
Wabash College Class of 2013 Update

May 2021

Dear Classmates,

Rudy here. Well, they did it. Wabash College now has a full academic year under its belt with having to contend with the COVID-19 pandemic. In his final community letter of the academic year, President Scott Feller reminded readers that, "This year has been challenging and all of us have experienced moments of frustration and a sense of loss. But we have carried out our mission of educating young men to think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively, and live humanely in a difficult world. Hopefully we have all learned something about ourselves and our capacity for resilience. We have certainly learned important lessons about what we can do as a community when we are #WabashTogether."



The College was able to hold **an in-person commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 15**, providing an opportunity to pay tribute to the classes of 2020 and 2021.

Dr. Melissa Butler H'85 and former president **Greg Hess** received honorary degrees. After nearly fifteen months of campus not being open to visitors, the administration is **opening campus for**



part of Saturday, June 5 for Big Bash Weekend from 10am to 2pm. A free food truck lunch will be provided from 11am to 2pm. Alumni and Parent Relations staff will be located under a tent/canopy on the mall for sign-in, and campus will be open rain or shine. Masks will be required. As a reminder, *anyone* is welcome to attend Big Bash Weekend. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to our decade-mark reunion weekend in June 2023.

In March, Wabash Theatre put on a marvelous, spooky production of ***Twisted Tales of Poe***, set as a radio drama. The show was performed live and streamed during each performance, accessible on the College's website. Directed by Associate Professor of Theater Jim Cherry, the production was dramatization of some of Poe's most well-known and frightening stories, 'The Tell-Tale Heart,' 'The Cask of Amontillado,' 'The Raven,' and 'Hop-Frog.' It was written by Philip Grecian, with additional material by John K. Reshetar.



The eighth Annual Day of Giving on April 8 was another smashing success. Wabash College celebrated its best single day fundraising effort in history. The College received more than 5,800 gifts totaling over \$1.34 million. It was still short of 45% of alumni giving, a mark many of us believe to still be achievable. The **Giant Steps** campaign has reached \$200 million raised.

Homecoming is set for Saturday, September 18, the home opener for the football team and the brand-new stadium against the Allegheny College Alligators. The **Monon Bell Classic** was canceled last year and had been slated to be played this year **at Wabash on Saturday, November 13.**

Class Notes



Dr. Rick Warner H'13, who we try to frequently highlight in these class letters, spoke in Chapel on Thursday, April 29, 2021, with a talk entitled 'Scarlet Rays of Hope'; Rick focused his talk on his gratitude list, encouraging others in the Wabash community to do the same. Wearing his pot atop his head as an honorary member of the Sphinx Club, Rick has also been a longtime faculty advisor to *Unidos por Sangre*, now identifying as *La alianza*, the Alliance, a campus organization for Latinos and their supporters. Note the sash which Rick is wearing. It is not only for UPS but also for the Class of 2013 (this was given to him by our classmate **Alejandro Maya**). We are quite lucky to have this chef extraordinaire, former Associate Dean and Associate Professor of History, the Jane and Frederic Hadley Chair in History, the History & Hispanic Department Chair, Alpha Phi Omega advisor, etc. among our ranks. For a recording of Rick's talk, please click the link or enter the address below. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bigd9oPvwj4>

Professor Scott Himself '85 invited **Riley Floyd** to introduce this year's lecturer-recipient of the David W. Peck Senior Medal for Eminence in the Law, **Dr. Kenji Yoshino**. Dr. Yoshino spoke on 'Trans Rights Unlimited'. Riley had been the 2013 Junior Peck Medal recipient a few months before our class' commencement. He is currently an associate at Hoover Hull Turner LLP, practicing in the areas of commercial litigation, lawyer liability and licensing, white collar defense, investigations, and crisis management. Among the many items on Riley's impressive résumé is his recognition as an Indiana Rising Star in 2020 and 2021; he earned his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Indiana University Maurer School of Law and lives in Indianapolis.



Matt Page is engaged! Our entrepreneurial classmate 'popped the question' to his fiancée, **Kara Scannell**, on November 18, 2020, and they will be getting married on December 18, 2021. Matt has lived in various cities in various positions in the eight years since we have graduated, residing now in the South Loop of Chicago. He is Director of Sales and Account Management at Purchasing Platform, Inc. Matt gave a Chapel Talk on March 18, 2021, entitled 'Networking and Wabash - Be Active and Persistent'... if that does not describe Matt, I am not sure what does! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MP6tR5huWtw>



In late April, I attended the wedding of **Corbin Richards**' brother Grant Davis in Greenwood, Indiana along with **Michael and Mallory Brown**. I then spent a recent weekend with fellow Chicagoans **Alejandro Maya** and his lady **Shawna Taets** up in Wisconsin. It was nice to be with dear friends, especially after what felt like a lost year because of distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic. I have more Wabash-related trips coming up which will help me gather 'intel' for future letters.



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:
<http://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>.

Annual Campaign

Do make sure to continue donating to the Wabash College Annual Fund. Wabash gave us a wonderful education and it's important to pay it forward to future generations of Wabash men. Because of the CARES Act, you can add up to \$300 of your Wabash gift to your standard deduction on your 2020 household's federal taxes, even when you choose not to itemize.

<https://www.wabash.edu/giving/>

Interested in announcing an engagement, birth, marriage, or event? Put it in the next letter! Please forward you request to Trevor or me.

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