



Class Agents Letter

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Brothers of the Class of 2016 –

These last few months have gone by quickly. I hope everyone is wrapping up their year and preparing for the holiday season with lots of time with family and friends on their agendas.

2018 was a great year for Wabash College. Many of you may have heard that the basketball team is off to an impressive undefeated start to the season. My first game of the year will be tomorrow's match up against Franklin College. Though the fall semester started tragically with the loss of a student, the student body and the football team in particular showed great resilience and a true reflection of the Wabash spirit of brotherhood and caring for one another. The College's second half-semester end on a far higher note. Including the triumph over Depauw in this year's 125th Monon Bell Classic, 100% of the Class of 2018 reported placement into a career, post-graduate study, etc., and last but not least the College's Giant Steps campaign kicked off with an historic gift of \$40 million from trustee Paul Woolls '75 and his wife Betty.

Last week I heard President Hess speak on a panel at the Economic Club of Indiana monthly luncheon, in which he spoke among his peers about the challenges and opportunities in higher education today. His insights about the value of a liberal arts education and the importance of learning skills for the future rather than short-term job requirements, reminded me yet again how fortunate I am to have Wabash in my life. Thank you to President Hess for continuing to represent our College so well and for speaking about the issues facing higher education and particularly small liberal arts colleges.

A few updates from classmates:

- **Chris Dabbs '16** married Hilary Cassoday this past June in Valparaiso. He and Hilary have relocated to Stillwater, OK, where Chris will continue as a doctoral candidate in a counseling psychology program at Oklahoma State University.
- **Jim Schafer '16** married Anne Hendrix this past September at the Charley Creek Inn in Wabash.
- **Eric Kile '16**, along with Bryce Chitwood '08, spent time at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington this past August as they completed the final phase of Officer Candidate School. Kile is based in Indiana as a second lieutenant with the Army National Guard.

Congratulations to Chris, Jim, and Eric – thanks so much to them for sharing those updates with us.

Please reflect this holiday season on your time at Wabash, what it meant to your life then, and what it means today. This Class of 2106 should be proud to have the highest alumni participation among all classes in support of the Annual Fund. With that mark set in our few years out, please continue to ask how you can continue to build upon that foundation. It may start with a gift to the Annual Fund before year-end and considering ways to further that support in 2019 with your time, talent, and treasure. Think of a prospective student you can reach, a current student you could mentor, or alumnus or classmate you could re-connect with.

Jake and I want to wish you and your families a blessed holiday.

Yours in Wabash –
Patrick Bryant '16