



WABASH COLLEGE

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Dear members of the Class of 2016 –

Happy New Year! This may be a stretch and it may be a forced attempt at bringing nostalgia – but with the start of the New Year, we’ve turned the page on the *final year* that we were Wabash students. I am very thankful for those days. I thought recently about the class of 2017 as they finished up their comprehensive exams and prepared for the start of their final semester.

Did you make it back to campus this fall? If not, resolve to do so in 2017. I realize some of you may be far from campus (if you are please contact me or Jake and tell us about what you’re up to!), but resolve to make it back to campus soon – or if you live close to campus, make a point to come back. I did four times – for Big Bash in June, for Homecoming, the FIJI Pig Dinner, and the Monon Bell game. Being back on campus and in Crawfordsville made it feel like our days as students were not far behind us.

I feel badly that my last visit to campus was such a bittersweet one. We were spoiled to win the Bell all four years and the class of 2016 is one of a few that can say that. New head coach Don Morel spoke to the class agents at Homecoming and to the Indianapolis alumni at the Spirit of the Monon Bell event. A Monon Bell loss hurts – we learned that much this year – but it seems like our team culture and recruiting efforts are both as strong as ever. Likewise, the Monon Bell game day experience was a real positive one and made Wabash feel a little more dignified and sophisticated for a game day but without any less of the small campus feel.

I mentioned Coach Morel but another new face in a campus role is Jacob Pactor '04 who was named the new director of the Schroeder Center for Career Development late last semester. Jacob led the Class Agents and we certainly wish him well in his new role.

Jake Norley deserves a lot of credit for what he's done in setting up our Class of 2016 Facebook page. Please contribute to it and work with Jake in keeping it up-to-date with what's new with you. I realize these letters will not serve as a primary source of information like they may have for generations of Wabash men before us. I sure hope that you will use forms of social media like the Facebook page - and also Jake and I as messengers - to share your stories and exciting milestones with the larger class.

I wish you and your families a very fruitful and blessed new year. Please let Jake or I know how best we can serve you in 2017. Please consider Wabash in 2017 and how you can return the many blessings it has afforded you as a student and since graduation.

Sincerely yours in Wabash –

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