

# Wabash.

December 2021

Dear Classmates:

I hope you all are doing well and staying healthy.

I've been in contact with several of you already about how – amazingly – the coming year marks our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of graduating from Wabash. So, please **save the date for Big Bash**, which will take place **June 3-5, 2022**. Registration will open in late January, and it would be fantastic to have a lot of guys and their families back on campus for our 30<sup>th</sup> reunion.

In recent news, I'm sure you've all heard that the Monon Bell is back in its rightful place after being stuck in Greencastle the past two years. Highlights of the amazing game and comeback may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=34emaxNQ4xo>. I heard the Dannies didn't even put up a fight to hold the Bell with several minutes to go in the game.

In other news:

1. All graduates from the Class of 2021 have settled into their first destinations six months after Commencement. This once again bucks the national average of 59%. <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/11831>
2. Approximately 30% of students enrolled are first-generation college students and an additional 20% of Wabash staff were first-generation students. Here's a profile of four deans who are first-gen. <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/11824>
3. The College has hired Cassie Hagan as the new Director of Professional Development and Center for Innovation, Business, and Entrepreneurship effective January 3. Cassie was Associate Director from 2013-2019 and she worked for two years as the Executive Director of the Crawfordsville-Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce. Cassie replaces Roland Morin '91 who passed away in August. <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/11840>
4. Have you checked out Whenever. Wherever. Wabash. yet? Whether it's highlights from the thrilling Monon Bell game, Office Hours with Dr. David Blix '70, live learning events with professors, Chapel Talks, podcasts, or on-demand videos, this is your hub to bring campus to your living room. Whenever. Wherever. Wabash. even contains games for younger ones and new backgrounds for your Zoom calls. Just go to [wabash.edu/www](http://wabash.edu/www) to explore.
5. Scarlet Honors Weekend returned on December 10-11 with more than 200 high school seniors and their families attending and 115 staying overnight. Admissions applications are running 14%

ahead of last year. Domestic applications are up 10% from 15 states. Indiana is up 12% in applications from its highest total in the last 5 years. And domestic applications from students of color represent 35.8% of the pool (a 5-year high). <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/11849>

6. For those who make a gift before the end of the calendar year, check out these ways you can support Wabash and see some nice tax benefits. Every gift directly supports Wabash students and adds to the momentum of the Giant Steps Campaign. <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/11833>

I'd like to know how you're doing and what's new with you. More importantly, your classmates would love an update. Certainly that can happen at Big Bash 2022 in June, but you are also welcome to email updates to me at [peterhorvath2002@gmail.com](mailto:peterhorvath2002@gmail.com).

Wishing you Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year,

Peter