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# Wabash College

## Class of 2013 Update

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### November 2020

Dear Classmates,

They did it! In a time of crisis with incredible stakes, Wabash College and its student body weathered a particular nasty storm, with **a successful semester consisting of in-person classes** in the books in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. This is a major win for the college considering that many other institutions were unable to make this happen.

The school year started two weeks early, there was no Fall Break, and the last day of Finals will take place on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Which means underclassmen get two whole months of Winter Break, until January 25! The Seniors will return for Comps a week earlier, January 18.

The spring semester will be delayed by one week, allowing the return to campus by seniors for Comps to be a full two weeks after the New Year's holiday. The faculty will conduct Oral Comps virtually prior to a return to campus. There will be no Spring Break, but instead three scheduled off days scattered across the semester. This plan allows Commencement for both the classes of 2020 and 2021 to remain on the previously scheduled date: May 16, 2021.



Meanwhile, the **North Coast Athletic Conference** suspended all sports through December 31. Athletic teams have been holding modified practices, and the Allen Center is open with new restrictions. Wabash College will join with members of the North Coast Athletic Conference in suspending athletics practices and related activities from Wednesday, November 25, 2020 through January 1, 2021. The NCAC also announced the cancelation of officially sanctioned competition and championships in winter sports. This decision also encompasses varsity sport programs that do not officially participate in the NCAC (wrestling and volleyball). Athletic Director **Matt Tanney '05** and his staff will begin to create plans for how to reinstate structured, sport-specific workouts, practices, and related activities in January. They will also work to develop competitive schedules for winter and fall sports teams with schools who share Wabash's commitment to sound, data-driven COVID prevention and testing measures.

## Class Notes



Since graduating from Wabash, **Charles Hintz** has been all over the world, starting with two years spent in Morocco as a Peace Corps volunteer. After getting his master's degree at Texas A&M's Bush School of Government and Public Service, he now works as an International Trade Specialist at USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service, helping provide technical expertise to expand and maintain access to foreign markets for U.S. agricultural products. Specifically, he reviews issues affecting animal feed, pet food, halal products, and nutrition issues. This has taken him to Saudi Arabia and the World Trade Organization in Geneva. Aside from work, he now leads the National Capital Association of Wabash Men. To promote the D.C. area, Charles recently organized a multi-day virtual professional immersion experience for current students about careers in the Federal government and in international relations. Originally from Gahanna, Ohio, Charles was a Political Science major (one of my fellow International Relations specialists) and member of Tau Kappa Epsilon at Wabash.

Last month, **Arjun Kumar** became a management consultant at BSE-USA, a company based out of St. Joseph, Michigan. He began working for the company in March as one of their training and development managers. A member of Kappa Sigma and English major while at Wabash, Arjun lives in his hometown of Schererville, Indiana, having attended nearby Munster High School. Prior to BSE-USA, Arjun had helped run his family's graduation garment business.



Please join us in wishing our very best congratulations to **Ryan Lutz** and his lady **Hannah** on their recent engagement. Both graduates of the University of Southern California's Sol Price School of Public Policy, they are currently living in Washington, D.C.

Ryan, who was an independent and, like Arjun, an English major while at Wabash, earned his MPA from USC and since June 2019 has worked as an assistant manager for research and strategy at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.



We are not due for another reunion until 2023 (our first decade out!). That said, the annual **Big Bash Weekend** will resume next summer after a hiatus in 2020 for classes ending in 0, 1, 5, and 6. And as always, ALL alumni and friends of the College are welcome to participate. While we do not know what form Big Bash will take next summer due to COVID-19, the folks at Alumni Relations are planning for everything from being completely on campus to being completely virtual. What is certain are the dates: June 4-6, 2021.

## 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

As the *annus horribilis* 2020 comes to a close, 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 your request to Trevor or me.*

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