



Class Agents Letter

Class of 2012

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Wabash Men of the Class of 2012,

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As we head toward the end of a year most of us would like to forget, we bring good news from our alma mater.

CAMPUS UPDATES

Led by President Scott Feller and Chemistry Professor Ann Taylor, Wabash completed a successful semester starting two weeks early, forgoing a fall break, and concluding finals before Thanksgiving. The great tradition of teaching and learning continued as students, faculty, staff, and administration worked together to keep Wabash 97% residential. You can read more about the campus COVID efforts at <https://www.wabash.edu/covid/>.

Spring semester will start a week later in January with seniors taking their oral comprehensives first via Zoom before they return to campus to take the written portion of the exam in person. There will be no spring break, and the campus hopes to finish up in May at the usual time with the aim of physically graduating the Class of 2021 on May 16 along with the Class of 2020 who graduated virtually last May.

Six months after their graduation, 97.6% of the Class of 2020 settled into a first destination (employment, graduate school, or service), which is a remarkable feat from the Career Services Office. Here is the [story](#).

News from Admissions is also beating expectations during this pandemic as applications are up over this time last year. From December 10-12, more than 300 prospective students participated in a virtual experience of the Wabash classroom taking one of 23 courses in a newer type of Honor Scholar Weekend called Scarlet Honors Weekend. These high school seniors will earn scholarship money to attend Wabash in the fall. If you know a young man in high school who should be on Wabash's radar, [fill out the online referral form](#). The College now has two-regionally based recruiters, one in Chicago and one in Texas (you might know [him](#)!) as we look to expand our geographic footprint to areas outside our traditionally strong presence in Indiana. As you may know, changing demographics in America are leading to a decline in the number of high school graduates in the Midwest & Northeast, and strong growth in the Southwest and Southeast, especially among the "new majority" students of color. Reach out to Tyler if you'd like to learn more about this!



Next fall, we will look forward to the long-delayed **127th Monon Bell Classic** scheduled **Nov. 13, 2021** at brand-new **Little Giant Stadium**. Here are some photos:



WAYS TO ENGAGE

The College just launched **Wherever. Whenever. Wabash.**, an online hub of to help bring Wabash Together: <https://www.wabash.edu/www/>. Check it for upcoming events and for some content you can download.

You may have received a mailer or email about taking advantage of the CARES Act and the \$300 universal charitable deduction you can take advantage for those taking the standard deduction on your 2020 taxes. This is only applicable for gifts made by December 31, 2020. Find out more about the CARES Act and Ways to Give to Wabash at https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11636.

Wabash stands tall through this crazy year because of the tremendous support of those who've given to the Giant Steps Campaign, which currently stands just shy of \$198 million. (More here: <http://giantsteps.wabash.edu/>)

Many thanks to the **33** classmates who have already added their names to the 2020-2021 honor roll, which began on July 1, 2020 and will run through June 30, 2021:

Andre Adeyemi
Brandan Alford
Steven Apostolidis
Kyle & Kathleen Bender
Tyler & Krista Buresh
Jeremy Coons
Trevor Counciller
Mark DePrez
Jordan Ferguson
Brady & Brandi Hagerty
David Hauck Jr.

Steve & Abby Henke
John Holm
Jonathan Horn
John & Mallory Jurkash
Daniel Lesch
Thomas & Leah Logan II
Grant McCloskey
Cameron McDougal & Mathew Rojas
Matt Meyer
Jake Moore
John Pennington

Jordan Plohr
Billy & Jenna Powers
Garrett Redweik
Dan & Jill Rogers
Zach Rohrbach
Tom Schabel III
Brian & Katie Shelbourne
Jack Swartout II
Tyler Wade
Donavan White
Luke Zinsmaster

You can add your name with a gift online at wabash.edu/give.

UPDATES FROM THE CLASS OF 2012

We know the holiday season can be a busy time of year, so we wanted to keep this letter *brief* – but also with our own resolution to provide more frequent updates in 2021 as we march closer to our **10-year reunion at Big Bash 2022!**

To do this, however, we need your help. We are trying to collect a cadre of updates to compile into a longer letter that will be sent out in early 2021. Help us by taking a few minutes to fill out this brief questionnaire.

Finally, if you haven't been over to the College's website lately, be sure to poke around and check out the Alumni page. The Alumni eServices page has a host of great resources: [eServices](#) | [Wabash College](#)

Wishing you Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year,

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PS. Again, PLEASE fill out this brief survey to share a few updates on what you've been up and how we can stay connected in 2021 and beyond.

PSS. **Wabash Always Fights...** and ALWAYS Means ALWAYS* (*thanks to classmate Tyler Burke for the addition)