

Class of 1960

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Wabash Class of '60,

I'll start this letter with an update about our postponed reunion. While COVID-19 postponed our 60th reunion last June, we'll be joining the class after us for Big Bash. Make sure to mark your calendars for **June 4-6, 2021**.

With the way the pandemic is going, the College doesn't yet know whether we'll return to the usual on-campus format or some virtual version, but the Alumni Office is committed to providing the means for us to reconnect with classmates and families safely. If you'd like to help me get some guys back, let me know.

As we head toward the end of a year most of us would like to forget, I bring good news from our alma mater.

Led by President Scott Feller and Chemistry Professor Ann Taylor, Wabash completed a successful semester starting two weeks early, forgoing a fall break, and concluding finals before Thanksgiving. The great tradition of teaching and learning continued as students, faculty, staff, and administration worked together to keep Wabash 97% residential. You can read more about the campus COVID efforts at <https://www.wabash.edu/covid/>.

Spring semester will start a week later in January with seniors taking their oral comprehensives first via Zoom before they return to campus to take the written portion of the exam in person. There will be no spring break, and the campus hopes to finish up in May at the usual time with the aim of physically graduating the Class of 2021 on May 16 along with the Class of 2020 who graduated virtually last May.

Six months after their graduation, 97.6% of the Class of 2020 settled into a first destination (employment, graduate school, or service), which is a remarkable feat from the Career Services Office. Here's the story: https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11637

News from Admissions is also beating expectations during this pandemic as applications are up over this time last year. From December 10-12, nearly 500 prospective students participated in a virtual experience of the Wabash classroom taking one of 23 courses in a newer type of Honor Scholar Weekend called Scarlet Honors Weekend. These high school seniors will earn scholarship money to attend Wabash in the fall. If you know a young man in high school who should be on Wabash's radar, fill out the online referral form at <https://apply.wabash.edu/register/refer>.

Next fall, we will look forward to the long-delayed **127th Monon Bell Classic** scheduled **Nov. 13, 2021** at **brand-new Little Giant Stadium**. Here are some photos.



The College just launched **Wherever. Whenever. Wabash.**, an online hub to help bring Wabash Together: <https://www.wabash.edu/www/>. Check it for upcoming events and for some content you can download.

You may have received a mailer or email about taking advantage of the CARES Act and the \$300 universal charitable deduction you can take advantage for those taking the standard deduction on your

2020 taxes. This is only applicable for gifts made by December 31, 2020. Find out more about the CARES Act and Ways to Give to Wabash at https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11636.

Wabash stands tall through this crazy year because of the tremendous support of those who've given to the Giant Steps Campaign, which currently stands just shy of \$198 million. (More here: <http://giantsteps.wabash.edu/>) You can add your name and check to see other classmates who have generously given to Wabash this year on the Online Honor Roll (<https://www.wabash.edu/giving/recongnition>) with a gift online at wabash.edu/give.

So how are you all doing through all of this? More importantly, your classmates would love an update. Just fill out the attached Where Are You Now? form, and I'll get it in the next letter.

Sincerely,

Charlie Quillin, Class Agent

“Where Are You Now?”

Wabash Class of _____

While you are holding this in your hands, take a moment to fill it out and send it to: Wabash College, Alumni and Parent Relations Office, PO Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. While you're at it, why not contact a fellow alum or professor you haven't talked to in a while?

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Home Address _____

Business Address _____

Business Phone _____ Business Fax _____

E-mail _____ Home Page _____

Interested in serving your class as a class agent? Yes _____ Maybe _____ Not yet _____

Interested in helping the College with fund raising? Yes _____ No _____

Family Information

Single

Married

Partnered

(Spouse/partner's name) _____ Anniversary (if applicable) _____

Divorced

Widowed

Father of (kid's name/s) _____ Birthdays _____

Latest Employment and Education Information

Unemployed Self-employed doing _____

Employed (where) _____ Occupation _____

Looking for work

Retired

In school at (where) _____

Working toward a (degree) _____ in (field) _____

Writing a book on _____

I'd really like to hear from (classmate/s) _____

Any other interesting news? _____

