

Class of 2016

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## **Class Agents Letter**

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Hello Friends,

I'd just like to say I feel like a terrible class agent and I apologize for my lack of engagement. I'm the worst, but I'd be surprised if you were surprised. Let's be honest, I took care of drunk people and made sure people were safe while a smidge intoxicated myself as WAR Council President. However, this isn't news to you, and I digress from the important messages here. First of all, I'm in such a better spot than when I last contacted you all. I'm currently on my honeymoon as I just got married to my counterpart on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. I'd like to thank all of you that reached out to me. I didn't really reply to anyone, but your messages meant a lot to me and really helped me through a tough time.

Jake sucks and no one cares. Alright, alright on to the next subject of importance. You all killed it on the day of giving and I'm so blessed to be recognized for your generosity. Patrick Bryant and I got some award earlier this year because of the amount of people in our class that have given back to the college. I really felt that the award to us was not merited, because it wasn't anything that we did as agents, it was your dedication to the college as a class. I don't think Patrick and I could be more grateful for graduating with such a great group of men.

I'd like to highlight some of these men here because you have all given me the platform to do so (whether you like it or not). Matthew Binder is killing the game up in Michigan after finishing his law school degree in May. I haven't heard from him recently but assuming he passed the bar in Illinois he will be starting as an associate at the Sidley Austin law firm in Chicago early fall. Samuel Vaught is finishing up his M.Div. program at Yale and is striving to become an ordained priest in the Episcopal Church somewhere in Indiana when everything is said and done. Chase Young just started his own company called, Anti-Stigma and Prevention Association LLC in order to destigmatize seeking mental health treatment and the company's first project is a children's book series.

To be quite honest, looking back at my short 25 years on this planet I have been beyond blessed to be surrounded by such talented and driven individuals. Thank you so much for being you and striving to spread the fame of her honored name. I can't really stack everyone up to previous classes, as I do not have the data, however I would like to posit that our class is out there trying to make a change in society that is a greater effort than those that came before us in these early years right after graduation.



I hope that you all have the last week of May/first week of June in 2021 available to celebrate our 5year reunion because it has been far too long since I've seen all your beautiful faces. Crazy to think that everyone is out there actually starting their careers and making moves, but I'm super proud every time I hear the stories of everyone in our graduating class absolutely killing it. If anyone is on the Southside of Indianapolis soon hit me up. Morgan and I just bought a house and we will have a functioning guest bedroom in the very near future.

Love y'all,

Jake Norley