
Wabash College Class of 2013 Update

Spring 2022

HONORS WON

Basketball holds a special place in the Hoosier State. The State of Indiana has produced some of the greatest stories in the history of the hardwood, and Wabash College has played an important role in shaping the state's basketball lore. Way back in 1897, Wabash basketball won its first intercollegiate game against Purdue, and the program has never looked back. This year, the Little Giants added another chapter to the basketball history books by finishing their season at the NCAA Division III Final Four.

The Little Giants started the season strong. Even before their impressive tournament run, the 2021-2022 season proved memorable. Back in January during a game against Wooster, senior guard Jack Davidson became the all-time scoring leader for the college. Later in the season at the NCAC tournament, Wabash defeated Wooster again in overtime to win the NCAC Tournament Championship Game. Junior forward Ahmoni Jones scored the final six point, all from the free-throw line, in the final 21 seconds of overtime to propel Wabash to victory. The win marked Wabash basketball's first-ever NCAC Tournament Championship.



Wabash Senior and All America Jack Davidson



The Little Giants have a big celebration after advancing the NCAA D III Semi-Finals

The Little Giants finished the 2021-2022 season with an appearance at the NCAA Division III Final Four. Unfortunately, Elmhurst University snapped the Little Giants' all-time best 24 game win streak. However, Wabash basketball enjoyed an amazing year with highlights that included the team's first Final Four appearance since the legendary 1982 season.

O'er Thy Classic Halls



Dr. McDorman

Wabash College named Dr. Todd McDorman the new Dean of the College. Previously, Dr. McDorman taught Rhetoric before serving as the acting Dean of the College for the last two years. A pillar of the Wabash Community, Dr. McDorman began teaching at Wabash in 1998. Dr. McDorman has a long list of accomplishments that would make any Little Giant proud. He served as chair of the Rhetoric Department, faculty advisor to the Board of Trustees, and chaired the Undergraduate Research Committee. Congratulations to Dr. McDorman.

CULTURE AND TRADITIONS

Even during his precollegiate days, Pete Vaughan's athletic destiny intertwined with Wabash's. A native of Crawfordsville, IN, Pete attended Crawfordsville High School. Born Robert Edward Vaughan, "Pete" earned his nickname when his high school basketball coach dubbed him "P.D.Q." P.D.Q. ironically proved too time consuming to say, so people shorted his nickname to Pete.

Between 1903 to 1907, Wabash basketball had a legendary run of success winning 66 of 69 games. The Little Giants won the national Championship at home against Yale in 1906. The team lost only three games in four years: one to Purdue and two to Crawfordsville High School. Yes, you read that right...Crawfordsville High School led by its young star, Pete Vaughan, beat a nearly invincible Little Giants basketball team not once, but twice.

Pete attended Notre Dame before transferring to Princeton and played football at both universities. He became head basketball coach at Purdue in 1912 before leaving the position to join the US Army. After the end of World War I, Pete returned to his hometown to coach the Little Giants basketball team from 1919 to 1940 and later as the head coach of the Wabash College football team from 1919 to 1945 and as coach of the track and field team from 1943 to 1946. During his illustrious career at the college,



Iconic Photo of Pete Later in Life

Pete coached the Little Giants basketball team to victory in the first ever national intercollegiate basketball tournament.

In 1938, Pete Vaughan received the last honorary Master of Arts degree granted by Wabash College. Later in 1954, Wabash College made Pete an honorary alumnus. Some Little Giant.

FROM THE CLASS OF 2013

Many of our classmates continue to get married, have children, change jobs, etc. David and Abi Direnfeld welcomed their daughter Ariella Joy into the world in February. Matt Page and his bride Kara were married in December in Chicago. Groomsmen included our classmates Vince Kenney and Dr. Clint Garrison as well as Pete Nicksic '14 and Mike Witczak '14. A few of our classmates, attorneys Jake Ahler and Alex Robbins, plus some guy named Rudy Altergott, were on hand for the annual David W. Peck lecture and awards dinner put on by Prof. Scott and Jane Ann Himsel. (The theme was technology, trust, and privacy and the lecture was by this year's Senior Peck Medal recipient, IBM's Senior Vice President & General Counsel Michelle Browdy, who had clerked for Judge Randall T. Shepard, former Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, and a past Senior Peck Medal recipient who was present that night.)



Dr. Bill Cook '66, Edwin Nzomo from the Undugu Family of Hope in Kenya, and Rick Warner.

Rick Warner took one of his immersion classes to Kenya during spring break along with the globe-trotting professor and philanthropist Dr. Bill Cook '66 whom a few of us had for freshman tutorial (Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*, with Dr. Jeremy Hartnett '96 as our advisor) and many of us know. Also taking part were Dean for Professional Development Steven L. Jones '87 and Dr. Derek Nelson '99, Professor of Religion & Stephen S. Bowen Professor of the Liberal Arts. Rick said, "I'll not lie, this was the heaviest lift of my ten immersion trips." Yet it looks to have been a success.

Rudy will be back on campus for a day trip on Saturday, April 9 to watch a soccer tournament by La Alianza (Unidos por Sangre), then from Thursday, April 21 through Sunday, April 24 for Class Agent recruitment for the Class of 2022 and the Malcolm X. Institute for Black Studies' 50th anniversary. He'll be at NAWM alumni board meetings during commencement weekend in mid-May. Big Bash 2022 will be from Friday, June 3 to Sunday, June 5. Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend each year's Big Bash weekend, regardless of graduation year. Planning for our decade reunion weekend in June 2023 will begin this August.

WABASH ALWAYS FIGHTS

Annual Campaign

Make sure to continue donating to the Wabash College Annual Fund.

Mark your calendars: This year's DAY OF GIVING will be held on Tuesday, April 19. Wabash gave us a wonderful education and it's important to pay it forward to future generations of Wabash Men. The Day of Giving especially is an opportunity to do so. Help us show the world the kind of committed community we are. We 'Strive for 45', meaning *at least* 45% participation, and if we meet that threshold, we will not only break our own records but set new ones. Join us in this effort! Because **Always Means Always.**

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!

<https://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>

Interested in announcing an engagement, marriage, or event? Put it in the next letter! Please forward your request to either of us.

Rudy Altergott
rudy.altergott@gmail.com

Trevor R. Poe
trpoe13@gmail.com