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# Wabash College Class of 2013 Update

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## October 2020

Dear Classmates,

The students and faculty are already past midsemester, the semester ending with exams the week of Thanksgiving (with no classes or exams during the month of December). Classes will resume in January after the seniors take Comprehensive Exams. **Dr. David Blix '70** is teaching courses in Pioneer Chapel while **Dr. Eric Wetzel** is teaching courses in Knowling Fieldhouse. Center Hall staircases have become one-way, and building entrances are designated exit or entry only. On last check, 10% of students are tested for COVID-19 at any given time.

Trevor and I were supposed to have the annual Class Agent Forum on campus on October 24, but that will be held virtually as visits to campus have been strictly limited. Many college staff who don't have direct student-facing roles are working from home or splitting time. All faculty, staff, and students take their temperatures and enter any symptoms daily into an app. While Homecoming was canceled, Chapel Sing still took place this year on September 17 under social distancing guidelines. The competition took up the entire Mall. Lambda Chi brought home the win.



**Dr. Ann Taylor**, Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry Chair, is in charge of the Healthy Campus Task Force, the COVID-19 response, including formatting events like Chapel Sing to conform with necessary social distancing. Dr. Taylor and company's successful management thus far has helped Wabash keep going in the midst of a public health crisis not seen since 1918. And yet it has a lot to do with the students, too, whom Dr. Taylor would undoubtedly credit for their usual Wabash "can do" attitude.

*Photo courtesy of Asst. Dean Marc Welch '99*

Professor Emeritus and former NBA (Noon Basketball Association) Commissioner **Dr. Tobey Herzog H'11** gave a Zoom talk from Center 216 as part of the Wabash Discourse series on 'Boys to Men: Soldiers and Little Giants'. Tobey, a Vietnam War veteran who earned his undergrad from Illinois Wesleyan and his PhD from Purdue, taught at Wabash from 1976 to 2014. His talk utilized his expertise in war literature and his 38 years of teaching experience to compare the development of soldiers and Wabash Men. Last winter, he presented this at three regional alumni groups, including the Wabash Club of Chicago, to rave reviews.



*Is that Weston Kitley at bottom right?*

## Our Wabash Family



In August, **Zack Thompson** earned a teaching license on his way to a master's in education from Augsburg University in Minneapolis. Zack has been a Magister (teacher) in Latin, geography, and history at the Parnassus Preparatory School, a classical education in suburban Maple Grove, Minnesota. Our classmate **Rob Dyer's** sister **Katie Good** serves as the school's Director of Academic Affairs and Assessment. Rob, Vice President of Insurance Portfolio Management at Guggenheim Partners, spoke to Parnassus students in February about the liberal arts in the business world. Maybe we consider it cliché or take it for granted that we all went to a liberal arts school. Yet the generalist skill of critical thinking has served so many Wabash alumni well, whether in academia, finance, government, law, the arts, etc. Zack continues the legacy of the many Wabash educators going back to Caleb Mills. Rob's extended family includes several alumni of the college, including his dad **Jim Dyer '83** and his uncles **Jason Dyer '85** and the late **Tom Dyer '78**. His mom **Susan**, a DePauw alumna and Some Little Giant, is a major gifts officer in the Wabash College Advancement Office.



**Ken Harris** and his bride **Jeana** welcomed their newborn son **Henry Charles** ('42? '43?) into the world on September 13. Ken, who was a Sigma Chi and studied philosophy and economics when he was at Wabash, owns and operates KH Woodworking, his own Indiana-based company, as a carpenter and contractor. Kenny's fraternity brother **Keaton Becher** and his wife **Samantha** now have four children, their youngest Johanna having been born in April. Keaton is an editor and farmer in Greenville, Pennsylvania.



**Jose Herrera** and his lady **Dasha** are living in San Francisco and expecting a boy next month. Maybe a future classmate of Henry's! **Dr. Rick Warner**, doting godfather to Jose's daughter Osiris, was recently spotted on the Senior Bench, claiming fully his rights as an honorary alumnus and, so he claims, an AARP member. Jose has been working as a legal operations manager at Facebook, having previously lived and worked in New York City with Thompson-Reuters.



## Alumni Group

Becoming part of your local Wabash Alumni organization is a great way to stay connected. Make sure to join a Wabash Alumni organization:

<http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/eservices>.

## Student Referrals

Interested in helping Wabash recruit the next generation of Wabash men? Referring prospective high school students is a great way to help. Follow the link below to refer a student: <https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/student/refer>.

## Annual Campaign

Make sure to continue donating to the Wabash College Annual Fund. Wabash gave us a wonderful education and it's important to pay it forward to future generations of Wabash men. <https://www.wabash.edu/giving/>

*Interested in announcing an engagement, birth, marriage, or event? Put it in the next letter! Please forward your request to Trevor or me.*

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