

Class of 2001

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Dear 2001:

A few days ago I ran into classmate and entrepreneur extraordinaire Joe Trebley at the State House. We were both in W pull overs. It was a very Wabash moment. But in making eye contact, just under the surface of the "How are you, man!?" was, "One of us should probably write a class agent letter. Those are still a thing, right?"

So here we go.

We'll assume that you've seen the social media reports about another successful Wabash Day of Giving, this year titled #StepUpForWabash: 5,238 gifts of more than \$1.1 million to the Wabash Annual Fund. We'll also assume that you heard that as of Mother's Day, 87% of seniors receiving their sheepskin have landed their initial destination after college.

Mike Raters '85 has stepped down as Dean of Students after eleven years in the post. In that time, he established the Housing Leadership and Education Program (HELP), Wabash Fraternity Advisors, Wabash Acts Responsibly (WAR Council), Dean's President's Council, and the Mental Health Concerns Committee.

Five Wabash seniors were selected as recipients of the esteemed Fulbright Scholarship – a recognition awarded to Dr. Jared Sonnicksen '01 prior to our graduation. This year the Chronicle of Higher Education listed Wabash College among an elite group of institutions included on the list of U.S. colleges and universities that produced the most 2018-19 Fulbright U.S. Students.

In other international news, M. Ashraf Haidari, formerly the Deputy Ambassador of Afghanistan to the United States and India, was appointed by the President of Afghanistan to serve as Ambassador to Sri Lanka.

Derek Richey sent a note saying that he and his family are in Cleveland, Ohio where Derek serves as the CFO of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

It's hard to keep up with Joe Trebley's accolades. As head of Monon Bioventures, Joe was recently featured for being awarded a substantial grant to fund collaboration with Purdue University to develop rescue kits for diabetics suffering a hypoglycemic attack. His other company, Scioto Biosciences, is a featured portfolio company of Elevate Ventures, Indiana's primary investment fund promoting Indiana companies.

Wabash Football sack-master B.J. Hammer was introduced in January as the Head Football Coach at Bowdoin College in Maine. They highlighted his great work improving the football program at Allegheny College from 1-9 to 6-4 in short order.

Speaking of football, Wabash's first home game is September 28 against Denison. "Witt Week" against perennial rival for NCAC supremacy Wittenberg culminates October 19. The Good Guys play the Dannies at Blackstool Stadium on November 16. Hope to see you at a game this Fall.

Speaking of sports, in general... Five Wabash Baseball players were named All-NCAC... Wabash Basketball, featured on SportsCenter during Jack Davidson's legendary run at the all-time, all division free throw record, is travelling to Italy... Wabash senior Tucker Dixon was named All-NCAC in lacrosse and joined two other seniors as the first Wallies to notch 100 career goals... Wabash Wrestling continued its dominance of DIII. Darden Schurg was named the d3.com DIII Wrestler of the Year and All-American honors after winning the national championship at 174 pounds... Wabash Track and Field just claimed the NCAC Outdoor T&F Championship.

Wabash welcomes new Freshman at the Ringing-In Ceremony on August 17, 2019.

The Giant Steps Campaign kicked off this academic year. To see the launch video and to learn more about the campaign, please visit <http://giantsteps.wabash.edu/>

The college relies on your strong recommendations for incoming students. If you haven't, please use the student referral site at apply.wabash.edu/register/refer

And finally, if you're feeling nostalgic, iHeart Radio has prepared a list of the most popular songs based on the year you graduated. Visit iheart.com/graduation-playlist/ to see how bad our taste in music was.

With that, I'm always proud to be a Wabash Man and I'm trying to be a better one.

Wabash Always Fights,

Davey