take to the next level, so I kept applying to markets and connecting with artisans I met along the way.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of being a small business owner is that I absolutely love what I do. Some of my closest friends have been a result of Aster + Gray, and I have met so many amazing people through my store. I also love that my store has become an outlet for artisans to sell their merchandise, allowing them to follow their dreams.

07R: Starting your own business seems risky enough that most people shy away from ever doing it. What factors led up to your decision to take the plunge?

I always enjoyed working for locally-owned businesses, and every business I worked for from high school through my full-time position post college was owned by female entrepreneurs. It was very inspiring to see all of these women take the leap into running their own businesses, and becoming a small business owner was something I always kept in the back of my mind. Once I began to branch out and sell items at markets, I met numerous artisans who were in the same boat as I was - they all loved their side hustles but never really thought it was feasible to run their businesses full time.

After participating in markets for a year, I decided it was time to really consider running Aster + Gray full time. My initial goal was to find a storefront where I could continue to repurpose and sell furniture and vintage items. I had already developed a following at markets, was feeling burned out at my job and had support from friends and family, so I decided to take a leap of faith and just do it. In June of last year, I decided to quit my job, and by August, my store was open.

07R: What's the most surprising thing you've discovered along the way as you've put your plans into motion?

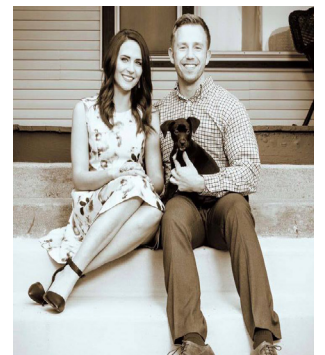
The most surprising thing I've learned is how quickly plans can change. I opened my store as a way for me to sell items I created. Now, my store is solely focused on supporting other artisans by buying and selling their merchandise. About a month into having a storefront, I realized that it would be difficult to work 8+ hour days at my shop and then go home and paint furniture to fill my store. I realized that being a merchant and supporting artisans was extremely fulfilling, so I phased out furniture and the items I created and started buying merchandise crafted by local and US-based artisans. Since then, Aster + Gray has evolved into a boutique where customers can purchase one-of-a-kind and handcrafted items in Valparaiso.

07R: Any advice for someone else who might be thinking about starting a business?

One thing I quickly learned was there was no way I could do everything. Knowing my strengths and weaknesses - and knowing when to ask for advice - has been key to the success of my shop. I have a background in advertising, so figuring out ways to reach new customers, secure repeat customers and develop a marketing plan were things I knew I could do. Accounting, on the other hand, is not a strength of mine, so I made the decision to hire an accountant to keep my books in line. Simply identifying the areas in which you can excel and those that require some outside help will allow you to use your strengths to push your business forward.

07R: Finally, we know you happen to be married to one of our awesome classmates! What's the most interesting thing (rumor, story, fact, or fiction!) you have heard about our alma mater Wabash College?

What I've found to be extremely interesting is something that I've witnessed over and over again. When Kevin runs into another Wabash graduate that he's never met before, there is an immediate friendship. Whether the graduate is from the class of 1960 or class of 2012, there's a sense of brotherhood between the two men. I love that about Wabash - it's very apparent that attending the college provides each student with a lifelong bond that can't be broken.





JAMES JARED

I'm finally providing my first update, after a decade of neglecting to do so. You'd think I would have more to say, but things have kind of been a blur these past few years. Since graduating from Wabash, I: graduated from IU law school in Indianapolis, got married to my lovely wife Marki, found out she was expecting our first child (Eloise), passed the Indiana bar exam, started working full-time as a public defender in Indianapolis, and had a second child (Annabel, born 362 days after Eloise). In that order. And that's just since 2015. In some ways life has slowed down a lot since graduation (hello over there, old Psi Psi brethren!), but in others it has gone into hyper speed. Currently I am enjoying fatherhood and the married life, trying to keep up with our two beautiful little girls, trying to find time for old hobbies, and representing indigent clients facing major felony charges. If you find yourself in the Irvington area, I'm always looking for a reason to grab a pint at Black Acre. Or if you have kids, we can set up a play date. Or maybe we can figure out a way to combine the two... responsibly, of course.

BRADEN PEMBERTON^

For those who aren't interested – here's the brief update on my life since Wabash. Got married; moved to Portland, OR; got an M.Ed.; got a job as a teacher; got clean and sober; bought a house; changed jobs; got a dog; got divorced; got an apartment; went to the 10 year Wabash reunion; changed jobs; eased into radical self-acceptance. For those still reading – continue on, bravely.

Life is good out in Portland, OR. I currently work as the Director of Admissions and Marketing at The Portland Montessori School – great program, terrible acronym. I spend my time talking to parents about Montessori education, designing stickers, and posting photos on Facebook for the public. It's a good job, and it helps me feel better about tomorrow when children are learning things like conflict resolution and resource management before they are 6 years old (that and reading and writing and math, obviously).

Last summer I participated in our 10-year reunion. It was a weird and wonderful experience, and a great chance to drink all the gas station soda I could. Honestly, as much as it pains me to say it, Wabash was a good place to get an education, warts and all. It was great tromping around campus and seeing all the changes, while reconnecting with dear old friends. If you haven't been back, I would encourage it at least once, just plan on saving room in your luggage for all the swag they throw at you.

These days I practice kung fu and walk my dog. I try to nap as often as I can, and enjoy baking pies. I spend more money on records than I think is healthy, and am running out of shelf space for my books. I don't have any children, but bless those of you who do. I play D and D with a group of friends weekly and am looking forward to going to the farmer's market this weekend with my girlfriend. Thankfully, my life today is wildly different than I once imagined it would be.

JOHN MEARA

Well, while the days are long, the years seem to be flying by. About this time last year, my wife, Kelly, and I were gearing up for Big Bash in the Athens of Indiana aka Crawfordsville. Since then, we continue to do our thing in Cranston, Rhode Island. Kelly is currently working for Rhode Island Legal Services and is assisting parents who have had abuse charges brought against them by the state (some are warranted, many our gross overreaches). I accepted a new job and instead of defending medical professionals, I am now suing them (only when warranted, of course). Beyond that, we are always looking for our next adventure. We are headed to Ireland to celebrate my in-laws retirement in July. We still have two very bad golden retrievers who are terrible paralegals. As always, if anyone finds themselves in Rhode Island, or New England in general, feel free to get in touch as I'd happily meet up for a beer. (Right) is a shot from us Phi Psis at Big Bash and one of our lovely wives. While a little rusty, we still know how to throw ping pong balls into solo cups and drink a little frosty frat soda. Hope all is well for everybody out there.



FACEBOOK SHAREWORTHY

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Jon '07 and Lisa Arbuckle with new baby Ethan.

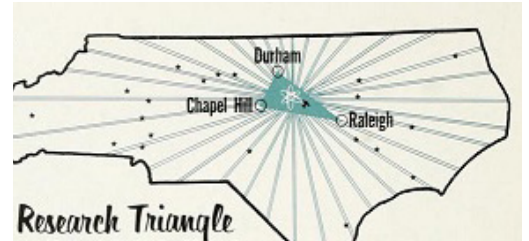


Seth '07 and Jennifer Nunan after Seth received his PhD from Claremont Graduate University.

UPDATES

TONY CALDWELL

After 2.5 years in Indianapolis, we're moving to Raleigh, NC. I have joined a new firm, Smith Anderson, where I will be working in the Data Privacy and Healthcare practice groups. We're excited to explore a new part of the country with warmer weather! We're already making plans to explore nearby beaches and trails as well as DC and Baltimore. Fellow Phi Psi Jake Lundorf and his family live in Raleigh, and we're looking forward to spending time together. We want to thank everyone who helped us out while we were in Indy, and please reach out anytime you're in the Research Triangle area.



JAKE LUNDORF

I hope this update finds you all in good health and fine spirits! Life has been going swimmingly the past few years. Besides growing a bit fatter and losing half my damn head of hair, I'm healthy and content. I've been a nurse for 5 years, all of it with Duke Raleigh Hospital on a stepdown neuroscience unit. Working 3 days a week and providing care for folks have been amazing. Laura and I had our lovely baby Eloise 20 months ago and fatherhood has been a trip. As long as I've been a dad I've been a graduate student at UNC Chapel Hill, but that's now coming to a close. Thankfully Laura has been a stay-at-home mother and keeping our shit together. I graduate in May and sit for boards to be an adult-gerontology nurse practitioner. I have accepted a position with Duke Primary Care. We are starting a new clinic in a small suburb north of Raleigh opening this August. I must say that I absolutely love nursing and the opportunities and experiences it has bestowed me. I finish my bedside nursing gig in June and take almost 2 months off for respite. We will be in Berlin for a month visiting family and doing a little travel as well. I look forward to watching many a world cup matches in Berliner pubs, but we'll see how traveling goes with a toddler... We are still in Raleigh and always welcoming of guests, so please let me know if you are around and would like to have a beer or share a meal. Cheers gentlemen!



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