



Class Agents Letter

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Class of 2016 –

I hope the last couple months have allowed time for reflection and success on those 2019 resolutions. No doubt comprehensive exams and the variety of activities on campus meant an equally busy start to the spring semester.

Before sharing a few updates, I want to share an observation and learning. Earlier this year, the Indianapolis Association of Wabash Men appointed me to its board. I consider it an honor and it excites me to give back on behalf of the IAWM and its programs. I first became aware of the IAWM as a student and I started participating in its events as an upperclassman. At no time did I have the sense that the IAWM was an exclusive club or something that had prerequisites regarding my participation. My observation since attending IAWM board meetings is not always is that the case for our students.

I want to inform our class that the IAWM and all other regional alumni associations welcome all alumni and their loved ones to all of the events they host. That includes after-work happy hours, baseball outings, and so on. I hate to think that a misconception related to the group's name would keep valuable members of the Wabash community from attending. I ask that you share this with other members of the Wabash community outside of our class. I hope to continue to see new faces at IAWM events and need your help in spreading this message of "welcome" more broadly.

This past Friday, the basketball team concluded its season upon losing to a tough Wittenberg team in the NCAC tournament. The team had a great season, including sophomore Jack Davidson setting the NCAA's record for consecutive free throws made, an all-time record among all three divisions. The team's season got off to a

great start and they were undefeated until a loss late in December. Best of luck to the team in the 2019-2020 season.

I wanted to also recognize a stat in a Wabash website article. Last year, five students received a Fulbright scholarship, including our own **Aren Peterson**. The highly regarded U.S. exchange and teaching program became a point of emphasis at Wabash under the tremendous support of Susan Albrecht. Kudos to her and others helping Wabash students apply for that life-changing program.

One classmate update I have to share with you is that of **Matt Dickerson**. Matt became a trooper in the Indiana State Police upon graduation in December from the ISP Recruit Academy. Prior to doing solo patrol work in his territory in eastern Indiana, he will complete a three-month field training that he started earlier this year. Congratulations, Matt, and thanks for your service to the people of Indiana.

If you have an update on your own work life or wish to share an update on behalf of a classmate, please reach out to me or Jake. Best wishes in the coming months and I look forward to hearing from you in the meantime.

Yours in Wabash –
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