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The Wabash College track and field team captured its ninth North Coast Athletic Conference outdoor championship and its 17th NCAC title overall by winning the 2022 title at Oberlin College in May.

The Little Giants swept the outdoor and indoor titles for the seventh time since joining the NCAC for the 2000 season.

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On the ninth Day of Giving, alumni and friends paid tribute to hundreds of people in the Wabash community on whose Giant Shoulders they stand.

WM Art Director **Becky Wendt** beautifully combined photos of professors, coaches, staff, and alumni into a tribute of her own. WM stands on Wendt's giant creative shoulders for every issue!

Read more about the Day of Giving on page 12 and read tributes on pages 14, 32, 50, and 54.

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Traditions

IT’S ONE OF MY FAVORITE WABASH TRADITIONS.

Sixteen years ago, I began my Wabash career. It was the Monday of Homecoming week. On my fourth day, I grabbed my new camera bag and headed off to photograph Chapel Sing. That was interesting.

But that’s not the tradition to which I am referring.

I do love a good Monon Bell game. In fact, as I write this, I’m sporting my “DePauw blew a 21-point lead” T-shirt. I get chills every time I hear the Caleb Mills bell welcome a new class or say good-bye to another one. And thanks to the W in the Allen Center, I avoid the giant Athenian on the floor of my daughter’s school and cringe anytime I see anyone callously walking on it.

But still, those are not the traditions I’m thinking about this time.

On April 19, my birthday (another fun tradition!), Wabash held its ninth Day of Giving. This year’s theme was #GiantShoulders. It’s those giant shoulders on which all of us at Wabash stand. It’s that tradition of philanthropy in all its forms, from dollars, to hours of service, to sweat equity, that make this place and its people so special.

The gifts made on the Day of Giving are vital to the health of the College—adding to the Annual Fund, which supports the operating budget in an immediate and tangible way. (See page 12 for details.)

What made the day one of the most touching yet, was the opportunity the Day of Giving participants had to pay tribute to the Wabash students, professors, mentors, coaches, classmates, and friends on whose giant shoulders they stand.

One thing that struck me while reading the tributes was the breadth of those who were honored *and* those who paid tribute. Emeritus Professor Kay Widdows H’07 paid tribute to Emeritus Professor Melissa Butler H’85 for her mentorship. In turn, others paid tribute to Widdows for her guidance and teaching. Greg Castanias ’87 gave a much-deserved shout-out to multiple faculty members. And no surprise, multiple people patted Castanias on the back for his leadership of the NAWM and for his kindness as a professional mentor.

These wonderful circles of caring are commonplace at Wabash—among faculty and staff with students and with each other; among alumni with students and also with faculty and staff; and of course, students with each other. The result is the creation of these rich bonds of brotherhood, sisterhood, or OneWabash-hood (to call on another recent Day of Giving theme).

I encourage you to read through the tributes we have included in these pages and visit wabash.edu/419/tributes to read more. Then, think about on whose giant shoulders you stand. Consider reaching out to them with a phone call, an email, or a note. Saying “thanks” or “thinking about you” never goes out of style, nor is too past-due to be appreciated.

While you’re still listening, I want to honor some of my own giant shoulders. Thanks to Jim Amidon ’87 for seeing something in me 16 years ago, for continuing to push me to try something new, and to strive to always get better. A special thanks to former WM Editor Steve Charles H’70 for believing in my ability from day one and for the many “yes, you cans.” His friendship and mentorship keep me trying. To the team I get to work with every day—Karen, Rich, Becky, Adam, Andrew, Allie, and Anna—your energy and creativity inspire me to keep searching for stories to tell in the best ways. It is a pleasure to spend my days with you. And to the faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of Wabash that I have had the opportunity to get to know, thank you for building a space where it is safe to ask questions, to think bigger, and love louder.

Be well,



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Sasso and Lambda Chi Alpha

Several of the articles in the Spring 2022 issue caught my attention, and I have to comment on two of them.

First, I enjoyed the article on **Dr. Rick Sasso ’82**. I didn’t realize that he is a Wabash alum. Sasso did an L5-S1 spinal fusion on me in 2003, and did an excellent job. I recovered so well that I was able to take up running again. The good results lasted for several years until a fall caused a flesh laceration, which was not located anywhere near my spine. A person, who shall go unnamed, persuaded me to see a chiropractor for this perceived injury, and he pretty much undid all the good that Sasso had done for me.

Giving up the chiropractor out of frustration, I returned to Sasso. He advised against further spinal surgery, since one fusion will reduce your flexibility somewhat, but two will definitely affect your spinal flexibility. He sent me to Dr. Kevin Macadaeg, who is also mentioned in your article.

By then I had pretty much abandoned running in favor of cycling, which I don’t regret at all, and which progressed to the point that I did a coast-to-coast bicycle ride in spring of 2014, a high point of my life.

The other piece that caught my attention was the remembrance of **Max Servies ’58** by **Jim Wadkins ’84**. In it, Wadkins refers to visiting Max’s house in 1979, a large brick structure which had housed two Wabash presidents, and later became home to Lambda Chi Alpha.

I was a Lambda Chi from 1960 to 1964. When I returned to Wabash for my 10th class reunion in 1974, it was still at 515 W. Jennison. I get newsletters from Lambda Chi periodically, and none of them suggest having moved.

Can you shed some light on this for me?

Thank you!
Ken Shearer ’64

Thanks to College Archivist Nolan Eller ’11 for his help digging up an answer: Lambda Chi Alpha was initially formed when the Barb Society and Commons Clubs combined in 1918. Their original home was the former home of Max Servies and President George Stockton Burroughs for certain. We are not sure if it was the home of another president, though it could have been the home of President William Patterson Kane before Kane House officially came online in 1901.

The photo is a picture of the Barbs in front of the house. The house is still standing and is located at 506 S. Washington Street. The trees have grown up around it, but it is there somewhere.

The current Lambda Chi Alpha house was the old Crawford home. They moved into their current home in 1936, and it was built circa 1863.



Correction: Which Roosevelt?

In the last issue, it was noted that Byron Price [W1912] worked for Theodore Roosevelt. He did indeed work for a Roosevelt, however, it was FRANKLIN Roosevelt and not Theodore.

Science Is a Team Sport

ONE OF THE GREAT MISCONCEPTIONS people hold about science is that the field advances via the insights and actions of solitary scientists. The image of the scientific genius—working alone in a laboratory—is common in society, likely supported by the attention we give to Nobel Prize winners and various experts represented in the media.

But if you take a close look at the CVs of prominent scientists, you will quickly notice that the vast majority of their publications include co-authors or multiple authors, and that collaboration is the norm rather than individual achievement.

Science is very much a team sport. The collaborative model of modern scientific inquiry provides great opportunities for mentoring, both formally and informally. Working together on a project—sharing knowledge and pursuing problems while simultaneously passing on wisdom and experience—has been the most effective mentoring space for me, both as a mentor and a mentee.

I was fortunate to have great role models from my undergraduate experience at Willamette University, in particular my physical chemistry professor, Frances Chapple. My fellow students and I learned a lot of quantum mechanics to be sure, but I also remember a lot of lessons on effective writing. The passion she had for hiking and the outdoors also influences me to this day.

I was blessed to have a pair of extraordinary mentors during my Ph.D. and post-doctoral training, too. My thesis advisor, Don McQuarrie, was an exceptional teacher who had literally written the books on statistical thermodynamics. As I reflect back on the time we spent together, I now realize the lessons he taught me about food and wine stand out just as clearly as the chemical physics.

Among several valuable lessons I have learned over time is the importance of being open to chance opportunities. Near the end of my Ph.D. program, I had written to a scientist at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to inquire about a position in his lab. He didn't have one, but he passed my letter on to Rich Pastor, who was his tennis partner.

Pastor chose me to work with him at the NIH, and it was under his tutelage that I developed my passion for combining computational and experimental approaches to complex biological systems. That approach has driven my research and the way I have gone about mentoring younger scientists for more than two decades at Wabash.

I credit Pastor for much of my success as a scientist, but also acknowledge that chance—that he was a *tennis partner* of the scientist I had originally approached—played a big role in how my life has unfolded.

When I got to Wabash, I realized that faculty were drawing heavily on the mentoring they received in graduate school and applying it to their students in the College's classrooms and labs.

I think it is fair to say that student-faculty relationships are at the heart of everything we do here at Wabash.

But while we think of Wabash faculty as mentors of our students, relationships that continue on as alumni, our College benefits from exceptional mentoring among faculty, as well.

Many individuals come to mind when I think about my early years at the College, but one who stands out is Emeritus Professor of Chemistry Rich Dallinger. It's impossible to chart all of the ways Rich took me under his wing, taught me the history of our chemistry department, and modeled a full and engaged life of teaching and research. He did so with gentle collegiality that was welcoming and reassuring.

While I thought Dr. Dallinger mentored me because I was in his department, I later learned that faculty from virtually every department at Wabash had stories about his advice and influence on them.

As I begin my 25th year at Wabash, I am reflecting about what I learned from “Dr. D” and, in particular, the impact of his sustained commitments at our College: his multi-decade service as head scorer for the basketball team, and the many years he spent as faculty advisor to the Kappa Sigma house.

Now, in my third year as president, I am reminded about an important lesson I learned from Andrew Ford, the president who hired me here at Wabash: you can combine a seriousness of purpose managing the College while still caring deeply for the individuals that make up the community.

In this issue of *Wabash Magazine*, we are fortunate to share the stories of so many alumni and friends whose view is better because of the giant shoulders on which they stood. I was particularly pleased to read the tributes to legendary biology professor Austin Brooks '61 by a classmate (Charley Quillin '60), faculty colleague (Bob Foote), and the students whose lives were changed by “Aus” (Ray White '73 and Chris Carpenter '96).

One of our strongest traditions here at Wabash is that one generation pays it forward for those who follow. But an even better tradition is the way everyone at our College plays an active, engaged role in teaching and mentoring one another.



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BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS FOR FIRST-GEN STUDENTS

by ALLIE NORTHCUTT

Jonathan Gonzalez '24 remembers the anxiety and isolation he felt when he first arrived to campus two years ago. With the help of his peers and faculty, Gonzalez was able to overcome adversity and is now focused on helping other first-generation college students succeed at Wabash.

HEADING OFF TO COLLEGE can be a nerve-racking experience for anyone. But when you're the first person in your family to achieve this milestone, the pressure can feel tenfold and the fears, endless.

"It was very hard trying to get through it on my own," says Jonathan Gonzalez '24, recalling freshman year when he moved more than 1,000 miles away from his home in San Juan, Texas, and arrived to Wabash at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a result, Gonzalez feels he "missed out on the full college experience" his first year on campus. He didn't immediately connect with other students. He wasn't pushed out of his comfort zone, or motivated to get involved on campus. He was content with keeping his head down and to himself.

"My freshman year I said I'm not doing anything but chilling in my fraternity house and going to class. That's it," says Gonzalez, an art major and political science minor. "I was completely isolated, doing my own thing.

"I believe some first-generation Hispanic students, like myself, feel satisfied with the fact they got here. They feel like they don't need to make an extra effort to do more, since they have already worked so hard to just to get here," he explains. "I felt like I had to change the narrative, and change who I was becoming."

That change came sophomore year.

Gonzalez watched his friend, Jonathan Silva-Melendez '24, and other peers reimagine the Latio student organization Unidos Por Sangre (meaning bonded by blood) and rename it La Alianza (the alliance). The organization celebrates and embraces Hispanic culture. He then felt motivated to use his voice to help other minority students not only feel welcomed, but thrive on campus.

"It took some time for me to realize it, but Wabash has helped me out a lot. My professors, my fraternity brothers, *mis hermanos en* La Alianza—with anything and everything I've needed, they've been there for me. I want to be there for others," says Gonzalez, who spent part of his summer

working as a tutor for the Wabash Liberal Arts Immersion Program (WLAIP).

"I want to be the voice that pushes minority students and says, 'Hey, you just got here, but there's still a lot of work we can accomplish together.'"

COMING FROM A FAMILY of seven, Gonzalez says he felt like he owed it to them to be the best version of himself as a Wabash student.

"My dad always pushed me to go to school. From 5 to 17-years-old, I would join him working hard labor. He would tell me, 'If you don't go to school, this is probably going to be the most you can do.' It was a hard lesson, but I appreciate him for that," says Gonzalez.

"He was the only one who was able to financially support our family growing up. He sacrificed so much for me and my siblings to have better opportunities in life," he continued. "I'm the first in my family to leave (the Rio Grande Valley of Texas). I have to put in the work at Wabash to set the example for my younger siblings, and make my parents proud."

Gonzalez has distinguished himself through a variety of campus leadership roles and academic achievement. He is the new president of La Alianza, a brother at Phi Delta Theta, a member of the Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies (MXIBS), Think Tank, Basketball Club, Wabash Outdoors, Public Health Organization, and the Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

He was awarded the Randolph H. Deer Prize during the 2022 Awards Chapel. Selected by the art department faculty, the award is presented to an art major who demonstrated exceptional work during his freshman and sophomore years.

AS A WLAIP TUTOR, Gonzalez lived in the dorm and attended classes and various module activities with this year's cohort of incoming freshmen during the month-long summer institute.

He helped address questions new students had about college, assisted with homework and studying, and organized social events, including numerous basketball games, for the students to participate in together.

"My top priority as a WLAIP tutor was to make students feel comfortable. I know coming to an all-male private school that is predominantly white in the middle of Indiana can be intimidating for minority students. I wanted to show them that it's OK to have those feelings and that they can speak up, be vocal about it, and ask any questions they might have about college.

"I really wanted to show them that they have a guy here at Wabash who's already been through it, that can relate to them, and help throughout their next few years here," says Gonzalez. "I think it's important to build that bridge for these students, and for them to realize that I am more than just a tutor or advisor. I am here to be their friend."

As a first-generation minority student himself, Silva-Melendez echoed this sentiment and says he would have benefited from having a mentor like Gonzalez as an incoming freshman.

"When I came to Wabash, there wasn't a Jonathan Gonzalez that I could look up to," says Silva-Melendez, the former president of La Alianza from Calumet City, Illinois.

"Just that act of Jonathan being himself, being president of La Alianza, being a campus leader who advocates for diversity, equity, and inclusion, allows students to say, 'I can be a Lambda Chi or a TKE, and also be part of my own culture.' Those things can coexist," Silva-Melendez continued. "I think that battle is something that a lot of minority students find themselves in, thinking that when they come to Wabash, they have to be a 'Wally,' and in some sense being a Wally means giving up on your culture.

"What Jonathan is really good at doing is showing those students that you can be proud and have those two identities be at peace with each other. You can go to TGIF and have a Rhynie burger, and then the next day you can go make carne asada tacos and listen to Spanish music with your brothers. Nobody's going to judge you or think you're a 'crazy minority.' It's your culture, and people respect that."



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WATCHING GONZALEZ COME TO WABASH as a shy student himself and then grow into a mentor for others has made Jill Lamberton, associate professor of English and special assistant to the president for diversity, equity, and inclusion, very proud.

Lamberton says it took some time for Gonzalez to break out of his shell, but once he was able to and saw his own full potential, he has demonstrated an "admirable maturity and drive to help others."

"Watching him interact with younger students, it just looks like it comes naturally to him," says Lamberton. "He informally mentors."

Lamberton referenced back to an experience she shared with Gonzalez last semester when a new student arrived to campus late, and as a result, missed out on new student orientation.

"Jonathan reaches out and says, 'We have a new student here, I think he needs to meet you. Can I come by your office?' Jonathan then took the lead and created his own mini-orientation for this student," Lamberton says. "I was just blown away by his kindness and attention to detail, making sure the new student had what he needed to succeed.

"I remember asking him, 'Have you ever

thought about working in higher education? You have a gut instinct for this."

Gonzalez has big goals for his last two years at Wabash, specifically as the La Alianza president.

He plans to host more events for members to participate in that celebrate Hispanic culture, and also promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion on campus. He will also continue connecting with Wabash alumni, who he hopes can help the organization establish its own space, similar to the MXIBS, in the future.

"Strengthening the bond between brothers is one of my main goals," Gonzalez says. "The *hermanos*, we all can relate to each other and we're all connected, but we all have so much we can learn from each other, too.

"A Hispanic student from South Texas is not the same as a Hispanic student from Chicago. Comparing and teaching each other about our different cultures is so important, not just for our brotherhood, but for campus overall. When we appreciate and celebrate our differences, it shows all students that they have a place and belong here at Wabash." ■

The rising junior kept busy this summer working three internships on campus.

In addition to working as a WLAIP tutor, Gonzalez also spent his first half of the summer working alongside **Associate Professor of Art and Department Chair Damon Mohl** as a theater department intern. He was responsible for designing and building sets for future productions, and worked on projects that required sculpting and painting.

He also worked as a student mentor for Pathway to Your Future, a week-long visit program funded by the "Restoring Hope, Restoring Trust" grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., that provides rising high school sophomores and juniors with "a taste of collegiate life." It aims to ensure that all students, regardless of background, graduate with the necessary skills to lead thoughtful conversations and to help build more inclusive communities.

In this role, Gonzalez joined the high school students in hands-on learning experiences, including an immersion trip to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (photo above). He also helped coordinate various events and networking sessions with successful alumni and other Wabash students, and acted as a go-to resource for Pathway participants to ask questions about what to expect in college.

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DAY OF GIVING

#GiantShoulders



» **Thanks to your generosity, leadership, and outreach, Wabash saw great success on the ninth Day of Giving.**

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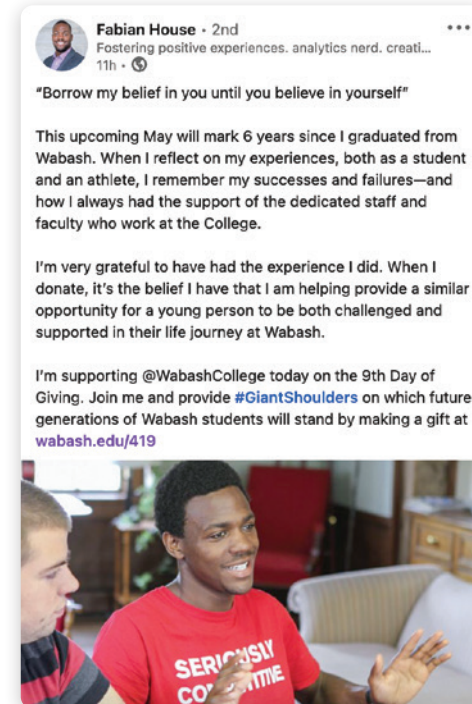
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Giant Shoulders Tributes

For Wabash's ninth Day of Giving, the College community celebrated the many #GiantShoulders on which they stand. Along with donations to the Annual Fund, Wabash received hundreds of tributes on the day. *WM* is sharing many of those tributes throughout this issue. To read all of the tributes made on the ninth Day of Giving, visit wabash.edu/419/tributes.

Tributes to Our Alumni



JB Bachman '61

I am honoring JB Bachman who, for 61 years, has served the College diligently and with immense loyalty, as class agent extraordinaire for the renowned Class of 1961! Some Little Giant!

—John Birdzell '61



Carroll Black '28

Carroll Eben Black, father of Cal Black '66, introduced me to Wabash at a college fair at my high school in the mid-50s. I attended the next fair, and Mr. Black was there once more, and this time we engaged in a lengthy conversation about Wabash. I was full of questions and enjoyed our time together. He kept in touch with me by telephone over the next few years, and congratulated me upon my acceptance to Wabash. Mr. Black was the epitome of a Wabash man.

—Ron Nichols '64



Dan Berning '74

Dan "BR" Berning was the literal giant shoulder to lean on for the Beta rhynes in the fall of 1973. He was our pledgemaster, confidant, supporter, mentor, and great friend of the rhynes. There was no better example of a Wabash man and critical thinker who was always responsible and was an effective and humane leader and person. Some Little Giant!

—Greg Birk '77



Jason Bridges '98

It's been a while since we've spoken, but I think of Jason's lessons and his mentorship every day. Jason ran the Nantucket Bike Tours internship with his wife, Courtney. Together they taught Wabash students every summer how to be effective members of a community (among many, many other things). I'm a better person today for having lived with and gotten to know the Bridges. It's on their shoulders I stand and try to "kill 'em with kindness."

—Tanner Watson '15

Greg Castanias '87

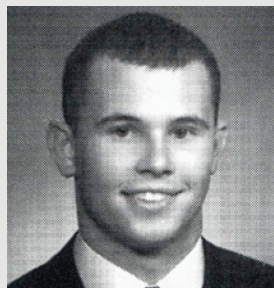
I most definitely stand on the giant shoulders of Greg Castanias. Wabash did not provide the occasion for our meeting, yet is central to our relationship. Greg recruited me to join his firm at the start of my career, taught me to lawyer like the best, and has been a mentor ever since. Our shared Wabash experiences created trust between us and made me receptive to his guidance. I am grateful for his training and brotherhood.

—Tom Fischer '91

Greg Castanias's leadership and inclusion while president of the NAWM is what got me to re-engage after feeling excluded for so long. Without his personal commitment to creating a place where *all* are welcome, I would not have connected with Wabash again. Thanks, Brother Castanias.

—Rob Shook '83





Mark Grossenbacher '97

Mark Grossenbacher was my high school track coach and someone whom I looked up to while deciding where to go to college. He strongly encouraged me to check out Wabash. I laughed at the prospect of leaving Florida, but took his advice to go on a visit. I now look back at how my life has progressed because of the experiences I gained from my years as a student and it is thanks to Mark and his inspiration.

—Joshua Bellis '08



Tom Hays '55

I stand on the giant shoulders of Tom Hays '55. Tom has had a significant influence on my Wabash experience. We first met when work sent us to the St. Louis area, and he encouraged me to become more engaged at Wabash. He asked me to serve on the Campaign for Leadership cabinet, and graciously suffered many rounds on the golf course inspiring me to be a model alum and trustee. Tom offered sage advice in business and in life, and made me realize how important it was to get more involved.

—Jim Davlin '85

David Herzog '77

David Herzog '77 has selflessly mentored me as a lawyer and friend for more than 30 years. Words are inadequate to express my gratitude.

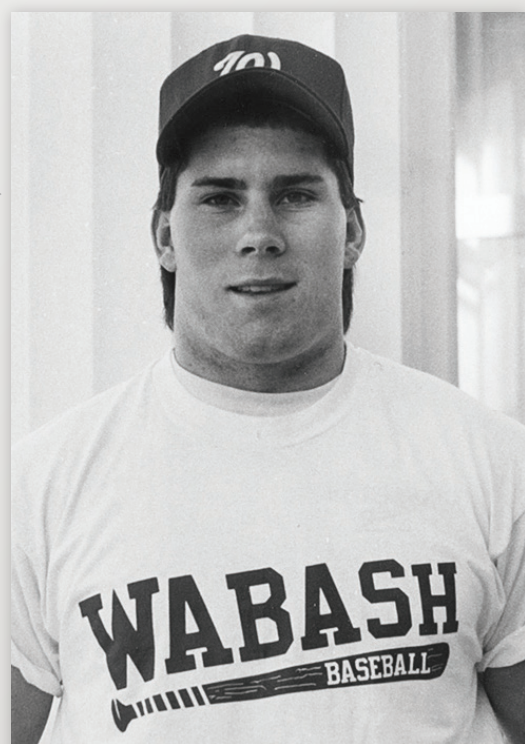
—Scott Himsel '85



Sam Hildebrand '61

Sam was one of the Beta Chapter brothers who assumed leadership as the house manager and simply by the way he conducted himself. He was demanding, but fair, to those who performed their tasks. Plus, Sam tutored me one-on-one on several English compositions with some great suggestions related to sentence and paragraph structure. In short, he devoted his time so others could succeed.

—Tom Billings '63



Kelley House '90

I stand on the shoulders of Kelley House who has been a mentor and friend in my life since coming to Wabash. He has provided encouragement and wisdom and has become a person I can always reach out to. He is a giant in my life that makes Wabash even more special for me.

—Liam Thompson '24



Rem "The Big Cookie" Johnston '55

It goes without saying that Rem Johnston is Some Little Giant. Like so many Wabash men, I wouldn't be where I am today but for his mentorship and friendship... and the occasional tough conversation to work harder and stop whining. He saw something in me that I didn't see in myself and provided me with the confidence to succeed. He understood how Wabash would change my life in so many positive ways. I am forever grateful!

—Eric Eversole '94

I give great thanks to Rem Johnston for supporting and encouraging me during my years at Wabash. He was there, rain or shine, and was always willing to lend a helping hand when it was needed.

—Gary Reamey '77



Sam Milligan '68

I honor Dr. Sam Milligan '68 for his tireless efforts and huge support of the Wabash Global Health Initiative (GHI). From travels to Peru, serving as an advisory committee member, donor, and being our main ambassador of "GHI-North" in South Bend, Indiana, Sam has made a lasting impact on us and on our students. I'm proud to work alongside him and to call him friend.

—Professor Eric Wetzel



Mike Kelley '70

The Wabash presence in St. Louis has a major lynchpin in Mike Kelley. He has been an excellent source of advice, humor, and commitment since I moved to St. Louis in 2012. Jess and I are grateful to stand on his giant shoulders!

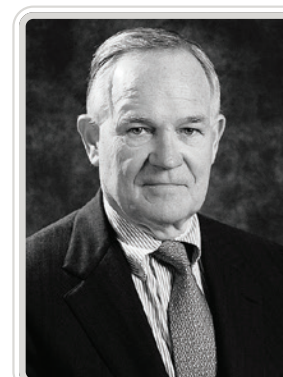
—Ken Farris '12



Joe '77 and Paul '78 Markovich

I stand on the giant shoulders of the Markovich family, including brothers Paul '78 and Joseph '77, from Hammond, Indiana. They first introduced Wabash to me in the late 1970s. Both were strong students and fine athletes, providing a roadmap for me to gain insight into the traditions and history of Wabash.

—Ray Jovanovich '84



David Orr '57

I've known "Dave" Orr for as long as I can remember. He was my father's roommate in the Phi Delt house and has been a role model, mentor, and advisor to me, beginning with my days at Wabash and through my service to the College as Board Chair today. Dave represents everything great about Wabash men: high integrity, sound principles, strong work ethic, and a commitment to family and friends. His tireless dedication to the wants and needs of Wabash for more than 65 years has made the College a better place.

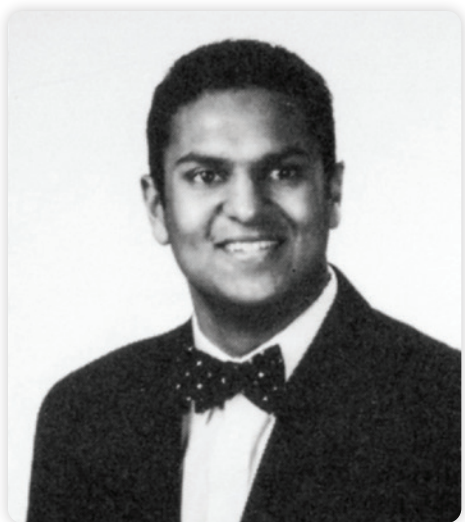
—Jay Allen '79



Jon Pactor '71

As a class agent and as a proud alumnus, I stand on the giant shoulders of Jon Pactor. Jon has set the standard for unconditional loyalty, service, and dedication to Wabash. Jon's support of everything Wabash—the students, the faculty, the administration, the alumni, the advancement office, and the archives—is unwavering. Jon, thank you for your buttons, books, and ubiquitous presence at on-campus lectures, sports contests, and reunions. You are Some Little Giant with huge shoulders!

—Greg Birk '77



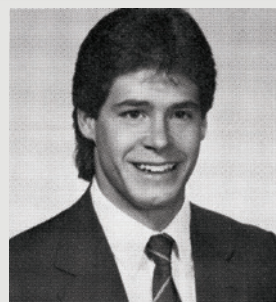
▲ Milan Patel '95

My friend and brother, Milan, was instrumental in helping me become who I am today. He helped me become confident and accept myself for who I am.
—Klint Krouse '96



Tyler Schiedt '23

Standing on the shoulders of Little Giant Tyler Scheidt would put any of us about as close to heaven as we can get while still here on earth! Soaring on the wings of our giant angel gives us a glimpse of life through his eyes! Simply put, Tyler made a bigger, more positive impact on the lives of others in his short 21 years than many of us will ever make in the decades that span well beyond his. May he rest in eternal peace and may we embody his spirit forever!
—Barb Vogelheim



John Robertson '86

John Robertson lived on the same floor, shared my major, was from the same hometown, and we sometimes drove home and back together. He may never have known how much his friendship helped keep me at Wabash through some very challenging things. I went on to become a mental health counselor and have helped many others through difficult times as a result.
—Anthony Hart '87



◀ Rob '92 and Leigh Rudicel

Rob and Leigh are some of the most kind, generous people I'm lucky enough to know. They have done so much for Wabash over the years. When I think of amazing Wabash people, they come to mind.
—Dawn Hoffman



▲ Eric Schoettle '93

Eric is a Beta brother, who inspired and challenged me on the football field, in the Sphinx Club, and as a leader of the Beta house. Eric may not have realized it at the time, but he motivated me to become a better version of myself. We competed fiercely in the weight room, on the Beta basketball courts, and the football field. The greatest lesson Eric helped instill in me was to remain true to my values. Thank you, Eric, for continuing to lead and inspire others.
—Andy Dorrel '94



John '69 and Diane H'99 Schroeder

When I was a sixth-grader in John C. Schroeder's Sunday School class, I had no idea I would someday marry a Wabash professor and accompany my husband's students on multiple immersion trips funded in part by John and Diane's gracious gifts to the College. What a privilege! I've always known, however, how very much John C. and his father, the late John H., cherished their alma mater. John and Diane's selfless devotion to the people and causes they love make them my ultimate role models.
—Jane Ann Himsel



▲ Tim Schroer '75

Tim Schroer made a huge impact throughout his career at South Putnam High School. He is one of the giants that I wanted to take after as I entered the field of secondary education. His legacy lives on with all of those who were fortunate to have him as a teacher and/or coach. He is the true definition of a Wabash gentleman.
—Nathan Aker



◀ Rob Shook '83

I knew of Rob in my first years on campus, but in more recent years, I have known him as a strong advocate with 'shOUT for our gay students and alumni. From a time when it was not safe at all to be visible at Wabash, Rob and 'shOUT have helped change that significantly and those are giant shoulders that have helped relieve a lot of burdens for a lot of people.
—Anthony Hart '87

Evan Wagoner '06

My experience at Wabash and thus several elements of my life after Wabash would have not been the same if not for Evan Wagoner ("Tiny" as many know him). He figuratively and literally has giant shoulders that me and my fraternity brothers in TKE are standing on.
—Alex Goga '08

Dave Shane '70 ▶

Dave Shane, in his quiet and selfless way, changed my life, that of my son, and likely my grandsons by opening the door to the Wabash opportunity. After that, it's whatever one makes of it. A debt that can never repaid.
—David Miller



Don Shelbourne '72

Dr. Shelbourne has been a tremendously generous mentor to me throughout my career, and has had a significant influence throughout my growth in medicine and surgery. He continues to influence me daily in my relationships with my patients in the clinic, operating rooms, locker rooms, and sidelines. I am forever grateful for my time working with Don and his team.
—Dr. Brian Kerr '97



Robert Snyder '46

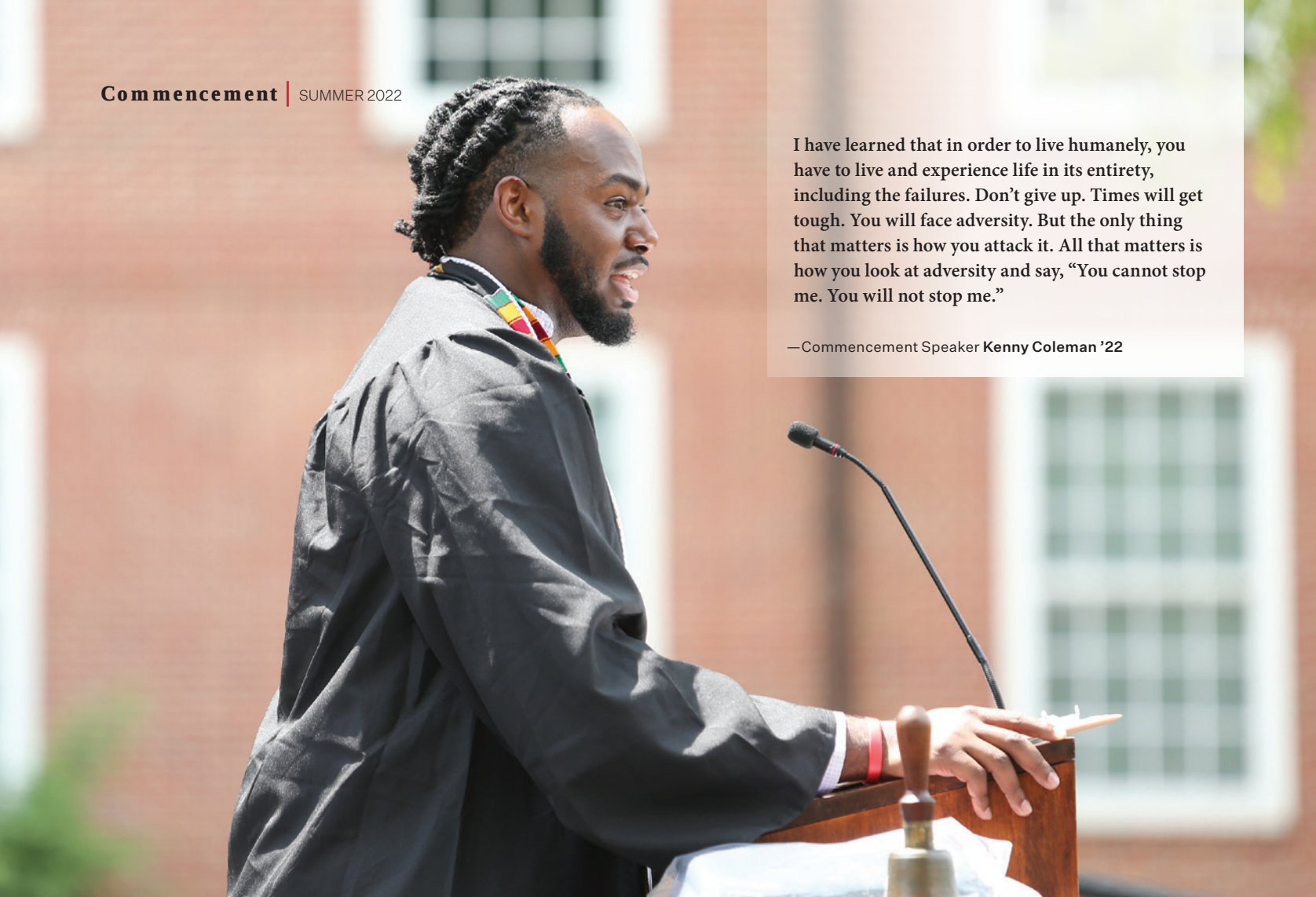
Mr. Snyder was my history teacher at Bedford Middle School. Only later did I learn that he was actually a Wabash man. He was kind, but also a little bit scary. I remain friends with his daughter, Lee Ellen Snyder. She always asks about Wabash, saying it was such a special place for her dad. He was on the football team and was a long-time football coach at Bedford High School.
—Sarah Estell

COMMENCEMENT

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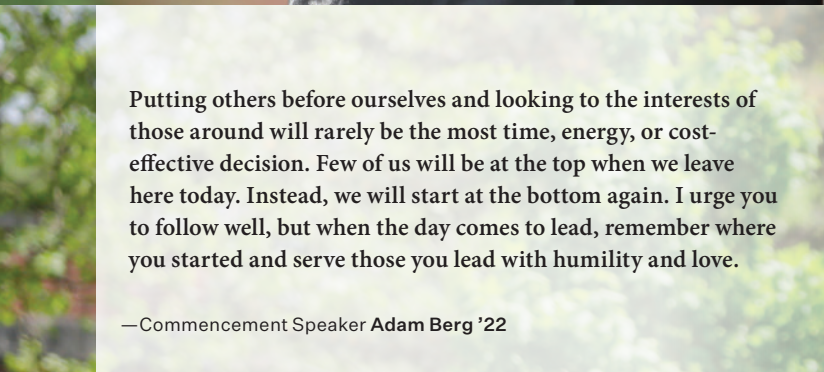


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I have learned that in order to live humanely, you have to live and experience life in its entirety, including the failures. Don't give up. Times will get tough. You will face adversity. But the only thing that matters is how you attack it. All that matters is how you look at adversity and say, "You cannot stop me. You will not stop me."

—Commencement Speaker **Kenny Coleman '22**



Putting others before ourselves and looking to the interests of those around will rarely be the most time, energy, or cost-effective decision. Few of us will be at the top when we leave here today. Instead, we will start at the bottom again. I urge you to follow well, but when the day comes to lead, remember where you started and serve those you lead with humility and love.

—Commencement Speaker **Adam Berg '22**



I WOULD LIKE YOU TO TAKE A MOMENT to quietly and individually think about who helped you get here: a parent, a mentor, a high school teacher, a coach, a Wabash faculty or staff member, a donor who funded a scholarship, a summer internship supervisor, a classmate. It is impossible that you would think of *just one person*, because there have undoubtedly been *many* such persons in your life who helped you get to this day. I hope you will give thanks to those who helped you get here, and remember that we all rely on the grace and generosity of others to reach almost any and every success we personally achieve.

As unprecedented as the last two years have been, in other ways it hasn't been. There is no doubt the pandemic has been life changing, and I know that almost all of us have lost acquaintances, friends, and relatives during it. Past generations have also experienced unimaginable challenges, many

of them life changing. This country and, more specifically, this college, has survived the Civil War, the Great Depression, both World Wars, and Vietnam, among other generational challenges.

Your generational challenge is that you are the last class from the "before times," the last class to have a full year on the Wabash campus without COVID and its complications. It is appropriate to acknowledge that the COVID-19 pandemic was part of your experience. It is healthy to embrace how it changed you, Wabash, and the world.

What you have experienced at Wabash during COVID will shape your outlook on life—how you behave, how you view the world, how you think about and understand science. It will make you more resilient. I hope how you have approached COVID has reinforced the Wabash mission: that you have thought critically about the

problems the world faces; that you have and will continue to act responsibly and lead effectively by doing your part to help the world respond to its challenges; and that you are living humanely in how you understand and treat others who are faced with challenges.

COVID is part of your collective experience, just as our Wabash predecessors faced their own generational challenge. But COVID won't define you. There is more to your Wabash experience—and mine—than the pandemic. It is the relationships you have made here—and what you have learned here—that will define Wabash for you.

—From **Dean of the College Todd McDorman's** Dean's Breakfast Address





He had insatiable curiosity, and pushed me and everyone with whom he met to think about ways to preserve and improve on the greatness of Wabash College. Norm had a big brain full of big ideas, which—coupled with his endless curiosity—made him a very fun conversationalist. We had sprawling discussions about Wabash—past, present, and future. He studied us like he would a technology problem—as a researcher and entrepreneur, but also as someone who cared deeply about our college. He very much wanted to sustain its excellence in perpetuity.

—President Scott Feller in honor of honorary degree recipient, the late **Norman E. Schumaker '63**, accepted by Schumaker's son, Matt



When I was a student, I was pretty focused on scores. Sometimes I made sacrifices, sometimes probably in areas where I shouldn't have, in order to do well. But Wabash set me on a path where I think I've learned that the scores are secondary. It reminds me of a story about the greatest coach in the history of American athletics, John Wooden. Either the best or second-best player Wooden ever coached was Bill Walton. Walton once said that Coach Wooden never talked about winning and losing. Because John Wooden thought that if you became a good human being, you stood a chance of becoming a good basketball player. As I look back over our family's years at Wabash College, that's a powerful lesson that I keep close to my heart, the idea that what we're ultimately doing is trying to bring out the best in one another as human beings. The Gentleman's Rule testifies to that spirit of camaraderie, the spirit of this place. The genius loci of Wabash College is about a spirit of excellence, partly academic excellence, partly athletic excellence, but to a great degree, human excellence. I'm really grateful to Wabash College, and my teachers here, for whom I bear a debt of gratitude that I'll never be able to repay to you. But I'm doing my best to pass it along to subsequent generations. Let's all do what we can to keep that flame alive as long as we possibly can.

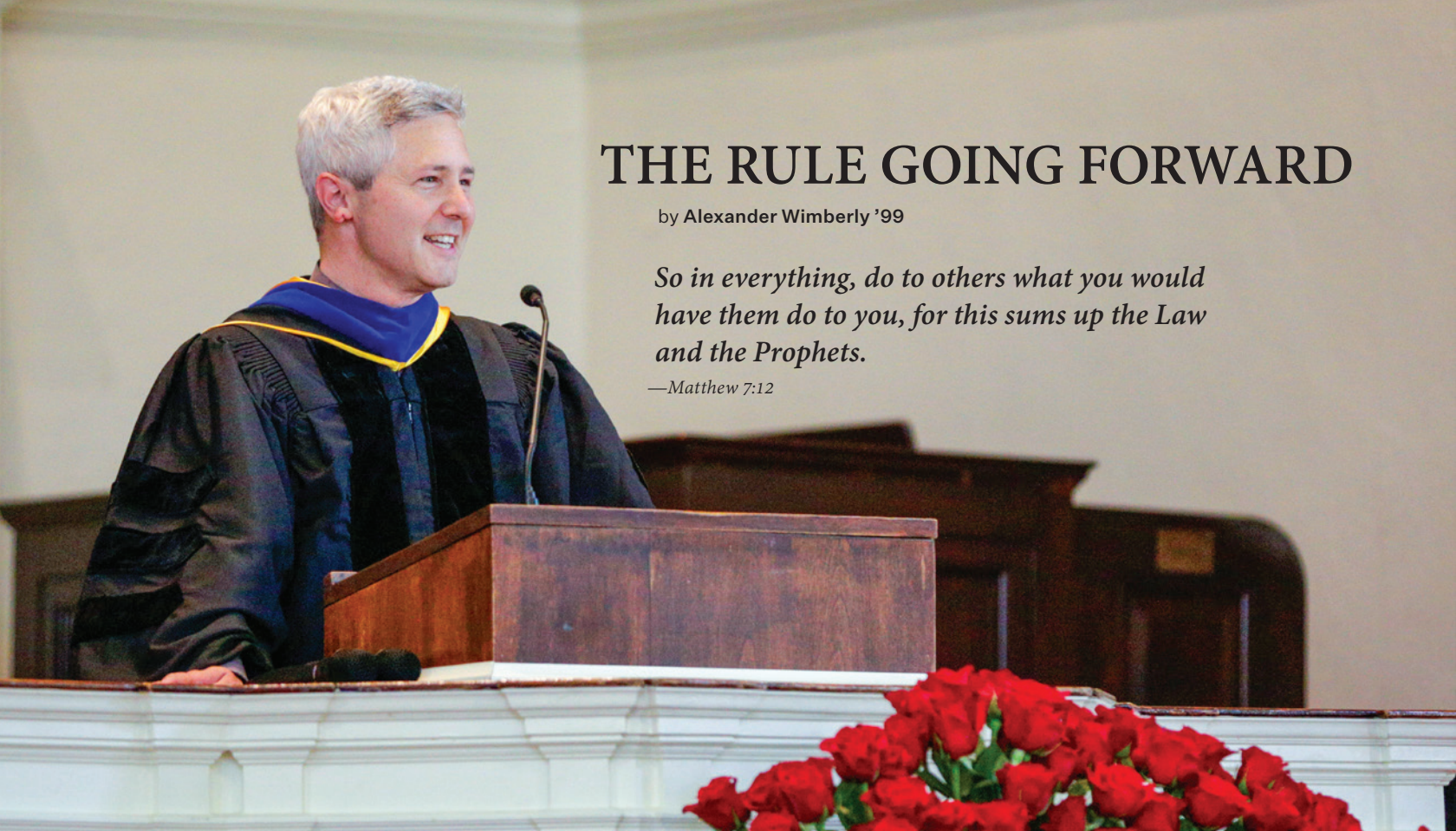
—Honorary Degree Recipient **Richard B. Gunderman '83**



The last four years have been filled with highs and lows, times of extraordinary achievement and unimaginable heartache. A pandemic and events, both local and national, conspired to break our community apart. But that didn't happen. You, gentlemen, are the reason for our collective success. The bonds of your brotherhood are remarkably strong.

—President Scott Feller to the Class of 2022





THE RULE GOING FORWARD

by Alexander Wimberly '99

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

—Matthew 7:12

I AM STRUGGLING TO REMEMBER anything specific I learned in the classrooms of Center Hall, the books of Lilly Library, the lecture halls of Baxter. Embarrassing, I know. It says more about my retention than my professors' skill. And yet I don't seem to have suffered much from this mental oozing. But I do want you to know that when you leave this place, and as you age and begin to lose great clumps of knowledge from textbooks and oral exams, you will survive. Because what is most essential will remain. What you need to know you will be able to relearn. And after all, what is most important from a liberal arts education is not the bevy of facts and figures and contextual arguments that get you through comps. It is the ability to learn, and particularly the ability to learn how to let others change you. To be a fuller person, in relationship with other people. To be a part of a genuine community, where we learn from one another how to live well together.

That is what the world needs right now. Not just another lawyer or hedge fund executive or computer programmer or entrepreneur or perpetual grad student. What we need are people who can learn how

to be in community, particularly with those with whom we disagree. It strikes me that the one concrete thing I do remember from Wabash, almost verbatim, is the Gentleman's Rule. Strangely set in the passive voice, it nonetheless bears a nugget of extraordinary beauty: *The student is expected to conduct himself, both on and off campus, as a gentleman and a responsible citizen.* Here endeth the lesson. This rule is not only what we expect from students as they co-exist with others on this campus and represent the College further afield; it is what we expect from ourselves after we leave Wabash. That we will conduct ourselves as gentlemen and as responsible citizens. That we will be part of the solution rather than part of the problem. That we will learn to live well together.

As *Matthew* reminds us: Jesus had a similar rule. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Jesus learned this rule from his Jewish tradition. In the Hebrew bible it says "love your neighbour as yourself." And, of course, by the time Moses was handing down this wisdom from on high, Hindus and Buddhists were also uttering its divine good sense, "One

should never do to another that which one regards as injurious to one's own self." That's from the Maharabata. And similarly, from the Udanavarga: "Hurt not others in ways that you yourself find hurtful." The prophet Mohammed put it this way, "As you would have people do to you, do to them; and what you dislike to be done to you; well, don't do that to them." Here we say, "Conduct yourself wherever you are as a gentleman and a responsible citizen."

Again, what is essential remains true and is not the monopoly of one tradition. When everything else falls away, what is most divine and true endures. And this fundamental rule of ours endures when a lot of other things disappear. Learn it, and you more learn about what the world needs and what you and I as Wabash men can offer.

I LEFT WABASH IN 1999 and went to seminary. I now lead an ecumenical Christian community in Northern Ireland called Corrymeela. In a land that has been divided by sectarian violence, the Corrymeela community has been trying to live out our faith in ways that bring people together rather than tear them apart.

Now I don't know if you have noticed, but it is becoming increasing clear that Northern Ireland is not the only troubled spot in need of genuine community and reconciliation. Indeed, we all seem to be prone to division these days. We can all see the effects of polarization and tribalism. We all carry an impulse—born of fear and insecurity—to separate ourselves from those we deem less godly so that we can pretend we are more like God. And meanwhile, God is busy reaching out to those we would push away.

Corrymeela arose from the experiences of one man who, as a prisoner of war, served as a Presbyterian chaplain in German prison camps. Ray Davey discovered during the second World War a gift for building community from a diverse collection of people. He began to work not just with fellow prisoners but also with his guards, and with refugees who were pouring into Germany from the Eastern front. Building community with Russians and French, with

The hope of Corrymeela, the hope of an inclusive Christian community is that we can approach each other not as enemies, but as fellow children of God—that we can create a better sense of *us* when we look to repair our own brokenness rather than simply label others the problem. When you try to impose your solution on others, even if it's brilliant, even if it's right—it will likely push them away. But if you work on your relationships within conflict, then whatever solution is possible is more likely to arise. Corrymeela has worked to hold spaces where we can overcome stereotypes, where courageous encounters change us by exposing us to others' experiences, where our differences become something to celebrate rather than something to fear. As human beings, we will always have conflict; but with God's grace, we can transform discomfort and fear into curiosity and hope. Conflict can just as likely lead us to better understanding than to harm.

The world needs more gentlemen and responsible citizens. The world needs people who can learn from each other and be changed by their encounters.

Poles and Ukrainians—Ray learned about our common humanity, about the fears and hopes we all have. But as he watched the Royal Air Force and U.S. Air Force carpet bomb the city of Dresden and its refugee population in retaliation for the Blitz; as he saw the blinding light from the tower of fire rising from a burning city, he realized we are all capable of becoming what we say we are against. Hatred and violence beget hatred and violence. Ray returned to Belfast after the war and saw through traumatized eyes the deepening divisions of his own country, the injustices that many Catholics were experiencing in a segregated society. With clarity for what was needed, he started a new community for those who had been separate from each other.

It seems to me that that work is exactly what Wabash College has prepared you to do. We have learned many things here. Many marvellous things. If we are lucky, we have learned how to form community by learning from each other, by making space for each other, by being willing to be changed by other people. The reason Christianity still has something to say in this world is that its core message remains true: when you know that you are loved with an undying love, when you know that you belong, period, you can start to find the courage to address what is broken in yourself and the world. You can begin to truly do unto others as you would have them do unto you. A more grounded, or at least less theological, corollary might be: when you know that you are a Wabash man, a graduate of this college, when you know you are forever a part of this community,

you can conduct yourself wherever you go as a gentleman and responsible citizen.

The world needs more gentlemen and responsible citizens. The world needs people who can learn from each other and be changed by their encounters. We need honest gentlemen who do not insist on their own way but are willing to learn from others. We need responsible citizens who do what is best for the whole rather than what is best for the self.

THE PANDEMIC HAS BEEN BOTH terrifying and clarifying. Our response to it has been both terrifying and clarifying. It has shaken us, but it has also revealed a permanence to the goodness at work in our midst. It has shown us what really endures. Never forget that the essential workers are not the exalted but the humble: the ones who care for us, who comfort us in the waiting room, who stock our shelves and remove our waste, who tend to our mental health, who keep us safe and who show us how to be better citizens, better members of a shared society. Never forget how this pandemic has further exposed the injustices and divisions in our society.

But notice also that this pandemic and its lockdowns, our collective trauma and our private ordeals have revealed once again what is most essential and most resilient in this life. Kindness and compassion. Empathy and community. What matters is not how smart we are or how successful we become. What matters is how we relate to one another; how we live well together—particularly with those who would be left out or pushed aside. What matters is how we learn to act as gentlemen and responsible citizens.

Remember that rule, and as far as I'm concerned you can forget the rest. ■

Rev. Dr. Alexander Wimberly '99, A.B., M.Div., M.A., Ph.D. is the leader of Corrymeela in Ballycastle, Northern Ireland. "The Rule Going Forward" is excerpted from his Baccalaureate address at Wabash College in May 2022.

BIG BASH AT WABASH

TO THE MEN OF THE CLASS OF 1972

celebrating your reunion, so much time has passed since your day on the graduation stage. You have raised families, and had amazing careers. You have served others. You have changed, but at the same time, you have not.

Speaking of change, take a moment to think about yourself before you came to Wabash. This college not only educated you, but also brought out the very best in you. Wabash set the course for your life. And Wabash continues to set the course for the lives of young men—lives of purpose.

How will we ensure that the transformative strength of a Wabash education continues to create those benefits for future generations as it did for all of you? We've been reflecting on those questions for a while now at the College, framed by the fact that in just 10 short years, Wabash will celebrate its 200th anniversary.

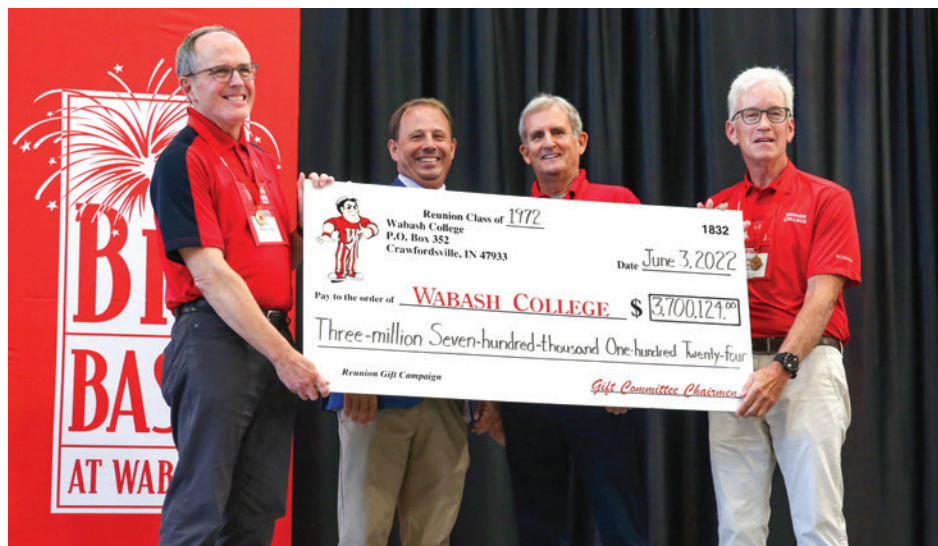
As we prepare for our third century, here are a few things that we know work and that we know will continue to work for generations to come.

First, the Gentleman's Rule supports an environment of peer-to-peer accountability. Second, Wabash is a place that continues to foster a deep commitment by exceptional teacher-scholars to educate students in both a challenging, yet compassionate way. Third, we know that a liberal arts education lays the long-term foundation for a life of personal and professional success. And our WabashX initiatives provide students with the skills and experiences to get them off to a solid start in their lives and careers. Finally, alumni, spouses, and friends want to give back generously to the College, which runs on philanthropy. There's no better evidence than the men and women in the Class of 1972, who have given graciously to this college for a half a century.

In just two months, I will ring in the Class of 2026, young people who have lived all their formidable years with Twitter, text messaging, and smartphones. Most have never used a dictionary. Google has pretty much always been their source for information. They will come from two-dozen states and 11 different countries. However, once they get here to this great, good place, these young Wabash men will quickly learn that their most important teachers are in their midst. They will teach and learn from each other how to survive and thrive in the classroom.

Those men in the Class of 2026 will also learn from you, our alumni, what it means to lead a liberally educated and meaningful life. While their time is very different, they will be a lot like you were. You are what you have always been since you left this campus 10 years ago, or 50 years ago. You are a Wabash man.

—President Scott Feller at the Big Bash Reunion Banquet



The Class of 1972 pledged \$3.7 million as their 50th Reunion class gift. Tom Ristine '72, Rick Fobes '72, and Hugh McClelland '72 presented President Scott Feller with the check to Wabash College.





Big Bash | continued

I LEARNED THAT I CAN ALWAYS DO MORE

than I first thought I could, and I learned I can never do as much as I want to do. I discovered how important committed teachers could be for the young person and for a civic, and civil, society. The faculty and classmates in my time at Wabash taught me the value of contentious discourse and conflicting viewpoints, the integrity of good character and conscientious service, and empathy and compassion for others unlike myself.

Wabash gave me a life that, for the most part, I am happy to have lived—and thankful for.

I have been a retail salesman and a roofer, a mover's assistant and a teaching assistant, a mental health worker and a director of a delinquent youth programs, a church janitor and a carpenter, have worked in demolition and salvage, and have taught in an adult GED program and as a university professor. I was fired from some jobs, resigned from others, and retired from the one I loved the most at Eastern Illinois University. I taught 42 different courses in English, philosophy, and Africana studies, and I continue reading in them—though I am dismal liberal arts “failure” in focusing on any area of expertise.

Now, I study soil, forage, cattle health, and grazing principles in the practice of regenerative agriculture in my effort to revive a farm of rock and clay in the family since 1813. Wabash gave me a life in the liberal arts, and I have loved it.

Most importantly, I learned to take at least five minutes to meet someone before passing judgment, no matter what my preconception might be. I learned service is far more rewarding to me than the stroking and soothing of my ego. And I learned that I learn from everyone and everything that happens and that I have, and I am grateful.

I learned to love learning at Wabash.

—Michael Loudon '72 at the Big Bash colloquium session: “Wabash and Four Years that Changed America: 1968–1972”



Tributes to Our Faculty

Emeritus Professor Brenda Bankart

Brenda was the real trailblazer for women on the faculty. She was already working as a professor and counselor when I came on board.
Brenda Bankart—Some Little Giant!
—Emeritus Professor
Melissa Butler H’85



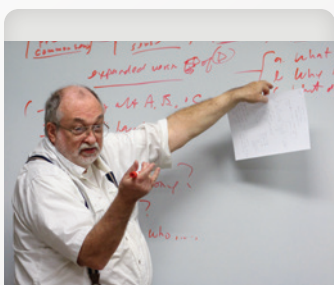
Emeritus Professor Peter Bankart

Peter Bankart changed the entire trajectory of my life. With his guidance, I experienced a spiritual and intellectual awakening that has helped me find my place in this amazing universe. My growth continues, and he will always be with me as the major catalyst for change and acceptance in my life. Cheers, Dr. Bankart!
—Jacob Lundorf ’07



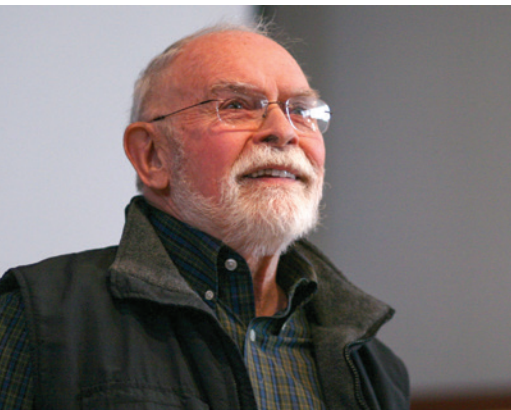
Professor Charlie Blaich

I started my Wabash journey as an international student, far from home, with Dr. Blaich as my advisor and professor for freshman tutorial. He later became my research advisor and professor for many more classes. Most importantly and personally, Dr. Blaich and his wife, Louisa, cared for and fostered me, became my mentors—both intellectually and personally—and were my friends and family. Thank you both for setting a strong foundation in my Wabash experience that has carried me throughout my life.
—Syud Faisal ’96



Professor David Blix ’70

Dr. Blix exemplified what it was to be a Wabash man to me. His lectures and teachings changed the way I thought and communicated. He made me a better man.
—Jim Koers ’95



Emeritus Professor Aus Brooks ’61

When I was a freshman, I wasn’t doing so well when I returned from fall break. Wabash got really hard, really quick. I was homesick, fraternity life wasn’t easy, and I was sinking. Dr. Brooks was my freshman advisor, and he spoke with my parents and me and made sure I was able to finish that semester strong. He was a Delt alumnus, a Wabash man, a culture and traditions professor, a trusted advisor, and a friend. I’m grateful for the role he played in helping me through that first semester.
—Chris Carpenter ’96

Aus was a fellow botany major and lab partner. In the fall of my senior year, I suffered a burst appendix and Aus came to the hospital each day to check on me. He voluntarily gathered class notes and lab notes (from some courses that he wasn’t enrolled in). I was out of the classroom and lab for three weeks. Without Aus’s voluntary efforts, I would have never graduated on time. He is Some Little Giant!
—Charlie Quillen ’61



Emeritus Professor Deborah Butler

Dr. Butler created an opportunity at Wabash for which I am forever grateful. Teacher education programs need great leaders who understand the roles teachers play well beyond the classroom walls. Thank you for believing in me, and challenging our small group to be excellent. We carry our Wabash education into our schools daily.
—Brett Crousore ’95



Emeritus Professor Melissa Butler H’85

I stand on the Giant Shoulders of Melissa Butler, who mentored me and many other female faculty members over the years. From the day I arrived on campus in 1987 until I retired in 2018, Melissa was there to advise, support, and occasionally browbeat me through every stage of tenure, promotion, and career development. She is a trailblazer in every sense of the word. Thank you, Melissa, for your encouragement, wisdom, leadership, and inspiration.
—Emeritus Professor Kay Widdows H’07

While another professor told me I did not have what it takes to be an attorney, Professor Butler was a positive, encouraging, and challenging mentor. She supported my law school application and wrote a letter of recommendation. In the end, I attended law school and excelled. I’ve succeeded as an attorney and manage a firm that has been in existence for more than 60 years, providing for countless employee families and thousands of clients. Thank you, Melissa, from me, my family, and our clients!
—Randall Zromkoski ’81



Professor Matthew Carlson

Professor Carlson fueled my interest in philosophy during my freshman year and his courses became my favorites. What really shines about Professor Carlson is how personable he is. He not only wants to know who you are as a student, but also who you are as a person. I will never forget the trips to his office when I came for help or an advising meeting and left with a conversation about how life was going. I’ll always remember him.
—Balin Orcutt ’20



Professor Tom Campbell

It’s been 18 years since I graduated and eight years since Professor Tom Campbell’s passing. Today, I stand on his shoulders. He was gentle giant whose passion for literature was infectious. He continues to have an impact on my life as well as those of my two children, ages 8 and 11, to whom I still read every single night before bed.
—Nicholas Bourff ’04



Emeritus Professor Leslie Day

I have strong “hungry toddler energy” and Professor Leslie Day always worked around that to help me learn a great deal about classics, human interactions, and what it takes to be a Wabash man, both inside and outside of the classroom, even if it didn’t feel that way at the time. Thank you for all you’ve done as a woman at Wabash, as a professor of classics, and as a person!
—Matthew Ripley ’06



Professor Eric Dean H’61

Eric Dean was a magnificent professor and theologian. He taught me what it meant to think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively, and live humanely long before the Wabash mission statement was created. In the 50-plus years since I graduated, there have not been very many days when I haven’t thought about him.
—Steve Bowen ’68



Emeritus Professor Bill Doemel H’74

I had Dr. Doemel for biology my first year at Wabash. I was not a science student and was really struggling in the class. Dr. Doemel offered to come into his office in the evenings after I was finished with baseball practice to help me. He taught me critical thinking and problem-solving skills that not only helped me pass his class, but have helped me throughout my professional career. Thank you, Dr. Doemel!
—Mike Axel ’89



▲ **Emeritus Professor John Fischer H'70**

John was my fraternity advisor, academic advisor, and my first professor. His dedication to teaching and advising made the transition for me—coming from suburban Boston to Crawfordsville—easy, and I was able to embrace the magic that was my Wabash experience. When I talk about it today as a senior student affairs administrator to colleagues, it's with a reverence for a place and time that I wish I could instill in my undergrads. John was a key part of that.
—Tim Doyle '86

Professor Fischer broadened and deepened my love of classics. I learned how to learn through his teaching. I learned how to live through his *joie de vivre*. He is also one of the most important figures in my personal life. I came out to him in 1989, and he demonstrated unconditional support from that day forth. He is a Wabash legend and one of the greatest gifts of my life.
—Andrea James '89



▲ **Emeritus Professor Peter Frederick**

I was in a freshman tutorial with Peter called “American Autobiographies.” The subjects were all people of some historical significance, but none so significant as to have made most history books. Our discussions about their impact on their families and communities continued beyond the classroom and spread to our families, relationships, personal beliefs, and so on. While he treated me as an equal considering my thoughts and opinions, I continued to consider him my mentor well past graduation.
—Dale Petrie '75



Professor Shamira Gelbman

I stand on the shoulders of Shamira Gelbman. Because of her, I wrote one of my best papers in college. In addition to being a brilliant and excellent professor, she is also hilarious. She made my time at Wabash so incredibly fun. I don't know where I would be without her and her guidance.
—Jacob Burnett '15



▲ **Professor Don Herring H'84**

I stand on the shoulders of Professor P. Donald Herring, whose mentorship, unwavering support, wisdom, and friendship helped me turn a two-year appointment in the English department in 1976 into an eventual tenure appointment. My family and I thank him for helping us become part of the Wabash family.
—Emeritus Professor Tobey Herzog H'11



Professor Scott Himsel '85

Professor Himsel is probably the single-most influential person I've ever met in my life. Having someone who not only believes in you, but challenges you to work harder than you believe possible for yourself, is immeasurably beneficial to a young man. He wowed me when I was a prospective student in high school and he continues to wow me today. He is a source of seemingly limitless energy and wisdom, and I will always look fondly on the days when we would chat for hours in his office.
—Adam Alexander '16



▲ **Emeritus Professor Greg Huebner H'77**

I only took one class with Professor Huebner, but that class has never ended. It was an intro class, and we surveyed art from pre-history up to the most modern. It was this modern art that captured my soul. In my travels I have sought out Van Gogh, Monet, Mondrian, and others. Last week, as I settled into my seat for a flight, I recognized Guernica on the mask of my seatmate and we chatted about the master for hours. Thank you, Professor Huebner, for opening my eyes.
—Mike Berry '92



▲ **Professor Ken Kloth**

There are many professors that I would like to offer a tribute. From Doug Calisch and Greg Huebner to Eldon Parks and John Zimmerman, each went out of their way to offer a truly personalized learning experience. Yet, Ken Kloth was a professor who offered giant shoulders to support my unorthodox desire to focus on design and architecture within the major curriculum of the Wabash theater department. I am proud to have known him, and thank him for the flexibility he offered for me to succeed.
—Parvin Gillim '83

Emeritus Professor David Krohne ▶

Dr. David Krohne was my ecology professor at Wabash and his teaching and clear appreciation for nature inspire me to remain conscientious about the planet. I don't actually teach ecology in my own college biology classes, but I make frequent connections between my subjects (genetics and cell biology) and our ecosystems. Some of my most active class discussions with students require me to pull from those fond memories of my lessons with Dr. Krohne.
—John Hinz '07



▲ **Professor Bobby Horton**

In my role as a psychologist, I have often told my patients and students about getting a C in my first social psychology class with Dr. Horton. I came to Wabash expecting school to be easy. Dr. Horton pushed me to grow. Time and time again, Dr. Horton guided me and advanced me as a researcher, scholar, and professional. He provided me with tough feedback, but gently pushed me to find my own passion and goals. I feel confident that I would not be where I am today were it not for Dr. Horton.
—Nathan Walters '13



Emeritus Professor David Kubiak

It took me until my junior year to take a class with Dr. Kubiak, but I confidently say I stand on his shoulders. In an upper-level Latin course, he gave me responsibility that I had not yet earned. This was new for me in schooling and I had to rise to the challenge. In our limited time together, Dr. Kubiak motivated me to take a leap.
—Adam Packer '00



Professor David Greene

When Bob Mitchum left in 1969 without a replacement to lead the Glee Club, David Greene stepped in. With David and the Glee Club, I made my first airline flight. At David's request, I played timpani in a Glee Club concert, an instrument I had never played before. David also led a year-long music seminar that was one of the best classes I took at Wabash. More than that, he became a great personal friend and always called me by my Wabash nickname, “Bridgie.”
—John Bridge '72

◀ **Emeritus Professor Glen Helman**

Professor Helman taught more of my classes than anyone else. He taught me to think logically, encouraged my participation, allowed me to come by his office and vent about how hard my senior thesis was to write, then helped me figure out how to write it. He was kind and considerate in and out of class. He didn't tell me what to think, but how to analyze a situation and come up with my own ideas, which is something I do now, every day.
—Mike Berry '92

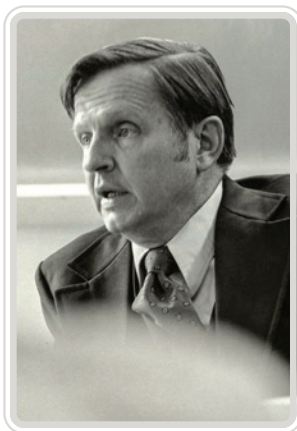




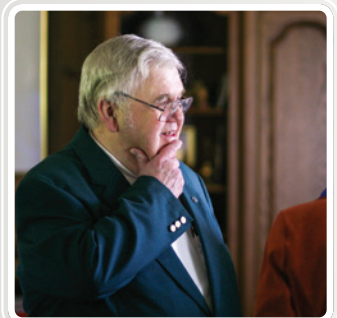
◀ **Professor Bernie Manker**
Professor Bernie Manker was an inspiration to me during my time at Wabash. He was a kind fellow who educated me on the school's expectations. His guitar playing before every class and rendition of *Bésame Mucho* has stayed with me since. I thought I knew it all when it came to the Spanish language and grammar, but he did his best to show me the correct path. He was a great man and is sorely missed.
—Jose Gracia '01

Professor Edward McLean H'03 ▶

I stand of the giant shoulders of Political Science Professor Ed McLean. If you never had the pleasure of being in a class with "Fast Eddie," he was a cigar-smoking Hoosier version of John Houseman in the movie, *The Paper Chase*. When I was in his class I thought, "This is a serious guy teaching a serious subject, and I better take it seriously." He was simply, yet another, one of the many great professors who made Wabash special.
—Bill Wheeler '83



Emeritus Professor Phil Mikesell '63
Phil Mikesell was a superb professor who taught me one of the most important lessons of the liberal arts: how to ask better questions. I also got to be his colleague in the political science department before he retired. So many of us owe him so much.
—Scott Himsel '85



◀ **Professor Joe O'Rourke H'65**
Dr. O'Rourke was a steady presence around campus, in the classroom, and on football road trips. He was like a wise owl who didn't have to say anything for us to gravitate toward him. We knew he loved us and expected something of us. He made me want to be a better man. Thank you, Papa Joe. RIP.
—Keenan Blanchford '98



▲ **Professor Paul McKinney '52**

I never had Dr. McKinney for a class, but he's a big part of the reason I came to Wabash. On my college visit, we talked a bit about the chemistry curriculum, and he gave me 90 minutes instead of five. He showed me a graph of his interns' research, explained the science behind it, and then we talked about why the chart was not only true, but beautiful. The world was one amazing, intricate thing to his mind, and he wanted to see it all. I see further standing on his shoulders.
—Derek Nelson '99



▲ **Professor Bob Petty**

My time at Wabash was challenged by the death of my father during my freshman year. I have remained grateful throughout my life to the entire faculty of the biology department of that time ('70-'74) for the sensitivity and kindness shown to me. Dr. Petty nurtured my interest in ecology that has served as a foundation for a career in landscape architecture, park administration, and teaching. His mentoring (along with Anne Petty) has never been lost to me.
—Robert Harris '74



▲ **Professor David Phillips H'83**

I had so many great professors and coaches, but I will always be thankful for the interest Professor David Phillips showed in me as a student and athlete. His encouragement helped give me the confidence to be successful in both areas. I am so thankful I was able to have a long conversation with him when the 2003 football team got inducted in the Hall of Fame.
—Joe Scanlon '03



▲ **Emeritus Professor David Polley**

Long-time Biology Professor David Polley taught me lessons that have had a profound impact on my career and that I try to teach my students.
(1) You should learn for the sake of mastering the content, not to earn a grade.
(2) Genetics is a powerful tool for unlocking the natural world's secrets.
(3) Scientific research in an academic setting is frequently frustrating, sometimes heartbreaking, but always rewarding and fulfilling. I can't thank David enough for those lessons!
—D.J. Riese '87

Professor William Placher '70

Through his sweet grace, approachability, and intellect, Bill Placher allowed me to "belong" in college. On those broad and brilliant shoulders, I morphed into an individual who thinks more critically, acts more responsibly, lives more humanely, and leads more effectively. God bless you, Bill Placher. Your swath of positive influence is wide and deep.
—Tim Oakes '86

It's hard to think about what I would have missed out on in life had I not crossed paths with Bill Placher. I stumbled into a simple philosophy class as a freshman, and found a true friend and an appreciation for the history of human thought that inspired me to pursue those things every day of my life and to inspire others to do the same.
—Joshua Wilson '03



◀ **Professor Vic Powell H'55**

Vic Powell welcomed me to Wabash with grace, encouragement, humor, and keen wit. I stand on his giant shoulders in two, intersecting ways. Vic is a legend of the Wabash rhetoric/speech department along with Joe O'Rourke, W. Norwood Brigance, and David Timmerman. Vic was also dean of the college and I am proud to share that link with him, as I do with the other six Wabash deans I have personally known. I am inspired by all Vic meant to Wabash and the many ways he served the institution.
—Dean of the College Todd McDorman

Professor Ben Rogge H'53

I don't know how to pick just one set of giant shoulders because there were so many great teachers and leaders on campus when I was a student. But long-time professor of economics and dean Ben Rogge made indelible and positive impressions on me as a moral and intellectual role model. Across more than half a century, I remember him vividly, fondly, and appreciatively.
—Walt Snodell '68





Emeritus Professor Warren Rosenberg H'98

I went to Wabash indifferent to the fact that it was a college for men. Warren made me care very much about why Wabash was a college for men, and in so doing, made me consider and articulate what it means to be a man. Studying “Images of Women in Film and Literature” at a men’s college? Audacious! Even 35 years later, I’m still recalling those important conversations as they relate to my life as a husband and father, and as they relate to the Wabash College of the 21st century.

—Greg Castanias '87



Julia and Warren Rosenberg

When I was a new faculty member and unsure of how or where I would find meaningful work at Wabash, Julia and Warren Rosenberg were incredibly significant mentors. Their examples and active encouragement offered me a vision. Wabash was a place where we could change lives and work for social justice by seeing and supporting the students who struggled to find belonging. Their leadership in curriculum design, faculty development, and one-on-one student mentorship remains an example and beacon for me.

—Professor Jill Lamberton



Professor Bob Royalty

So many professors in the religion department were inspirations for me. Bill Placher taught me humility; David Blix taught me not to take myself so seriously; and even Visiting Professor Kenneth Ngwa challenged me to think outside the box. But Professor Royalty is someone I still aspire to. His courses invited us to wrestle with and shed a lot of preconceived, sometimes toxic views we held, but also left us with something better, and I’m forever grateful for that.

—Phillip Eubanks '06



Professor Ann Taylor

Ann’s tireless leadership kept us afloat and thriving through the pandemic. Her energy and commitment to making Wabash better are inspiring!

—Professor Heidi Walsh



Professor Heidi Winters Vogel

I got a glimpse of the Wabash Theater production of *Where Is Our Beloved Community?* It was a powerful piece of experimental, interactive theater—yet another reason why Wabash’s program is nationally ranked. Thank you, Heidi, and the cast and crew of this production, for helping me listen carefully and understand the issues so many members of our community face. My mind is still buzzing and my heart is full.

—Jim Amidon '87



Professor Eric Wetzel

Dr. Wetzel and the Global Health Initiative (GHI) immensely supported me in my time at Wabash. Through the GHI, I was able to intern at the local health department, be an observer for a mask study on campus, and get accepted into graduate school to study public health. Dr. Wetzel was the sponsor for the research project I presented as a sophomore, and also helped me to pivot in the right direction toward public health, working through the rough patches of the transition.

—Alex Rotaru '22

Professor Julian Whitney

Dr. Whitney has been a giant in my life by demonstrating a passion for literature that I have never experienced before, and that I take great inspiration from.

—William Hinson '25



Emeritus Professor John Zimmerman H'67

Dr. Z knew I wanted to go to medical school and he had me over for dinner to discuss my midterm grades in the first semester of my freshman year. It went something like this: “Frank, are you struggling or is it a lack of effort as these grades will not get you into medical school?” I said I was having too much fun and would work on the effort part. To this day, I appreciate Dr. Z for taking the time to get on my ass a little. I am now in my 32nd year as an orthopedic joint replacement surgeon and I am proud of it.

—Frank Kolisek '82



Emeritus Professor Kay Widdows H'07

Dr. Widdows not only guided me through those early days of Wabash, she gets all the credit for fostering my love of travel, particularly of the British Isles. I’ve just made my fifth visit to the UK, now home to many dear friends and colleagues, and it’s all because of Kay and her husband, Rich, and a week spent in the moors and cities of Yorkshire in her freshman tutorial. Ten years later, Kay has become a mentor and friend who has supported my vocation and shown me what a true teacher looks like.

—Sam Vaught '16

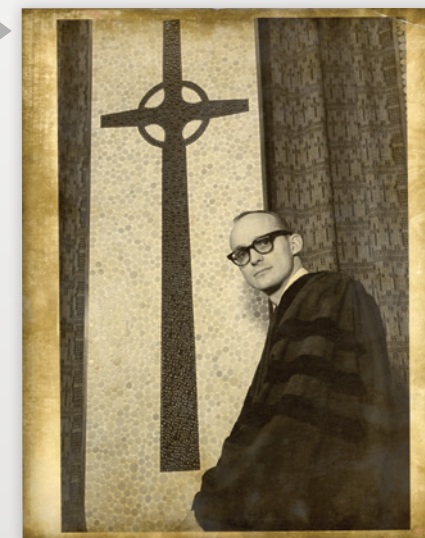
I stand on the giant shoulders of Kealoha Widdows, who saw my potential before I did. I will never forget the many conversations we had in her office in Baxter Hall, the immersion trip we took to Chicago, or the many economics classes she taught that helped shape my life and career. We remain good friends today, and I am thankful for that.

—Scott Benedict '98

Emeritus Professor Raymond Williams H'68

Honoring Raymond Williams in gratitude for his wise insights and consistent encouragement and support over the years.

—Clay Robbins '79



Professor Bill Swift H'67

Dr. Swift was my mathematics professor for eight courses at Wabash, one each semester for four years. He transformed my thinking processes, strengthening them, and allowing me to compete in graduate school. While Bill’s courses were demanding, he was patient and supportive when we dealt with difficult concepts that required much struggle to master. I had many conversations with him outside of class, and learned lessons for life and for my own career in teaching at the college level.

—Frederick Siegel '67



50TH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE MALCOLM X INSTITUTE OF BLACK STUDIES



Don't Try, Do

THE FIRST NIGHT I WAS ON CAMPUS, I'm not afraid to tell you that I cried. I cried because I was all alone. I cried because I was in over my head. I cried because I didn't know if I was good enough athletically or academically.

The football team was great. Then the basketball season came. I was booed. Not just in one game. Every time I went into the game, I was booed.

The only reason I tell that story is not, "Woe is me" and "Feel sorry for me." But because of Horace Turner H'76 and Coach Rob Johnson H'77. I didn't have a father, but I did when I got here. They were not just spiritual advisors and academic advisors. They were there when I went through the ups and the downs.

With 11 seconds left in a football game against DePauw, I dropped a pass. I dropped a 47-yard pass. I had it. And instead of doing what I was supposed to do—grab it and tuck it—I grabbed it and I held it up in victory. And I dropped the darn thing.

That's about as low as I've ever been. But the brothers at the (Malcolm X) Institute, they embraced me.

Thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve here with you. Thank you for the honor of allowing me to be a part of your experiences at Wabash.

But it's not about me. It's not about any of the alumni. It's all about the students that are here. I remember when Bob Renick [W1926] and Dock McDowell '72 would come to campus. I remember every time, because those were the examples. Those were the icons that gave us inspiration that maybe I can do it too. I apologize to all of you current students that I don't

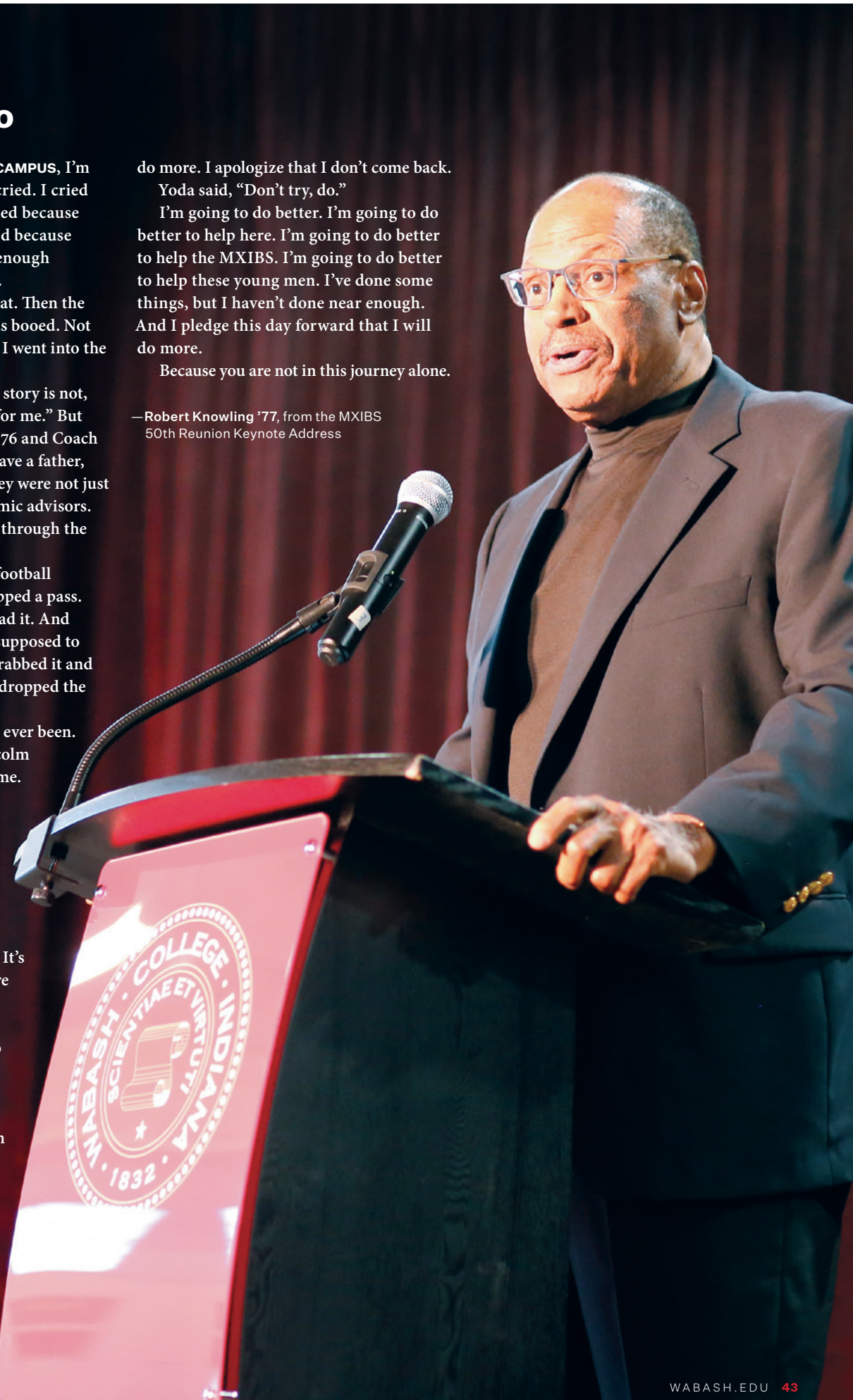
do more. I apologize that I don't come back.

Yoda said, "Don't try, do."

I'm going to do better. I'm going to do better to help here. I'm going to do better to help the MXIBS. I'm going to do better to help these young men. I've done some things, but I haven't done near enough. And I pledge this day forward that I will do more.

Because you are not in this journey alone.

—Robert Knowing '77, from the MXIBS 50th Reunion Keynote Address



What Now? by Richard Paige

Deonte “DJ” Singfield ’11 recalled his first days on campus when he contemplated his goals for college and who he would like to become at Wabash. As he gave his Commencement address four year later, he asked his graduating classmates: Who have we become? What are our next steps? At the MXIBS 50th Reunion, his challenge to the generations of alumni was the same: What now?

WHEN DJ SINGFIELD ’11 WAS A STUDENT, he liked to be heard—at sporting events, telling jokes, or trying to get his friends’ attention. His football teammates probably remember him most as the guy who ran around yelling “DING DING!” throughout practices the week of his senior Monon Bell game.

It was at that game the 7–2 Little Giants met the 9–0 Tigers. Wabash ran away with a 47–0 victory to keep the Bell and thwart DePauw’s momentum heading into the playoffs. Singfield had nine tackles that day.

“DING DING! wasn’t just an attempt to get everyone jacked up for the game—it went far beyond that,” he said in his Commencement address. “It was a commitment that stretches beyond any obstacle and outweighed any doubt. It was a reminder of the goals we had set. It meant no regrets. It was a motivation to give everything every day, even when I didn’t want to because I knew there were too many people counting on us.”

For that week, for that team, the motivation was the Bell. But Singfield recognized that DING DING! varied for each person during different points in their lives. Maybe it was getting into a program or course, earning and keeping a scholarship, achieving distinction on comprehensive exams, or accepting placement in graduate school or a new job.

“DING DING! is more than a sports victory, academic success, or a personal achievement,” Singfield said. “DING DING! represents a way of life. It stands for Wabash pride and the expectation to reach our full potential.

“We’ve been motivated to become our best at whatever we do,” he continued in his 2011 speech. “We will never forget all the great accomplishments and the great memories.



But now that we are graduating, does it end? Absolutely not! We have a duty, a responsibility to fulfill, a challenge to meet head on. I urge us all to live lives of leadership.”

FAST FORWARD 11 YEARS to the Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies 50th Reunion celebration (held two years late due to COVID-19), where Singfield was again on stage giving an address—this time to alumni spanning the 50-plus years since the Institute’s founding.

In preparation for his remarks, he thought about the challenge he issued to his class. He realized he wasn’t as connected. But that could change.

“The challenge is practical and personal,” Singfield says, now a teacher and coach at Lawrence North High School in Indianapolis. “Wabash guys have to come back and get involved. We’ve got to be face-to-face. We’ve got to be in the same room. We have to find a way to connect.”

Gathering together in the same room at the reunion in April rekindled memories of late-nights in the MXIBS, but it also served to refocus the alumni around the immediate needs of the students and to building something more lasting.

“All the people in this room are part of the fabric of the MXIBS,” he says. “There’s a history that ignited a movement on the campus because of some of the hardships that brothers were enduring. In 50 years, we’ve made some incredible strides.”

But. “We have to remember the commitment can’t stop once we graduate. If you have more and you’re not giving it, especially for your brothers, what really are you doing? All that stuff doesn’t really mean anything if we can’t give it to the next person,” he explained.

“If we are committed to and carrying ourselves as Wabash men for years to come, that has to impact the way we think about what we gained from our shared experiences, both when we were students and as alumni now,” he says.

“Thinking about the connections between us and seeing them here again this weekend has changed the way I consider myself as an alum,” he says. “There is a love in this room so deep and pure. It reminds me how truly special Wabash is, and it gives me new energy.”

The closing words of Singfield’s Commencement address are as meaningful to him now as they were when he spoke them in 2011.

“We are all from different walks of life, and have different aspirations and goals we want to achieve. One thing we will always have in common, though, is at the core we are Wabash men,” he said. “This means we are called to stand for something greater than ourselves, to overcome obstacles many wouldn’t even attempt, and to dream bigger than anyone can imagine.” ■



1. Honorary MXIBS members (left to right), Robyn Fleming, daughter of founding member Ron Angel ’72, Rob Johnson H’77, Jennifer Morgan, Clyde Morgan, Jill Lamberton, Warren Rosenberg H’98, and Julia Rosenberg; 2. John Archie ’96, Rob Johnson H’77, Reese Hamilton ’97; 3. (left to right) Jeremy Morris ’09, Theo Washington ’98, John Stansberry ’89; 4. Keith D. Lee ’83

Stephenson Institute for Classical Liberalism

THE LEGACY OF PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS BEN ROGGE H'53 was celebrated last October when President Scott Feller announced a \$10.6 million gift to launch the Stephenson Institute for Classical Liberalism, which supports the College as a forum for understanding the foundations of a free society.

The Stephenson Institute is made possible by Giant Steps gifts from Richard J Stephenson '62 and his wife, Dr. Stacie J. Stephenson, along with his family, including Wabash alumni Dr. Christopher ('87) and Jamie Stephenson and Shawn ('98) and Morgan Stephenson.

“Dr. Benjamin Rogge, Wabash’s Dean of the College and Distinguished Professor of Political Economy—who would go on to serve as President of the Foundation for Economic Education (FEE)—was, for me, my life-long impact influencer,” said Richard Stephenson at the launch event. “After graduating from Wabash, I was named FEE’s first graduate fellow in Political Economy thanks to Dr. Rogge, who had taken me under his wing. While at FEE, I had the privilege of meeting and studying under a group of remarkable people—thinkers whose advancement of free market economic theory has shaped generations of economists and our understanding of the world.”

The Stephenson Institute provides a student-centered forum that asks important questions about personal responsibility, individual rights, freedom of speech, and the indispensability of freedom.

“At a moment when people are questioning higher education’s commitment to open inquiry, the Stephenson family’s gift is a strong endorsement that Wabash is an institution that continues to discuss and debate big ideas,” President Feller said.

The Stephenson Institute will fund new lectures and workshops that will allow students to engage in conversations with world-class thought leaders. Professors will be able to accelerate their research projects, improve course offerings, and plan more student immersion opportunities. Students will be



Richard J Stephenson '62 and his wife, Dr. Stacie J. Stephenson, gathered with Wabash community members in October 2021, to celebrate the launch of the Stephenson Institute for Classical Liberalism.

further supported in summer internships with national and international research organizations, think tanks and non-profits.

“I founded the Stephenson Institute for Classical Liberalism to ensure that future generations of Wabash men can partake of the same life-altering educational experience that I did,” says Stephenson. “The Institute will bring together distinguished scholars from several disciplines, including, but not limited to, economics, political science, history, and philosophy, as well as visiting scholars from around the world.”

The Stephenson Institute’s new director, Dr. Daniel D’Amico, is looking forward to the first full year of programming.

“I’m excited to work in an environment like Wabash that values student performance so highly, and the career-oriented focus of the College is refreshing,” D’Amico says. “College-age students consistently impress me, and I am looking forward to seeing what Wabash students and faculty are going to produce with the additional resources that the Stephenson Institute will provide.”

A pre-launch phase of the Institute began in 2020 known as the Wabash Public Policy Project (WPPP). It was funded by Christopher and Jamie Stephenson and allowed the College to host workshops and lecturers throughout the year. Many students also benefitted from paid summer internships.

“One hundred-ninety years after the founding of Wabash, we are excited about this new program—a program which is designed to extend our Wabash legacy and further advance the tenets of classical liberalism,” Richard Stephenson said.

The Stephenson Institute for Classical Liberalism will be housed in a Craftsman-style home constructed in 1912 situated across Grant Avenue from Center Hall. A complete renovation began in the spring of 2022 of the home where the late-Professor Bernie Manker and his wife, Cris, lived for decades. ■



Meet Daniel D’Amico

Daniel D’Amico was named the inaugural director of the Stephenson Institute for Classical Liberalism and began his work at Wabash in July.

D’Amico earned his master’s degree and Ph.D. in economics from George Mason University. He earned tenure in the economics department at Loyola University in New Orleans, but

left that position to serve as associate director of The Political Theory Project at Brown University, where he was also a visiting professor in political science and lecturer in economics.

He has published scores of journal articles, edited volumes, book chapters, and book reviews, and has given a large number of invited lectures and conference presentations. He serves as co-editor of *Advances in Austrian Economics*; is a fellow in the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce; and is an F.A. Hayek affiliated fellow with the Mercatus Center at George Mason University.

“Dan D’Amico rose to the top of a national search that included a rich and deep pool of talented, accomplished scholars,” says President Scott Feller. “Dan has a demonstrated track record of engaging students and faculty with ideas forming the core of classical liberalism, significant accomplishments as a scholar and active participant in organizations engaged in classical liberal ideas. He embraces the distinctive missions of both the Stephenson Institute and Wabash College.”

D’Amico has advised multiple student publishing initiatives; led a cohort of undergraduate fellows in reading and discussion groups; advised undergraduate honors thesis projects; participated in scholarly research workshops; maintained fundraising relationships with donors and university administrators; and designed campus-wide events.

“I am proud to have produced research, teaching, and extracurricular opportunities for students that have advanced and showcased the important but under-appreciated insights of the classical liberal tradition,” says D’Amico. “Throughout this time, I have also worked with several distinctively classical liberal institutions and non-profits, including the Institute for Humane Studies, the Mercatus Center, the Foundation for Economic Education, Liberty Fund, and the Cato Institute.

“There are not many colleges or universities that provide students the opportunity to recognize the intellectual substance of liberalism across disciplines by putting a classical liberal sociologist in the same room with a classical liberal economist, historian, and political scientist,” D’Amico says. “The fact that Wabash is jumping on that under-served opportunity and has a dedicated center is entrepreneurial and innovative.”

Programming by the Numbers

\$10.6 million Richard J and Dr. Stacie J. Stephenson’s Giant Steps gift to Wabash

9 Students received fully-funded internships in Summer 2022 in three continents

6 Students took a fully-funded Brexit course at England’s Harlaxton College

9 Workshops and lectures offered at Wabash in 2021–22

12 Professors have received faculty development support through the Stephenson Institute

1912 The year the renovated home of the Stephenson Institute was built

Internships Funded by the Stephenson Institute



Nickolas Roberson '24 worked as an intern for The Indiana Policy Review Foundation. The PPE major conducted in-depth research with a database tracking political donations within Indiana over the past five years. He looked for patterns of the donors and donations, and learned more about how our elected officials play toward those interest groups via legislation and other means.

“I’ve really loved peeling back all of the layers and analyzing where strings are being pulled to influence legislation,” Roberson says. “When I was in high school, I worked for our student newspaper and have done work for an independent online newspaper. I really enjoy journalism—seeing what I can find, and then crafting the best way to report those findings. That’s what I did with Indiana Policy Review. The goal was to keep people educated on what’s going on with their political system.”

Roberson said he is grateful for Wabash’s Stephenson Institute for funding the internship.

“The support has helped me pursue what interests me, and I’ve gotten real work experience in several different areas. I’m on the pre-law track, and having this opportunity has opened up different avenues for me.”



Matt Franz '25 never pictured himself going out on his own for two months, working thousands of miles from home in a foreign country, and living with other college students from around the world who barely spoke the same language. But the sophomore from Johnstown, Ohio, did that this summer as an intern for the Austrian Economics Center (AEC).

Not only did the Lilly Scholar learn more about free society, liberty, and Austrian economics at its origin, but Franz also got to learn more about himself.

“I was a very stubborn person coming into college and thought no one was going to change my mind. I always thought I was more right-leaning when it came to economic policy and politics in general,” Franz says. “Going into this, I even believed the internship would confirm my beliefs, but it actually moved me more toward the center.

“Being able to approach an issue with an open mind as a critical thinker has been one of the biggest things I’ve carried away from this experience.”

Zach Kellerman '24 studied abroad in the United Kingdom at Harlaxton College this summer. There, he took Econ 101 with Professor Peter Mikek, studied macroeconomics, and used real world applications with the European Union and Brexit.

“My experience of spending a month abroad was transformational. I’d never been outside of the United States before or even flown on a plane. I spent lots of time outside of my comfort zone and in the learning zone.”

Kellermen (far left) is pictured with Sam Hooton '24, Banks Schlosser '24, Kai Warren '24, John Spagnolo '24, and Nate Mertz '24.



Carson Price '23 spent his summer living in Washington, D.C. and working as a public policy intern at the Salvation Army National Headquarters. He conducted research, logistics, and analytical support for various projects focused on housing policy reform, poverty reduction policy, and paid family leave.

The PPE major said he hopes to learn more about the policy process and to develop a deeper understanding of poverty reduction at an advocacy level.

“Growing up in a pretty small town that’s very rural and poor, I got to see the impact of poverty on people in real life—whether it’s drug use or mental health issues. Coming to Wabash, I wanted to find out how I could make a difference, and one way to do that is through policy change,” Price says. “As I’ve gotten further into this work, I’ve realized there’s a lot already being done and there’s potential for even more positive change for families struggling with poverty. That reality is something that encourages me.”





Fellowships Advisor Susan Albrecht

I stand on the shoulders of Susan Albrecht. She was integral to my success at Wabash and in my years since. I don't know where I would be without her support, love, and humor. She has made me a better person, and I will be forever thankful.

—Rhoades Scholar Jacob Burnett '15



Counselor Jamie Douglas

In the wake of the passing of my friend, Evan Hansen '19, in 2018, I found myself a leader on campus, a highly capable student, surrounded by people who cared for me, and using all of that to avoid dealing with the pain of several other losses, including the death of Austin Weirich '18, two years earlier. Jamie took on the burden of my pain and extended that support to the rest of the campus as well. Meeting with Jamie one or two times a week for the next seven months helped me more than I can describe. She is truly some Little Giant. Thank you, Jamie.

—Spencer Newmister '19

Tributes to Our Staff & Administrators

Former Admissions Counselor David Callecod '89

David and I met at a college fair when I was in eighth grade. He made sure I received a piece of mail from the College nearly every week for my entire high school career. There was never a question where I would go.

David's tenacity changed my life.

—Chris Carpenter '96



News Bureau Writer Susan Cantrell

Susan Cantrell played a huge role in not only getting me to Wabash in 1990, but had an even greater impact on my life while I was completing my undergrad work in Crawfordsville. She was my mom away from home and her door was always open to come see her when I needed a "pick me up" conversation. At times it was more like a "kick in the butt," but she always knew which lecture to give me to get me back on track. She was very kind and loving to me and other Wabash students during her tenure at BASH!

—Chad Chester '93



President Andy Ford H'03

Andy Ford was our Wabash President when I arrived in the fall of 1998. From him I learned that you can combine a seriousness of purpose managing the institution while still caring deeply for the individuals that make up the college community. My last note from Andy arrived the week of the 2021 Bell Game and read, "Good luck on Saturday. If you lose it is a long day for the President." I hope to never have to learn if he is right on that point.

—President Scott Feller



Dean for College Advancement Michelle Janssen

I stand on the shoulders of Michelle Janssen, the first female dean for college advancement at Wabash. Her intelligence, extraordinary expertise, bravery, and subtle fierceness inspires me to step up as a trustee of the College, to support this great institution in all the ways I am able.

Strong shoulders, indeed.

—Trustee Jennifer Evans



Glee Club Director Bob Mitchum H'59

Mitch drew me to Wabash. I never considered going anywhere but Wabash, even though I grew up six blocks from Purdue. Mitch served as a mentor through my four years at Wabash and for many years thereafter.

—JB Bachman '61



Career Services Director Roland Morin '91

To the guy who sat at our table back in 2015 and convinced us that Wabash was a special place. You were one of a kind. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for everything you did for Henry! Your kindness was always appreciated and your candor was magnificent! We know you are shining down on all of us. #WAF.

—Randy and Mary Wannemuehler P'20



Dean Norman Moore H'77

At the end of my freshman year, I was tired and discouraged. I began to think about whether I should transfer to a larger, coed school like Indiana. Somehow Dean Moore heard I was thinking of leaving. He invited me and several other students to his home for dinner, and he listened to us. That act of caring made all the difference in me staying and being profoundly shaped by numerous other caring professors and leaders at Wabash. I am grateful.

—Mark Miller-McLemore '75

Former Writing Center Director Julia Rosenberg

I am so fortunate that one of the first places I went when I was newly hired was to Julia Rosenberg's office. Julia built Wabash's first writing center from scratch—or, rather, from her conviction that learning is based in collaboration, listening, and drawing the best out of people. Hers was the intellectual rigor of compassion. Also, she was a fierce feminist on campus before it was cool.

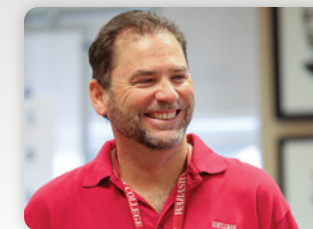
—Professor Crystal Benedicks



Former Admissions Counselor Lance More '91

So many alumni from the mid to late 1990s had Lance More as their admissions counselor. Without Lance's energy, enthusiasm, and excitement, many of us would not have become Wabash men. We are forever grateful for Lance's approach and influence on our college decision. So many graduates stand on his giant shoulders.

—Marc Welch '99



Former Dean of Students Mike Raters '85

I stand on the shoulders of Dean Mike Raters and my other predecessors who served as dean of students. Each day brings a new set of challenges, but our team is equipped to meet those challenges because of the good work that was done by Dean Raters, and before him Deans Bambrey, Hadley, Miller, Moore, and Kurtz. We benefit from their efforts to establish the Gentleman's Rule as our bedrock principle and to cultivate a student culture that balances freedom with responsibility. Some Little Giants!

—Dean of Students
Greg Redding '88



Former Alumni Director Tom Runge '71

Tom is Wabash through and through. I had the pleasure of working with him while he was leading our Alumni and Parent Relations Office, which he did with 100% belief in Wabash, its mission, and the loyalty of the alumni. In retirement, Tom '71 and Carol H'71 are proud supporters of all things Wabash, especially their two grandsons currently on campus.

—Mike Warren '93



◀ **President Lewis Salter '57**
Kind. Brilliant. Modest. Courageous. Lew Salter taught us all how to live, and toward the end, how to finish. Everyone who knew Lew is a better person for it. And Wabash will always be better for his devotion to this school.
—Dave Ault '70



President Thaddeus Seymour H'78
“Dad Thad’s” attitude of enjoying life was inspiring, but most of all was the message embodied in James P. Elmore Day: A beautiful day, the bells rang, and nothing was more important in that moment than to put everything aside and enjoy a day of freedom. Message received. I treasured every one of those unforgettable days!
—Chris Sturbaum '75



▲ **Former Football Coach Greg Carlson**
Coach Carlson was the head football coach when I attended and played football for Wabash College. I was planning on giving up football after my first year when it was obvious that I would never be a starter on the college level. He reminded me that being a part of the team meant more than being a starter and that in the end I would be grateful for sticking it out. I did and played all four years, earned two varsity letters through special teams, and have memories that will last a lifetime.
—Kyle Rapp '95



Founding MXI Director Horace Turner H'76
“HT” was someone I could look up to whether I had a problem or just needed someone I could talk to. I’ll never forget that morning he came up to my apartment and told me I had work to do if I wanted to graduate. “So, get moving,” he said. He was most influential in helping me get over the hump to earn my diploma.
—Nate Clark '73



◀ **Former Basketball Coach Bob Brock**
Coach Brock led Wabash to its first four postseason NCAA tournaments in the late 50s and early 60s. He said years later he was proud of his teams, but he was more proud of the men we became.
—Robert Wedgeworth Jr. '59



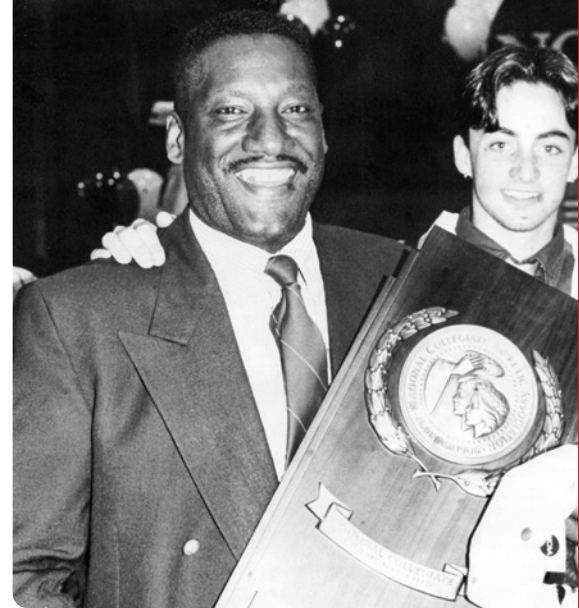
Athletic Trainer Mark Elizondo
As I try to think of all of the people that truly changed my life at Wabash, where can I even start! But man, oh man, where would any of the student athletes be without Mark Elizondo? The countless hours spent in the training room rehabbing, recovering, and being taken care of are not forgotten. I always admired Mark’s ability to lead with a smile on his face. He cares about his work, which is done with excellence and humility, and he also cares about his people. I am thankful for him!
—Grant Klembara '15



Director of Athletics Communications Brent Harris H'03
I had a void in my life when I stopped playing sports. By chance I met Brent Harris while working in the alumni house making calls for the admissions department. Brent offered me a job working in sports information and it gave me a great chance to continue to work in fields I enjoyed, but also to expand my skillset. Because I worked for Brent, I was able to travel the Midwest, do radio and TV for our Little Giant teams, and even manage events. Thank you, Brent, for some of my best memories.
—Matt Abid '04



▲ **Former Coach Steve Hoffman '85**
As the little safety, I was supported by this Little Giant for two years when he was on the football coaching staff, and there was never a time when his faith in me wavered. That support and guidance was instrumental in my growth while at Wabash and beyond. Working together now in the Alumni and Parent Relations Office, my colleague and friend shows the same trust in me as he did during those football days and he continues to offer wise counsel.
—Mike Warren '93



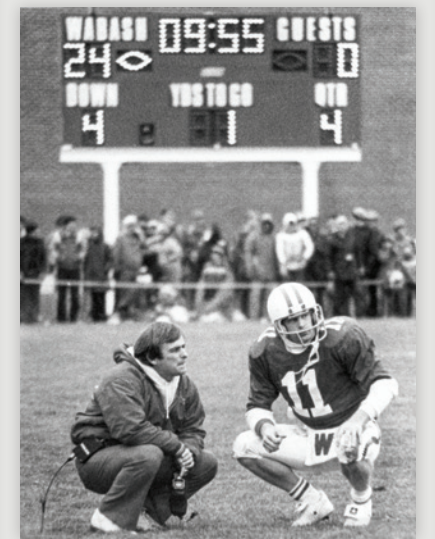
▲ **Emeritus Coach Robert H. Johnson H'77**
I stand on the shoulders of Coach Johnson for all that he has done for me, my family, and countless Wabash men and their families. He has been a fixture at the College for a half-century, and has shown us how to be true Wabash men. Because of him, and others like him, Wabash is truly a special place.
—Jim Kerr '92



Coach Chris Keller
Coach Keller has brought hundreds of students to Wabash who never would have considered it otherwise. I am one of those students. Coach Keller always pushed me as a soccer player and as a man to be better. I couldn’t be happier with my decision to go to Wabash. I wouldn’t be the man I am if not for coaches and leaders, like Coach Keller.
—Justin Kopp '21



Coach Olmy Olmstead '04
I stand upon the giant shoulders of my mentor, coach, and Sigma Chi brother, Olmy Olmstead '04—a man that lives, breathes, and bleeds everything Wabash. Olmy is a man who would give his last dollar to make Wabash a better place. He played a major role in pushing me to be the man that I am today, and I am forever grateful for the many lessons he taught. Thank you for continuing to make Wabash a better place each and every day.
—Patrick Marsh '20



Football Coach Stan Parrish
I stand upon the shoulders of Coach Stan Parrish. He came to Cardinal Ritter High School in my senior year in January 1978. Coach Parrish invited me to visit Wabash to find out if it would be a good fit. As so many other Wabash men will tell you, that visit was all it took! Thanks Coach, may you rest in peace!
—Joe Pfennig '82



Former Swimming Coach Gail Pebworth H'91

Gail Pebworth H'91 took a burned-out swimmer, and instead of sending him packing, stuck a clipboard in his hands and told him he was now a coach. "You're not going anywhere," she said. "The team needs you. Wabash needs you. I need you." Those words and her subsequent trust in me made me realize that even if things don't work out the way you planned, you can still make an impact. Wabash Always Fights.
—Thomas Welch '94



Former Wrestling Coach and Athletic Director Max Servies '58

Max found a small homesick freshman in the Scarlet Inn and invited him to join the wrestling team. It was a life changing moment that I can point to. It developed in me greater stores of confidence, self-discipline, toughness, and maturity. I would not be the same person now if not for that seminal interaction so long ago. Truly, I stand on his shoulders.
—John Sowers '99



Former Basketball and Golf Coach Mac Petty H'82

I was in Coach Petty's first recruiting class. He was a great coach, family man, and leader of young men. He really cared about us. One of the best things he did was get the players out to visit different churches in Crawfordsville every Sunday. It was a great experience. I learned a lot and appreciated it. I am still connected with Coach Petty. I stand on his shoulders!
—John Hilbrich '81

Tributes to Our Staff & Administrators



Bill '10 and Don '34 Fobes

Out of all the individuals (faculty, mentors) who have influenced me over the years and "spread the fame of her honored name" to me, I stand on the shoulders of my grandfather, Bill Fobes, and my father, Don Fobes. They were both giants in my life. I would be nowhere without them, and I certainly would not be the third of three generations of Wabash men, living all the wonderful experiences I enjoyed, and continue to enjoy through my association with Wabash.
—Rick Fobes '72



Charley German '70

My dad, Charley German, has been a great inspiration and compass in my life. He introduced me to Wabash at a young age and that connection fundamentally changed my life. He taught me the value of hard work and perseverance. Growing up, he would always say, "Work before play, but always remember to play." I wouldn't be where I am today without him.
—Jake German '11

Paul Hawksworth '56

My father, Paul Hawksworth, started the Hawksworth family on the Wabash road we so strongly remain upon today. Wabash gave my father an opportunity that would shift the course of his life. He was never going to attend college until Wabash offered him a scholarship. Wabash changed his life and he made it his life's mission to pay the College back. He went on to become the CEO of a company and a trustee of Wabash, and was an Alumni Award of Merit winner. He set the example; he was Some Little Giant!
—Jim Hawksworth '95

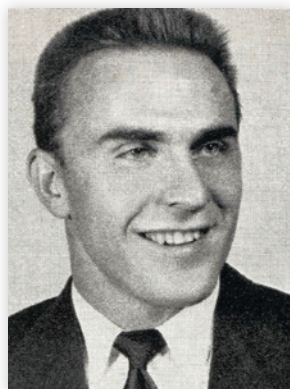


Tributes to Our Families



Jim Dimos '83

I honor the memory of my big brother, Jim. For those of you who knew him, those are some mighty big shoulders on which to stand. He was, and is, always with me; guiding me throughout my life. The College meant the world to him, after his family. We miss him terribly. So, I send this gift, as he would have, to continue the education, tradition, and the experience he so loved. Long shall we sing thy praises.
—John Dimos '85



Jack Engledow '53

It would be hard to come up with someone who is more of a Wabash giant than my father, Jack Engledow. He encouraged me to look at Wabash and he did the same for his two oldest grandsons (both attended Wabash). To this day, we all continue to attend Wabash events together: sharing not only a family bond, but a Wabash bond as well. Jack is Some Little Giant!
—Jim Engledow '78

Editor's note: Sadly, Jim Engledow passed away on August 4. His obituary will appear in the next issue of WM.



President Scott Feller

Long before he was giving his time and talents to Wabash College, I had the good fortune to spend countless hours picking berries, shearing sheep, building fences, swimming in the creek, and causing trouble (good trouble, of course) with my big brother, Scott Feller.

His shoulders have always been strong and capable; his words, wise and honest; and his actions, noble and kind.
—Michelle Wade, President Feller's sister



Bill MacDougall '51

I stand on the giant shoulders of my grandpa, Bill MacDougall, a Wabash Hall of Famer, who taught me the importance and impact that a Wabash Man can have on the world and in his community. My grandfather had a profound impact on the man I am today. He led by example in business, the community, and our family. He also never missed an opportunity to remind our Danny relatives of our combined 7-1 Monon Bell record. I love him, miss him, and thank him. He was Some Little Giant.
—Ian MacDougall '14



June Robbins

My grandmother, June Robbins, lost her husband very young. She raised two Wabash men, my father and uncle, both of whom went to Wabash as Lilly Scholars. She has three grandsons who graduated from Wabash, as well as several other members of her family. Her love and devotion to Wabash remain to this day.
—Luke Robbins '11



James Shepard '37

Jim Shepard was my grandfather and he introduced me to Wabash in 1977. A fellow Sigma Chi, he roomed with Bryon Hollett '36. Grandpa introduced me, through his memories, to giants like Dean George Kendall, President Louis Hopkins, and professors Norwood Brigrance and James Insley Osborne. A champion debater, he graduated from Duke Law School in 1940. He loved me unconditionally, and I perch to this day on his giant shoulders.
—James Williams '88



Max Rudicel '66

My father, Max H. Rudicel, MD, is the reason I chose Wabash. I knew he went there and then went to medical school. I knew Wabash could get me where I wanted to go, which was also to med school. Thanks, Dad. Your shoulders are where the Wabash Rudicels stand.
—Rob Rudicel '92

Supporting Generations of Wabash Students

by Allie Northcutt



P. Robinson

Wabash College wasn't easy for Paul "Robbie" Robinson '67, a first-generation college student who didn't even think pursuing higher education was possible as a kid. Now he's giving other kids like him the gift of education.

PAUL "ROBBIE" ROBINSON '67 remembers sitting on his grandfather's lap learning to count when he was a young child. Later, he learned fractions while baking bread alongside the same grandfather who was a baker. His love for math grew from there.

"My mother said I knew addition and subtraction tables by the time I went to kindergarten. I just had an innate interest," Robinson says. "By the time I was a junior in high school, I would get an encyclopedia and look up algebra for fun."

Math was the only subject that interested Robinson and that he felt he was actually good at while growing up in Cincinnati, Ohio. But he never felt pursuing a college career studying math was a viable option.

"There wasn't much encouragement from home. Nobody had gone to college or valued that education," he says. "Everyone went straight to work after high school."

By the time Robinson became an upperclassman in high school studying equations for fun, he had gotten good at something else too: football.



Robinson #70 in the front row of the 1967 Wabash football team.

College coaches came to his football games to recruit. That's when the idea of pursuing higher education started to take shape.

"I didn't know what else I was going to do with my life," he says. "Other people from high school were going to college or had a job, and I didn't. I felt stuck."

His neighbors, former Wabash football players Roger '61 and Carlos '61 Carroll told Robinson about their experiences at Wabash and put him in contact with former Head Football Coach Ken Keuffel to learn more. Then a representative from Wabash visited his family's home.

"We didn't have the money," Robinson says. "I remember saying, 'It's not going to be possible. I can't go.' Dad assured me it'd be fine, but I still wasn't confident."

"Then, I got a letter in the mail that I was awarded a scholarship that covered tuition," he said. "I was so grateful. For the College to take an interest in me and see something in me, it was so special."

WABASH WASN'T EASY for Robinson and he hadn't always bought into the College's mission. He refers to himself as "a C-student, who was knee deep in immature behavior." It wasn't until he got to graduate school that he realized how successful Wabash was in educating and preparing him for career success.

"People got through Wabash a lot easier than I did," he says. "I credit my fraternity brothers. We'd all walk together to the physical chemistry building and study from 1 to 5 p.m., have dinner and free time for about a half-hour, then from 7 to 10:30 p.m., we'd go to another building to study some more. That discipline saved me. That's what it took for me."

He also credits then Dean of Students Norman Moore, for molding him into a positive force of change.

"He was my mentor. He told me how to act and how to talk, and really cleaned up my character," Robinson says.

In addition to playing football, Robinson majored in mathematics, was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity and the Sphinx Club while at Wabash.

"I'm grateful that Wabash let me through. They actually graduated me and gave me a degree. That was never lost on me," he says. "I didn't belong there. But Wabash wooed me and took good care of me."

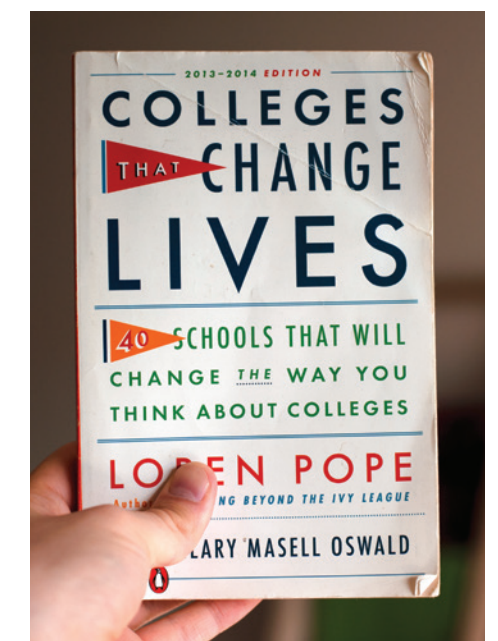
Robinson was hired by IBM after graduation and got his MBA in corporate finance from the University of Oregon.

In 1971, he was hired as a broker with a New York Stock Exchange firm. Eight years later, he went on to work independently and spent most of his professional career as a certified financial planner in the greater Phoenix, Arizona, area.

"I have always loved math, but didn't have the natural talent or the head power in the business world. I had to work at it," Robinson says. "But I got enough confidence that once I started taking economics classes in graduate school, I said 'Gosh, I can do this. Wabash classes were harder than this!' Wabash College felt tougher, but it set me up for success."

ROBINSON MADE IT A PRIORITY to instill the importance of higher education in his grandkids. As each of them begin high school, he has given them a copy of Loren Pope's book *Colleges That Change Lives* which conveniently includes a chapter on Wabash. He encourages them to research and rate all the liberal arts schools listed in the book.

"I remember I was a sophomore in high school, and I asked grandpa, 'What do I have to do to start thinking about college?' And it was like he was waiting for me to ask," says Robinson's grandson, Wade Haesemeyer '22. "So every week we would Skype and go through a chapter of *Colleges That Change Lives*. Every week we would talk about one school, I'd grade it. I think Wabash was about a 8.5. Grandpa was a big proponent of liberal arts schools."



The book Paul "Robbie" Robinson '67 gifted each of his grandchildren as they reached high school.

“I owe it. I feel like I needed to square up to how well they treated me in spite of me, and how well they’ve treated my grandsons. I’m grateful to have the means to do it, thanks to Wabash.”



Paul Haesemeyer '21, Wade Haesemeyer '22, and Paul “Robbie” Robinson '67 at Wade’s Commencement in May.

Wade’s brother, Paul '21, recalls a similar experience.

“Grandpa was so excited when we were in high school with helping us through the college process and figuring out where we wanted to go,” says Paul. “He loves Wabash, obviously, but he was more passionate just about us going to school. He knows how much higher education transformed his life as a student and professional.”

Both Paul and Wade dismissed Wabash when they first started the college search process. It wasn’t until they saw Wabash in Pope’s book that they really started thinking about the College seriously.

“Oh, this is interesting,” Paul recalls thinking. “This is really cool. Let’s actually see what grandpa’s talking about.

“Wabash was at the bottom of my list, but it quickly went straight to the top after attending Scarlet Honors Weekend,” says Paul. “I was so impressed with how excited everyone on campus was. They had answers to all of my questions, and were so welcoming.”

Robinson was “over the moon” when Paul and Wade told him they officially picked Wabash. He continued to be his grandsons’ biggest cheerleaders throughout their college experiences.

“I remember freshman year, he was one of the first people I called all the time because he knew Wabash and I needed someone to talk to about Wabash,” says Paul.

He has always been grateful for the lasting opportunities Wabash provided him and his grandsons, and he proudly believes in the College’s mission of educating men to think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively, and live humanely.

A few years ago as he was approaching retirement, Robinson began thinking about how he could give back to his alma mater. With the help and support of his family, including Paul and Wade, Robinson established The Paul “Robbie” Robinson Family Scholarship.

The scholarship will provide support to Wabash students with demonstrated financial need, with a first preference given to those who are first-generation college students (defined as neither parent having completed a four-year college or university degree).

“I owe it. I feel like I needed to square up to how well they treated me in spite of me, and how well they’ve treated my grandsons,” Robinson said. “I’m grateful to have the means to do it, thanks to Wabash.”

Robinson also established the scholarship in a way that will allow his grandsons to do their part in contributing to providing an unmatched liberal arts education to students.

“He’s been talking about this for the last year-and-a-half, and to see it all come together for him is so exciting,” says Paul, who now works as a stitcher for Alabama Shakespeare Festival, a performing arts theater in Montgomery, Alabama.

“My grandpa has always been so passionate, enthusiastic, and loved Wabash so much. Now he gets to share all of that with his grandsons,” Paul says. “I don’t think I would have imagined having a hand in something as impactful as this so early in my career, but it’s really cool to be a part of and have that legacy with my family.”

Wade, a classics major and art minor who now works as a videographer and editor in Billings, Montana, explained that being involved in the scholarship process has opened his eyes to some of the struggles that first-generation students, like Robinson, experience and the kind of support that they may need to succeed in college.

“We didn’t grow up rich, but we always had enough, and my parents and grandparents have college degrees and experience. I could go to them for help and guidance,” Wade says. “That’s not the reality for a lot of people. Many are not as fortunate, and it’s much harder for them to get to and stay in college.

“My grandpa is a prime example. But he made it, because he got the financial help and support throughout his four years at Wabash,” the new graduate says. “We hope this scholarship will inspire others and give those same opportunities to students who need it.” ■



SHOULDER to SHOULDER

by **Kim Johnson**

photos by
Dakota Baker '22

Godfred Yemofio '01 grew up in Ghana and remembers his first introduction to business at six years old. Now in finance and strategy at the Estée Lauder Companies, Inc., he knows he had some giant shoulders to stand on to get where he is today. Now he's broadening his own shoulders so the next generation of Wabash businessmen can stand.

GODFRED YEMOFIO'S PARENTS WERE TOO POOR to complete traditional secondary and post-secondary schooling as we think of it in America—high school, then college, maybe graduate or professional school. His father was hired by the Ghana Broadcasting Corporation where he gained technical skills and was eventually able to further his education in Europe and become an engineer. His mom started a catering business from scratch.

“As head of an engineering department on marine electronics for a giant fishing company, my dad used to fly from port to port certifying ships, or sometimes he would be on one as it went from Accra all the way to Dakar or even Mauritania.”

Yemofio's father would be gone for up to three months at a time.

“The husband needed to leave money for the woman to run the home,” he says, “but an older woman in the neighborhood told my mom, ‘You can't rely on a man. You have to stand on your own feet,’ to my dad's chagrin.

“So, instead of my mom just holding the money and waiting, she would take the three months-worth and buy some flour, margarine, and a little of this and that.”

Each time she went to the market to buy goods for the family, she would leave samples of her baking with the vendors.

“She would go to the lady from whom she bought tomatoes, ‘I want you to try this.’ Or, ‘here are some scones you can try. Here are some rolls. Here is a cake.’ Every time she would go to market she had a little something. My dad had no idea,” he says with a laugh.

“The husband needed to leave money for the woman to run the home, but an older woman in the neighborhood told my mom, ‘You can't rely on a man. You have to stand on your own feet,’ to my dad's chagrin.”

“And at the age of six, I was even part of my mom's marketing gimmicks,” he continues. “She would give me a basket of pastries to take to the bank and just sit there. I was a tiny little kid. I could barely count the money. These people took the pastries, pinched my cheeks, and put the money in my hands.”

As her business grew, she was able to add better kitchen appliances to the family's home and even opened her own bakery on the first floor of their building. As the years progressed, his father began his own engineering shop as well.

“I grew up in a very business-oriented family,” he says. “But both of my parents were extremely committed to education.”

Which for them meant living well below their means to pay for the best possible education for their kids.

“Growing up I used to hate our home. We lived in a two-bedroom apartment. All four kids shared one bedroom, and all six of us shared one bathroom,” Yemofio says. “We lived like very poor people. But Dad made sure that we were going to private schools. He spent his money on education. And having gotten to eventually further his own education in Europe, he was absolutely determined that we weren't going to go to university in Ghana.”

In 1996, after seven years of attending all-male boarding schools, Yemofio and his friends pored through books at the United States Information Services in Accra looking for colleges in the United States. He laughed as he added Wabash College to his list of potential schools.

“My depth of gratitude for Wabash...if I could carry Wabash on to the moon, I would. Wabash transformed and changed my life. I know I’m still growing. I’m still on the journey. I feel like I am going to do something really significant in recognition of how significant Wabash has been.”

“Can you believe it? An all-male school!” he says. “I made so much noise about it. Everyone laughed. I only put it on my list because of that.”

As he began to do more and more research, Wabash ranked high as hundreds of other schools dropped away. In all, he researched about 300 schools and wrote 56 of them by hand. He applied to six and got in to all of them.

“My dad had saved everything,” Yemofio says. “He was making about \$3,000 a year. He had enough for me to get the first year. I needed to pay about \$8,000 and I needed about \$2,000 for my plane ticket. And that was all the man had for me. I had to sort out the rest of the way.”

Wabash’s generous aid moved the College to the top of his list and allowed him to follow his father’s dream of sending his first son to the United States for school.

Yemofio devoured economics classes with Professors Frank Howland and Bert Barreto and became well-versed in Excel. He took independent study courses in computer science with Professor John Zimmerman, and ultimately ended up majoring in math.

As he got ready for his first off-campus internship, he turned to his on-campus employer, Rob Herzog, who was working

in the communications office and building Wabash’s first website.

“We were both figuring it out together,” Herzog says. “I recall his enthusiasm for learning new things, interest in technology, and just as important his reliability. I knew Scott Cougill ’87 was establishing a technology company and looking for interns so I recommended him to Scott.”

Herzog’s help wasn’t just that recommendation.

“I had no money to get there, no money to buy a shirt,” Yemofio says. “Rob gave me \$100.”

Then, when Cougill found out Yemofio didn’t have a place to live for the summer, he invited him to live with his family.

“We had four kids under the age of nine so he got to join in the fun,” Cougill says. “I was a class agent and my wife, Cathren, and I were ‘all in’ for Wabash, so we offered.”

Then, Yemofio was set to graduate and had landed a job, but the dotcom bubble burst and his employment offer was rescinded. Robin Pebworth, former director of career services, learned of Yemofio’s situation. He got on the phone with Fred Wilson Jr. ’69 to ask for a favor. Wilson was president and CEO at Louis Vuitton at the time, and later retired as chairman and CEO of Saks Fifth Avenue.

“I hired summer interns and the Wabash guys always did great,” Wilson says. “Robin asked me to interview Godfred for a full-time job. He was smart, articulate, and an accomplished student. He was just impressive. It was a very easy hire.”

Yemofio just had to decide where he wanted to work—New York or San Francisco.

“Neither place meant anything to me,” Yemofio says. “All the women in career services said I should choose New York. I trusted them.”

He was assigned to the help desk thanks to the computer science courses he had taken and his internship with Cougill.

“I showed I could do things with Excel,” he says. “The CFO had a big presentation and was having trouble getting Excel charts into PowerPoint. All the IT guys said, ‘Talk to Godfred.’ Then they started talking to me about other things, and I ended up building an application in Excel.”

He continued in IT largely supporting the finance department and learning about the changing field of business intelligence until 2012 when he became an official member of the finance department. In November 2021, Yemofio was hired by Estée Lauder Companies in an expanded role.



Zennon Wilhelm ’23 and Godfred Yemofio ’01 at the Estée Lauder Companies offices in New York City.

“I know what finance people do and I can talk to them in that language, but I also understand the technical side,” he says. “Now at Estée Lauder, I’m in a similar role but it’s the first time I’ve been a director—stepping away from being a hands-on developer to being a bigger part of the strategy decisions.”

Yemofio learned about the company’s robust internship program, which hires approximately 100 undergraduate and graduate students a year, and asked permission to recruit Wabash students to the program.

Going full circle, he returned to campus for the Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies (MXIBS) 50th reunion and met Zennon Wilhelm ’23, who was hired as the first Wabash student to spend the summer in the finance department at Estée Lauder Companies in New York. There, he worked on an analysis application.

“I feel privileged and blessed. I had a little bit of an impostor syndrome when I first went to Estée Lauder with all the Ivy League people,” Wilhelm, the math major and physics minor from Michigan City, Indiana, says. “They’re picking the cream of the crop for internships, and everyone’s talking to me about how they got their internships. I just felt like I had it easy. I went through a pretty rigorous interview process, so I had to earn it. But I definitely did have a huge advantage based on the alumni connection. A lot of people apply and don’t even get a chance to interview.”

Yemofio sees helping Wilhelm get an interview for the internship opportunity as simply a first step in giving back to the place and the people who gave him so much.

“My depth of gratitude for Wabash...if I could carry Wabash on to the moon, I would,” he says. “Wabash transformed and changed my life. I know I’m still growing. I’m still on the journey. I feel like I am going to do something really significant in recognition of how significant Wabash has been.”

Wilson sums it up best. “Godfred deserves the credit,” he says of Yemofio first joining Louis Vuitton more than 20 years ago. “He did it himself. He’s extremely gracious. The way I look at it is I opened the door, he walked in, and did really well.” ■



Eddie Glaude

Passionate educator, scholar, author, and political commentator, **Eddie Glaude Jr.** was back on campus April 8 to visit with members of the Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies and address the campus community in Salter Hall.

"It's hard to tell ourselves the truth about who we are," he said. "We tell ourselves the lie about who we are because we don't want to admit what we've done, and what is required of us all to repair. If we're going to come out of this moment really transformed, and become the kinds of people democracies require, we are going to have to tell ourselves the truth."

Lisa Flores

Lisa Flores, a professor in the department of communication and associate dean for diversity, equity, and inclusion in the College of Media, Communication, and Information at the University of Colorado, visited campus in April as part of the President's Distinguished Speaker Series (PDSS) and the Brigrance Forum Lecture. In a meeting with rhetoric students, she told them, "Regardless of who you are and what vision of the world you have, I think almost all of us want some kind of change. We may not want the same change, but we all want change. Sometimes it feels like that change is not possible, like the systems are too big. But we make change happen all the time. The stories that we tell and the vocabularies that we speak create the worlds in which we live."



National Act

National Act continued to bounce to its own beat as NLE Choppa entertained a standing-room-only crowd of students and guests at Chadwick Court on April 2.



Wabash 101

Admissions counselors did a wonderful job this year in landing one of the largest freshman classes in recent history. **Matt Bowers '08**, former associate director of admissions, chats with a member of the Class of 2026 during Wabash 101 in June.

Celebration of Student Research

Jayden Williamson '22 enjoys sharing his poster presentation of "The Effect of Household Leverage on Real Output" at the Celebration of Student Research, Scholarship, and Creative Work. For the first time in two years, the Celebration looked and felt closer to normal in Detchon Center and other classroom locations.

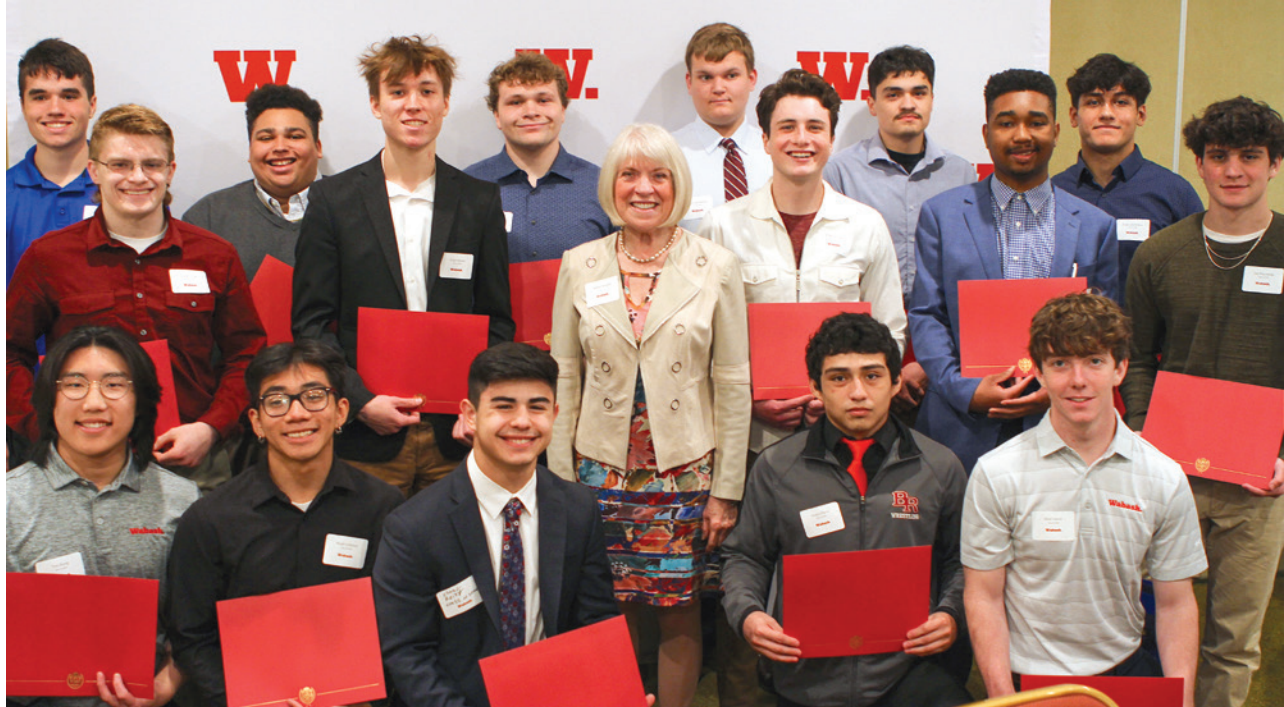


Germany Immersion

What better way to put language skills to good use than an immersion trip? Professor of German **Brian Tucker '98** took students to Heidelberg, Germany, for two weeks in May to learn the history, soak up the culture, and sharpen language skills. **Jacob Parsons '24** takes a break at the Heidelberg Castle to look out over the city and the Neckar River.

Barbershop Competition

Kenny Coleman '22 (left) shares a laugh with a fellow student during the inaugural campus Barber's Competition on March 25 in Knowling Fieldhouse. Hosted by the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, the competition sought to identify the campus' best barber and make a whole lot of guys look good. Coleman, Jesse Hall '25, and Eli Widmer '24 were named winners and received their own hydraulic barber chairs.



Snodell Scholars

Kathy Snodell (center) stands surrounded by members of the Class of 2026 Snodell Scholars. Founded in 2018 by Kathy and her husband, Walt '68, the program offers scholarship opportunities to students from the greater Chicagoland area. The inaugural cohort of Snodell Scholars graduated in 2022.

Senior Art

Graduating senior art majors Emiliano Delgado, Brailen Harrington, Nicholas Lawson, Carlos Lopez, James Love, Zachary McKinney, and Tyler Rector had the pleasure of displaying their work in the Eric Dean Gallery as part of the Senior Art Exhibition.



The Woods

On April 29, Scarlet Masque presented "The Woods," where Betsy Swift and Drew Johannes '23 shared center stage.



Korean Tea

The Asian Studies Minor Steering Committee hosted an Asian Studies Tea event on March 29 in Rogge Lounge. Students sampled several kinds of tea, including yuja, ginseng, and barley. Attendees enjoyed traditional Korean snacks and learned more about Wabash's Asian Studies program.



Awards Chapel

A total of 71 awards were handed out at April's Awards Chapel, including a recognition of the newest group of George Lewes Mackintosh Fellows—Joseph Forchetti, Andrew Jamison, Joseph Julian, William Lillis, Andrew Rippey, and Josephus Scott, pictured with President Scott Feller.



BIP Presentations

The pressure was on as Business Innovation Program students participated in the annual "Pitch Day" competition in front of a judging panel of alumni and professionals. This year's Pitch Day took place on June 15 at Fusion 54



Around the World

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee hosted its annual “Around the World” food festival on April 1 in Knowing Fieldhouse. African, African American, Hispanic, and Chinese foods and deserts were served while students enjoyed live performances by Wamidan, the College’s world music and dance ensemble.



Peck Lecture

In March, **Michelle H. Browdy**, senior vice president, legal and regulatory affairs, and general counsel at IBM, presented the David W. Peck Lecture, “Technology, Trust, and Society.” She said, “When we were in school, none of these issues that we’re talking about existed. You didn’t have cell phones, you didn’t have the internet, you didn’t have platform companies. We weren’t talking about privacy, or cyber, AI, or any of those issues. Yet now, decades later, in our respective professions, in law, in political science, and journalism, we have to help people deal with these issues. How do you do that? You do it by learning how to learn. You get a broad-base understanding in the liberal arts. You learn to reason and think and argue and communicate. You get a broad-base understanding and ability to work with a bunch of different people with different viewpoints than your own. And that will help you solve these problems.”



Bed Races

Nearly perfectly synchronized, (left to right) **Max Bigler ’22**, **Clayton McPeck ’24**, **Adam Berg ’22** and **Tommy Minkler ’25** (in the cart) provide the drive for Team FIJI as they participate in the annual Bed Races on the Mall in April.

Where is My Beloved Community

When the curtain rose in Ball Theater in April, the Wabash theater department asked a simple, but necessary question: “Where Is Our Beloved Community?” The performance was built on stories—real stories of Wabash students and community members—of what it feels like to be a racial minority. The play took nearly a year to bring to the stage and included the experiences of 28 Wabash students, staff, and others. Associate Professor of Theater **Heidi Winters Vogel**, the production’s director, said, “I got this idea from class last spring and thought we might use it as an opportunity to gather stories like these and make a play about them in an attempt to provide understanding; to answer the question, “Where is our beloved community?”



Phi Beta Kappa

On the day before Commencement, 22 students were inducted into the Wabash chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest honorary society. New initiates are pictured with members of the senior class who were inducted as juniors.



Rugby

Little Giant Stadium seems to hold a bit of magic for every team that calls it home. The Wabash rugby team posted a spotless 4–0 record when they hosted a spring tournament there in April.

1954

Richard Rose's teleplay, *Static*, was produced for television and premiered in September throughout the U.S. on FOX affiliate stations. His latest novel, *Retribution*, a mystery thriller, was released in January, 2022.



1955

Rem Johnston was honored by his Sigma Chi brothers with a prestigious "Order of Constantine Award."



1973

Dennis Dean was honored as a fellow of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology for his efforts to advance the molecular life sciences through sustained outstanding accomplishments.



1978

Jay Ponder was selected as a fellow by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Ponder is a professor of chemistry, biochemistry, and molecular biophysics (School of Medicine), and of biomedical engineering (School of Engineering) at Washington University, St. Louis. ■ Our condolences to **Ken Turchi** on the death of his mother, Rosemary Turchi, on January 27 in Mt. Pleasant, SC.



1982

Salvador Dominguez was appointed as first assistant U.S. Attorney by Kenneth Parker, United States attorney for the Southern District of Ohio.

1984

Todd Glass was selected as a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

1985

Tom Denari was promoted to CEO of Indianapolis-based advertising agency Young & Laramore. ■ Our condolences to **Mike Abbott** and family on the death of his mother, Janice May, in March.



1987

Michael Mull was named the county health officer of Miami County. Mull is a family medicine doctor in Peru, IN, affiliated with Dukes Memorial Hospital.



1989

Michael Axel was inducted into the East Noble High School Hall of Fame in Kendallville, IN. Axel, a 1985 graduate of East Noble, was a three-sport athlete who won nine varsity letters.



1991

Ron Pitcock was named dean and Wassenich Family Endowed Chair of Texas Christian University's John V. Roach Honors College. Pitcock joined TCU in 2001 and has spent the past 15 years in the Roach Honors College. His term as dean began on June 1.



1992

Frank Amidon and Stephanie McCann were married March 19, in Florida. The couple reside in Tallahassee.

■ **Jeff Magginnis** was named Community First Bank's new senior vice president, SBA program director.



1995

Jeff Frost was named president of Yorktown (IN) based Mursix Corp., which specializes in custom-engineered products and precision machining. Frost formerly served as the company's director of operations.



2000

Jeremy Bird was named the new chief policy officer at rideshare company, Lyft. He previously worked as the deputy chief policy and public engagement officer at Lyft.

■ **John Fleming** joined Katz Korin Cunningham law firm in Indianapolis as a partner with the business transaction practice group. Fleming concentrates his practice representing lenders, borrowers, investors, and businesses in complex financing, business, and real estate transactions.



2003

Mark Manchak began work with the newly-created Public Defender's Office in Hancock County, IN. Manchak has practiced criminal law since 2008.

2005

Jonathan Schwarz was appointed as the new director of Massachusetts Institute of Technology's institutional research.



2006

Elliot Vice joined Faegre Drinker in the Washington, DC, office as the consulting firm's new director.



2010

Emmanuel Aouad accepted a position to join Stripe as an OpEx program manager. Stripe, headquartered in San Francisco and Dublin, is a financial infrastructure platform for businesses. ■ **Jacob Jeffries** of Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson was among top young attorneys honored in the 2022 edition of Texas Rising Stars. Jeffries is a family law attorney.



2012

Scott Walker was promoted to president of 407 Marketing, a boutique marketing agency he helped found in 2017. The agency focuses on design, website development, and marketing development for businesses. He writes, "After a protracted search in a very competitive housing market, my partner, Jessica, and I just closed on our first home together in Houston's Huntwick Forest neighborhood."

2014

Ian and Rachel **MacDougall** welcomed the birth of their daughter, Adaline Jane MacDougall, February 2. Ian is an associate strategic communications director at Purdue University.

2015

Tyler Andrews was named a 2022 honoree of *The Pittsburgh Business Times 30 Under 30*. Winners on the list include young business and community leaders from western Pennsylvania.



2021

Joe LaRue was named managing editor at *The Times* in Noblesville, IN



1939

Donald L. Custis, 104, died March 18, 2021, in Savannah, GA.

He was born July 23, 1917, in Goshen, IN. While attending Wabash, he wrote for *The Bachelor* and was a member of the Glee Club and Beta Theta Pi.

He graduated from Northwestern University Medical School. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1942. He completed his internship at Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago. His wartime service was as medical officer on the USS Clinton that participated in the final campaign of the war—the taking of Okinawa.

During a 10-year break from the Navy from 1946 to 1956, Custis was a surgical resident at Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle, a surgical fellow at the Mason Clinic, a surgeon in private practice, and a clinical associate in surgery at the University of Washington Medical School.

In 1956, Custis joined the staff of the American Medical Association Council on Medical Education where he certified residency programs throughout the country. Later that same year, he returned to the Navy as a staff surgeon at the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, VA. Subsequent assignments saw his responsibilities grow. He had succeeding assignments as chief of surgery at several Navy hospitals and later as an executive officer at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital.

He then served a year in Vietnam as commanding officer of the Naval Hospital in Danang. Afterward, he commanded the Bethesda Naval Hospital for three years before becoming the 31st Surgeon General of the Navy in 1973.

Following his retirement from the Navy in 1976 with the rank of vice admiral, Custis went on to serve in the Veterans Administration, Washington, DC, as the director of the Office for Academic Affairs where he oversaw all of the VA's graduate medical relations with medical schools throughout the country. In 1978, he was appointed as the chief medical director of the Veterans Administration by President Jimmy Carter, a position he held for six years.

Retiring for the second time, his work with America's wounded warriors wasn't over. He accepted a position as medical director of



the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) where he directed the PVA's grants to medical institutions throughout the country in their research and support of paralyzed veterans. While at the PVA, Custis also established an independent budget review of the VA's budget. The independent budget assessed the degree to which the budget was meeting the growing needs of American's veterans. The independent budget ultimately became critical to congressional passage of the VA's annual appropriation.

In his career, Custis received numerous awards and distinctions, including the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit with Combat V for military service in Vietnam and the American Medical Association's prestigious Nathan Davis Award.

Custis was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis.

He is survived by his children, Bruce and Peter; and two grandchildren.

1944

John M. Chittick, 102, died March 7 in Scottsdale, AZ.

Born November 20, 1919, in Cutler, IN, he was the son of Edna and Loren Chittick.

A graduate of Flora (IN) High School, he attended Wabash for two years before enlisting in the U.S. Army. While attending Wabash, he was a member of Sigma Chi.

Chittick served in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1945 as a master sergeant with the 71st Infantry, 44th Division in France, Austria, and Germany. He was awarded three Bronze Stars, Combat Infantry Badge, the American Defense Ribbon and the EAME Service Medal. In 2015 the president of the French Republic bestowed him with The National Order of The Legion of Honor. Upon returning from Europe, Chittack joined his father in business at L.M. Chittick and Son, an implement business operating in Flora. He also created a fertilizer blending business in Camden, IN.

In 1969, Chittack moved to Scottsdale, where he owned and operated two commercial battery businesses. He later sold his enterprises to Exide Industries. He subsequently worked as a consultant for Exide for several years.

Chittick was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie; and daughter, Victoria.

He is survived by a daughter, Rebecca; companion, Kirsten Olson; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

1950

Robert V. Held, 93, died August 24, 2021, in Ormand Beach, FL.

Born August 20, 1928, in Richland, IN, he was the son of Mildred and Christian Held.

While attending Wabash, he was a member of Delta Tau Delta.

He served in the U.S. Army, before moving to Martinez, GA. He was a pharmacist at the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center before retiring.

Held was preceded in death by his wife, Peggy; and son, Graham.

He is survived by his daughter, Deborah Ann.

Roy Lee McCormick, 92, died January 25 in Normandy, TN.

Born February 8, 1929, in Hillsboro, IN, he was the son of Ruth and Howard McCormick. While attending Wabash, he was a member of the Glee Club, Concert Band, and was an independent.

He retired as a professor at Ball State University.

McCormick was preceded in death by his wife, Clara; and brother, **Francis McCormick '49**.

He is survived by his children, Sheryl and Jay; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

1955

William R. Bell, 88, died March 1 in Evergreen, CO.

Born July 1, 1933, in Park Hills, KY, he attended Walnut Hills High School and received his law degree from the University of Cincinnati Law School. While attending Wabash, he was a member of the track team, Sphinx Club, and Sigma Chi.

Bell practiced law in Denver and Evergreen for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Jackie.

Frederick Duane Blume, 88, died February 24 in Vallejo, CA.

Born August 27, 1933, in Mishawaka, IN, he was the son of Simone and Frederick Blume.

Blume graduated from Mishawaka High School in 1951. While attending Wabash, he was an independent.

In 1964, he earned a PhD in physiology from the University of California, Berkeley.

He became the assistant director and resident scientist at the White Mountain Research Station in Bishop, CA, from 1964 to 1972. During that period, he served on the Bishop Elementary School Board, helped start the Inyo County Mental Health Association, and introduced University of California Extension courses for residents.

In 1971, he served as the oxygen officer on the international Himalayan expedition to Mount Everest. He directed the development of a portable oxygen system, in collaboration with Dr. Nello Pace and the Robertshaw Control Company, allowing two climbers to stay 21 days above 23,000 feet on Mount Everest.

Blume was selected in 1972 to be the chairman of the department of biology at California State University, Bakersfield. During his 28-year tenure, he served as department chair, the faculty representative on the foundation board, and was active for many years in the academic senate, including two terms as chair. In 1981, he was the deputy leader in charge of finance and logistics of the American Medical Research Expedition to Everest. In 1987, he led the Himalayan-Andean research expedition, which compared the physiological features of the Sherpa and Quechua.

In 1993, his grant proposal for the development of a vaccine against "Valley Fever" was funded by the California Healthcare Foundation. He served as director of the Valley Fever Project for two years until his retirement in 2000.

He is survived by his wife, Doris; children, Michael, Patricia, Robert, Matthew, Andrew, Anthony, Kathleen, Timothy, and Christopher; 14 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A Long History of Giant Shoulders

by Nolan Eller '11

AT WABASH, WE OFTEN SPEAK OF standing on the shoulders of giants. Nowhere is this more evident in my personal story than in the basement of the Lilly Library, behind the bronze doors that once stood at the library's main entrance, now the doors that stand as the entry to the Thomas Ramsay Jr. Archival Center. The seven archivists, on whose shoulders I stand, together form the foundation of the archives at Wabash College. Edmund O. Hovey, Nora Hopkins, Gladys Otto, Bob Harvey, Don Thompson, Johanna Herring, and Beth Swift have contributed in so many ways to ensure that the history of this institution has been preserved and made available for generations. Since graduating from Wabash in 2011 and returning as archivist, I have had the pleasure of meeting and interacting with these giants through their collections and work.

The story of the archives at Wabash College starts at our founding. Edmund O. Hovey, while not an official archivist, understood the importance of preserving and collecting our shared history from the earliest days. His interest in natural history would see him amass one of the most comprehensive collections of artifacts and specimens on that subject. While the museum no longer exists, it was because of this museum that the archives got its founding with the creation of the History Room in Yandes Library. Before this, the historical documents of the College were housed in College Library, which was in many different places, until moving to Yandes Library in 1890. Years later, with the addition of the Hovey Letters and the Hovey Scrapbook, his collections formed the backbone of what would become the college archives.

While Hovey laid the initial foundations for the archives, Nora L. Hopkins, wife of President Louis Hopkins, was the first individual officially hired to organize and preserve the archival collections of the College. She was hired in 1941 to manage the collections of

the History Room. Her organizational work built the foundation for which the archives exist today. I often run across her notes and work when digging into some of our earliest collections. I first met Nora Hopkins in her many letters to some of the first Japanese students at Wabash in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The letters from former students have a sense of the appreciation and affection toward Hopkins. Because of this correspondence, we have been able to tell their stories and learn more about what life was like for Japanese students.

Following Hopkins' tenure, which ended in 1943, Gladys Otto oversaw the archives from 1945 to 1971. She was instrumental in moving the collections from Yandes to the Lilly Library in 1959 and cataloging the collection to ensure it was more accessible to researchers. At that time, the archives was located on the third floor of the library, where the third-floor seminar room now stands.

In 1971 the archives became an official department, with Robert S. Harvey [W'28] being hired as the first archivist. Harvey had a long and distinguished career at Wabash as a student and faculty member. Many alumni and students still read his work in *These Fleeting Years: Wabash College 1832–1982*. Harvey and Don Thompson established the operational functions of the archives that would allow it to grow and thrive. Thompson donated the National Horse Thief Detective Association Collection to the College, one of the archives' most used and cited collections. Now digitized, it can be accessed on the archives' website.

Johanna Herring became archivist in 1985. During her tenure, the archives became the Robert T. Ramsay Jr. Archival Center and was moved to the current location in the basement. Herring shepherded the collections into the 21st century and instituted many of the current policies and procedures.



Don Thompson

She served as archivist until 2003, and upon her retirement, Beth Swift was elevated to the role of archivist. It was under Swift's direction that the collections of the archives expanded. She worked diligently to share the stories from the Ramsay Archives and to allow those stories to travel worldwide as the archives expanded through digital collections, blog postings, and social media. Swift became the College's first full-time archivist. For 21 years, she brought the stories of the archives into the hearts and minds of those who love and have an interest in Wabash College.

As I have begun my journey as archivist, I have had the privilege to get to know all those who come before me, and am honored to stand on their shoulders and serve my alma mater. There are so many more stories to be told, collections to be explored, and voices to be heard. I am excited to get to work !

For more information about the history of the archives, Wabash College, or any of our collections, please contact **Nolan Eller '11** at ellern@wabash.edu and follow him on Instagram [@wallysattic](https://www.instagram.com/wallysattic) for weekly updates on the College's history!



1956

David W.

Givens, 89, died January 27 in Indianapolis.

Born March 18, 1932, in Porter, IN, Givens relocated to Indianapolis in 1941 when his father was elected treasurer for the State of Indiana.

He attended Indianapolis Public School 84 and Broad Ripple High School. He served in the U.S. Army at the time of the Korea Conflict, but was able to matriculate to Wabash College and graduate in 1956. While attending Wabash, he was a member of Beta Theta Pi.

Givens pursued his law degree from the Indiana University School of Law, graduating in 1960. During law school, he worked during the day for the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles and became the deputy commissioner.

After receiving his law degree, Givens joined Bushmann, Krieg, DeVault, Alexander and progressed to partnership. In 1974, Givens was recruited to become the first general counsel for Indiana National Corporation. He later became its president. Following the merger of INB National Bank with NBD Bank, N.A., Givens continued with the combined institution, retiring as the president and chief operating officer in 1993. Givens concluded his career as of counsel to the law firm Johnson Smith Pence Densborn Wright & Heath.

Givens was chairman of the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee (GIPC) during Mayor Bill Hudnut's tenure and, in 1982, was president of the Indianapolis 500 Festival, culminating years of service on its board in many capacities including chairperson for the queen's pageant. As chairman of GIPC, he focused on childcare, funding social causes, and community-police relations. Also, during the Hudnut years, Givens served as one of five trustees for the Krannert Charitable Trust. Among the achievements during his tenure were the creation of an Institute of Cardiology at Indiana University, a Graduate School of Management at Purdue University, a Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Illinois, and a pavilion at the Indianapolis Museum of Art.



Givens served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Wabash College from 1987 to 2007, and as an emeritus trustee for the last 15 years. Wabash awarded Givens an honorary doctorate in 2014. Givens also served as a member of the Board of Visitors for the Indiana University School of Law—Indianapolis. He received the McKinney School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award in 1990 and the IUPUI Spirit of Philanthropy Award in 1998.

As a member of the Board of Directors of VISA, Inc., the issuer of VISA credit cards, Givens served several terms alongside prominent fellow directors, including President George H.W. Bush.

Givens has been recognized over the years for his many contributions, but few more cherished than having been named Sagamore of the Wabash by Indiana Governor Robert D. Orr in 1988 and Indiana Governor Evan Bayh in 1993.

Givens was an avid open wheel racing fan, particularly IndyCar and the Indianapolis 500, having attended 52 races during his lifetime (49 consecutively).

Memorial contributions can be named to the to the David and Betty Givens Scholarship Fund at Wabash College.

Givens was preceded in death by his wife, Betty.

He is survived by his children, Kathy Stephany and **David Givens Jr. '87**; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, **James Givens Jr. '50**; and nephew, **Edward Wright '72**.

Larry B. Slagle, 87, died January 10 in Washington, DC.

Born December 17, 1934, he was the son of Luella and William Slagle. While attending Wabash, he wrote for *The Bachelor*, and performed in Scarlet Masque.

In 1995, he was a heart transplant recipient.

He retired in 1994 as director of personnel at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Slagle loved dachshunds; bike marathons (100 miles a day for fitness and to benefit causes that he supported); traveling around the globe with his 50-year partner, David Maxfield; his nephew and two nieces; the Nationals baseball team; and the reconciling Foundry Methodist Church in Washington, DC.

1957

Larry J. Chapman, 86, died February 22, in Marion, IN. Born April 25, 1935, in Marion, IN, he was the son of Opal and Wilbur Chapman.

He graduated from Marion High School in 1953. While attending Wabash, he was a member of the tennis team and Phi Gamma Delta.

Chapman enjoyed a long career at Foster-Forbes, where he worked as an engineer and manager in several different functions, including starting their IT department. He served in the Indiana Army National Guard and was on the Board of Directors for Foster-Forbes Credit Union.

He was a dedicated Boy Scout leader for 40 years, where he had a positive impact on the lives of many young people and was awarded the Silver Beaver award for distinguished service.

Chapman was preceded in death by his first wife, Rita.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; sons, Gregory and Don; six grandchildren; and brothers, **Ed Chapman ’72**, **Alan Chapman ’74**, and Tim Chapman.

George Uriah Dougherty,

90, died November 11, 2021, in Indianapolis, IN.

Born June 10, 1931, in Indianapolis, he was the son of Fredericka and Emory Dougherty.

While attending Wabash, he was a member of Beta Theta Pi.

Dougherty worked as a systems analyst at several large companies, including American Fletcher National Bank. Later, he saw a better, faster way to deliver computer services and formed Information Dynamics, Inc., one of Indiana's first independent data processing companies.

In his younger years, Dougherty loved to play the clarinet and saxophone. His 14-piece band played “big band” music at special events.

He is survived by his wife, Wendy; children, Debby and Trent; and two grandchildren.

1958

Joseph E. Costanza, 85, died February 6 in Ogden Dunes, IN.

He was born March 2, 1936, in Chicago’s Little Italy.

Costanza graduated from East Chicago Washington High School. While attending Wabash, he was a member of the Sphinx Club and Phi Gamma Delta.

He attended Northwestern University School of Law where he was a member of Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity. He obtained his JD in 1961 and was admitted to the Bar in Illinois and Indiana in 1961.

Costanza retired from the law firm of Burke, Costanza, and Carberry after 50 years of practice and exemplary mentorship.

Costanza’s early practice was in East Chicago, IN, where he developed his interest in serving his community through representation of various municipal bodies and local institutions. He was special counsel to the town of Ogden Dunes. Costanza was a commissioner on the Indiana Port Commission, and served as special counsel to the Commission.

He sat on the board and was secretary of the First National Bank of East Chicago and later was a director for the American Trust & Savings Bank of Whiting, IN. He served as the chairman of the board of St. Catherine’s Hospital for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Aurelia; children, Jennifer, Madeleine, Charles, and Mia; eight grandchildren; and nephew, **Aaron Hoffman ’93**.

Kenneth Neal Jones, 86, died

February 25 in Bow, NH.

Born October 22, 1935, in Rensselaer, IN, he was the son of Viola and Wayne Jones.

Neal graduated from Crawfordsville High School. While attending Wabash, he was a member of the track team and Sigma Chi.

After joining the U.S. Marine Corps in 1956, Neal earned a BA in psychology from Miami University, Ohio.

After attending the officer candidate course, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant. Serving in both Kodiak, AK, and Vietnam, Neal was honorably discharged as a decorated captain after 14 years.

Moving to New Hampshire in 1975, he became a chartered property and casualty underwriter for State Farm Insurance, retiring in 1997.

He is survived by his wife, Jane; children, Kenneth, Andrew, and Elizabeth; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.



Richard Adam “Dick”

Bottomley, 85, died February 23 in Anderson, IN.

He was born February 26, 1936, in Mount Vernon, IN, to Loretta and Oscar Bottomley.

While attending Wabash, he performed in Scarlet Masque productions and was a member of Phi Gamma Delta.

He earned his Eagle Scout and served in the U.S. Marine Corp.

Bottomley was a financial advisor and retired in 2016 after 50 years of continuous employment starting with Thomson McKinnon Securities and ending with Wells Fargo Advisors.

He is survived by his wife, Suzanne; children, Stephen, David, and Elizabeth; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

1960

Milton L. Brooks died November 23, 2021, in Copper Hill, VA.

While attending Wabash, he was a member of the Speakers Bureau and was an independent. He received first place in the Baldwin Oratorical Contest.

He had been employed with the U.S. Department of Transportation in Washington, DC, and retired in 1997.

1962

John C. “Jack” Arbo, 81, died January 3 in New York City.

Born September 30, 1940, he was the son of Jean and Harold Arbo. While attending Wabash, he was a member of the wrestling team and Beta Theta Pi.

He earned his MS and MPhil degrees in nuclear science and engineering at Columbia University. He conducted experimental research there and at Brookhaven N.L. and Oak Ridge N.L. At Columbia, he was the cornerstone of the graduate program in medical physics, serving as student academic advisor and instructor for 22 years.

He is survived by his wife, Marlene; children, Rani and John; and three grandchildren.

Thomas Korff

Gaisser, 81, died February 20 in Swarthmore, PA.

He was born March 12, 1940, in Evansville, IN. While attending Wabash, he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta.



He won a Marshall Scholarship to study in the UK. He went on to earn a master’s in physics at the University of Bristol.

Gaisser started his career as a theoretical particle physicist after obtaining a PhD from Brown University in 1967. Following postdoctoral positions at MIT and Cambridge University, he joined the Bartol Research Foundation, where he made the transition to cosmic-ray physics.

He was best known to many physicists for his book, *Cosmic Rays and Particle Physics*, based on a one-semester course that he taught while on sabbatical at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, first published in 1990. Gaisser updated and expanded it with Ralph Engel and Elisa Resconi for a second edition, released in 2016.

He was the founder of the IceCube Neutrino Observatory collaboration, which began construction in fall 2004. He retired as the Martin A. Pomerantz Professor Emeritus of Physics at the University of Delaware.

He is survived by his wife, Julia; son, Thomas; and two grandchildren.

Ronald Wayne McCoy, 81, died February 6 in Muscle Shoals, AL.

Born September 25, 1940, in Memphis, TN, he was the son of Esther and Loren McCoy.

McCoy graduated from Robinson (IL) High School in 1958, where he excelled at track and field. While attending Wabash, he was a member of the Concert Band and Phi Kappa Psi.

He attended the University of Illinois Medical School in Chicago. After earning his MD degree, he did a one-year internship and a three-year residency in internal medicine at Cook County Hospital, in Chicago. While at Cook County Hospital, he served as the president of the interns and residents association and was a patient advocate.

He then joined the U.S. Air Force in 1970 as a captain and was stationed at Warner Robins AFB, where he was second in command of the base hospital. He was promoted to the rank of major, finished his two-year commitment, and was honorably discharged.



In the mid-1980s, McCoy went out on his own and moved to the medical office building at Shoals Hospital in Muscle Shoals, where he remained until the 1990s.

He is survived by his wife, Louise; children, **Loren McCoy ’90** and Molly Hood; three grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

1964

Samuel Louis Montgomery died February 16 in Fishers, IN.

While attending Wabash, he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta.

Montgomery had a nearly 30-year career with Eli Lilly starting in sales in Santa Maria, CA. Montgomery’s Eli Lilly career sent him to Indianapolis, Greenfield, MA, and Geneva, Switzerland. He held significant roles in sales, human resources, and distribution before retirement in 1993.

After Eli Lilly, he had success in business development at his startup, Wabash Trading, as well as the established firms of George S. Olive, Arthur Anderson, and retirement from Deloitte and KPMG.

Montgomery was preceded in death by his first wife, Stephanie.

He is survived by his wife, Mia; and children, John, William, and Katherine.

Michael J.

Tuberty, 79, died December 25, 2021, in Kokomo, IN.

Born July 2, 1942, in Logansport, IN, he was the son of Virginia and Harold Tuberty.

Tuberty was a 1960 graduate of Logansport High School. While attending Wabash, he was a member of the Glee Club, Sphinx Club, and Sigma Chi.

He received a master’s degree in industrial psychology from the University of Detroit in 1968. He also served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1970 as a chaplain assistant, obtaining the rank of corporal.

Tuberty retired from Chrysler Corporation in 2001 after 37 years of service. During that time, he held various positions in human resources in Detroit and in Kokomo, including human resources manager at the Kokomo Casting Plant and personnel administration supervisor and labor relations manager for the Kokomo Complex.



He was a longtime supporter of youth sports and for many years was a volunteer assistant basketball coach at Western Middle School and an assistant coach in the Russiaville Girls Softball League.

He is survived by his wife, Judy; children, Leisa and Christopher; and five grandchildren.

1966

Thomas A. Raycroft, 83, died February 21 in Whiting, IN.

Born May 21, 1938, in Hammond, he was the son of Cecilia and Maurice Raycroft.

He graduated from Clark High School. While attending Wabash, he was a member of Phi Delta Theta.

Raycroft was a retired salesman for Chemtool Inc.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; nine children; and 17 grandchildren.

1972

Thomas C. Blanchar died August 15, 2018, in Cape Coral, FL.

Blanchar attended Wabash for five semesters and was a member of Beta Theta Pi.

Mark Sumpter Wall died August 6, 2021, in Columbus, NC.

1974

Mark Powell Nicolini, 69, died January 19 in Scottsdale, AZ.

Born February 21, 1952, he was the son of Thelma and Lewis Nicolini.

Nicolini graduated from Marian (IN) High School in 1970. In 1974, he graduated *summa cum laude* from Wabash, where he was Phi Beta Kappa and earned a bachelor’s degree in political science. He was nominated by the faculty for a Rhodes Scholarship and was selected as one of two commencement speakers. In addition, he was a four-year letter winner in football, and was named to the second team Indiana Collegiate Conference in 1972. He was awarded an NCAA postgraduate award for outstanding achievement in scholarship and athletics. He earned his master’s degree in 1983 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Public Administration.

In 1983, Nicolini began his 35-year career in public service as a budget analyst in the Department of Public Instruction and in the State Budget Office in Madison, WI.

Nicolini moved to Milwaukee in 1989 and began his career with the city as a fiscal review manager in the Milwaukee Legislative Reference Bureau. From 1998 through 2004, Nicolini served in a budget and strategic planning position as a strategy manager with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District. He retired in 2017 after 13 years as Milwaukee’s budget and management director. Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett proclaimed October 18, 2017, as Mark Nicolini Day. Nicolini received the Lifetime Achievement award from the Wisconsin Policy Forum in June 2018.

In 2019, Nicolini was inducted into the Marian High School Hall of Fame. He was an All-Star in the North-South Indiana All-Star classic. Nicolini was preceded in death by his wife, Basilisa.

He is survived by his fiancée, Kathleen “Kathy” Oestreich.

1977

Mark S. Kendra, 66, died December 28, 2021, in Highland, IN.

Born August 7, 1955, in Chicago, he was the son of Mary and Frank Kendra.

Kendra graduated from Highland High School in 1973. While attending Wabash, he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi. He attended Indiana University, and earned his doctorate from Indiana University School of Dentistry in 1982.

He started his first dental practice near downtown Highland and eventually moved to the current location on Indianapolis Boulevard in 1987, where his daughters still practice today.

He is survived by his wife, Sheryl; and children, Marisa, Taylor, and Austen.

1979

Matthew Philip Forrester, 65, died April 21 in Madison, IN.

Born October 5, 1956, in Fort Wayne, IN, he was the son of Betty and Richard Forrester.

He graduated from Columbia City High School in 1975. While attending Wabash, he was an independent.

He joined the State of Indiana as an examiner for the Department of Financial Institutions and traveled all over the state. He joined Home Loan Savings Bank of Fort Wayne in 1985 as assistant treasurer and earned his master’s in business administration in 1987 from St. Francis College.

In 14 years at Home Loan Bank, he was senior vice president, treasurer, and chief financial officer and in the community served on the Fort Wayne Neighborhood Housing Partnership, Kiwanis, and Toastmasters. In 1999, he became chief executive officer and president of River Valley Financial Bank in Madison. Over the next 22 years he also served on many boards, often as president or chairman, including the Madison-Jefferson County Community Foundation, Girls Inc., Madison Education Foundation, Indiana Bankers Association, Madison Rotary Club, Madison Redevelopment Commission, Madison State Hospital Reuse Commission, and the Jefferson County Industrial Development Corporation.

He served on the Hanover College Board of Trustees from 2010 to 2018. He was a director for the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis from 2010 to 2017. He chaired capital campaigns for Ivy Tech Madison Campus, Girls Inc., and Madison’s Bicentennial Committee. He was honored as a Sagamore of the Wabash by Indiana Governor Eric J. Holcomb in 2019, was recipient of the Jeff Garrett Community Service Award by the Madison Chamber of Commerce in 2014, and was among a handful of Jefferson County residents selected to participate as torchbearers during Indiana’s 2016 Bicentennial Celebration. He retired as regional chairman of German American Bank in 2018.

He is survived by his wife, Andrea; children, **Andrew Forrester ’11** and Meghan; and three grandchildren.



LEGACIES

IT HAPPENED IN VARIOUS WAYS.

Old friends reunited. Alumni from vastly different generations became new friends. Alumni traveled from out of state to pay tribute to a Wabash celebrity. And some very special people passed away.

This summer I have felt both joy and sadness as I witnessed and thought about all these relationships budding, growing, and changing. I am grateful for their place in my life and the life of the College. Theirs are the giant shoulders on which many of us stand.

At the Big Bash alumni reunion I sat at dinner with the Class of 1982 listening to and sharing stories. I was struck by the importance of that class in my life. These were the men who were seniors when I was a freshman. I mimicked how they conducted themselves in the classroom, around campus, at practice, during games, and in life in general. They molded who I became without any of us knowing it. Thanks to Joe Pfennig, Rich Blastie, Scott Dreher, Pete Metzelaars,

Daryl Johnson, Chris Carr, Dave Rogers, Bill Luckey, and men like them.

The Wabash Club of Fort Wayne hosted the Big Cookie Open. The annual golf outing is named in honor of, of course, the Big Cookie himself, Rem Johnston ’55, who touched so many alumni over several decades. I watched as alumni returned from places like Texas, North Carolina, Cleveland, and Chicago to participate because of Johnston’s importance in their lives.

This summer saw the loss of some extraordinary people. John Goodrich ’68 was a Wabash legend in many ways, and not just his ponytail, red suspenders, and red Chuck Taylors. Goodrich recruited over 100 young men to Wabash. Let me repeat that, John recruited over 100 young men to Wabash! Think of the lives that he influenced.

We also lost Jim Engledow ’78, a positive and calm voice on the National Association of Wabash Men (NAWM) board and an alumnus force in the Beta house.

We lost Marion Powell H’55, the widow of faculty legend Vic Powell H’55, who was just made an honorary alumnae last year. And we lost Laura Carlson, wife of well-known former football coach Greg Carlson, who was special to me as a player and assistant football coach. To see the players and other coaches show up to support Coach Carlson was emotional and inspiring.

Each time I write about Wabash people, I feel as though I am doing a disservice to their legacies because I could write an entire article on each one of them. I urge you to think of the Wabash relationships that you have had and their influence on who you’ve become. Reach out to someone important with whom you have not connected recently. You will be glad that you did.

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Members of the Class of 1982 gathered in June at Big Bash to celebrate their 40th reunion.

GIANT QUESTIONS

I STARTED TO WRITE THIS NOTE

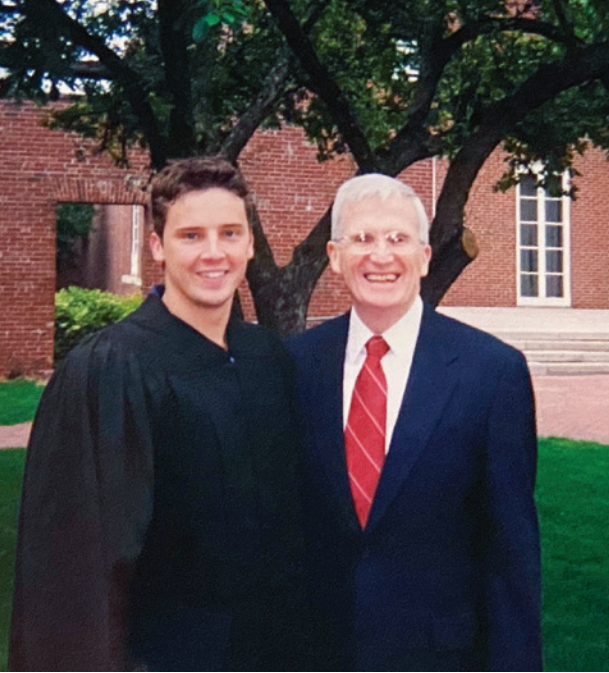
to our Wabash family about giant shoulders—how we all benefit from the generosity and example of others. Yet, the giant shoulders on which we often stand at Wabash have multiple dimensions and are molded by the giant questions we face together.

One of the great traditions of Wabash is the challenging questions we are asked to wrestle with as students. How the College embraces difficult questions is foundational to the education it provides young men. The questions are deep and have a soul to them that are reflected on after years of learning and experience. These questions ultimately shape the direction of the life we lead and the decisions we make.

I still reflect on and embrace the question President Andy Ford H’04 challenged our class with on the day we arrived in August 1999, “Will you save civilization?” Before I took a single class at Wabash, this was how he greeted us in front of our parents and loved ones just before ringing us in with the Caleb Mills Bell. I recall the daunting nature and weight of that question.

In conversations with classmates during our four years together, we asked ourselves, “Can we even save civilization? How do we do it? Where do we start?”

President Ford’s question to us does not have a single or simple answer. The answer must be explored, and is why we share the stories of the broad diversity of impactful alumni



Kip Chase ’03 with President Andy Ford H’04 at Commencement in 2003.

Maybe there is no better description of the Wabash education and student experience than this line. Maybe he knew his answer to the question, “Will we save civilization?” all along and only gave us a glimpse of it the last time our class stood together as students.

Who was the person at Wabash who impressed upon you the giant questions with which you still wrestle that shaped your calling? It’s likely not just one person, professor, classmate, or coach. When we get together again on campus or for Wabash events around the globe, please continue to share the stories around the questions that shape us. The stories we retell are foundational to the traditions we inherit at Wabash.

Join me in honoring President Ford, who passed away earlier this year, by continuing to ask these giant questions. My guess is he will be watching down on these discussions with a smile.

M. Kip Chase ’03 | President, National Association of Wabash Men

“We have trained you for nothing but prepared you for everything.”

The beauty of Wabash is that these piercing questions come from everywhere. We love to talk about those questions even after years. We remember with impeccable detail where we were, who asked them, and when we were asked. When we get together, we inevitably discuss them—a question that stumped us in comps, the challenging question from a coach or teammate in the middle of a practice, or the prompt that left us scratching our heads far beyond the paper or exam. These questions stay with us through life—pandemics, wars, birthdays, weddings, celebrations, holidays, and even funerals.

in *Wabash Magazine*. We aim to save civilization, or at least some small part of it, as teachers, journalists, doctors, government leaders, lawyers, carpenters, psychologists, soldiers, builders, and businessmen. But we do not stop there. Our alumni go beyond their professions and devote time giving back to their local communities and not-for-profit organizations.

In May 2003, Ford looked at our graduating class, four years after asking us, “Will we save civilization?” and provided us one last line of wisdom. He said, “We have trained you for nothing but prepared you for everything.”

Steven James Hiles, 65, died February 22 in Granbury, TX. Born October 26, 1956, in North Chicago, IL, he was the son of Mary and Wilbur Hiles.

He graduated from Elkhart Central High School. While attending Wabash, he was an independent.

Hiles was employed at New York Life Insurance Co.

He is survived by his wife, Malinda; children, Kevin, Collin, and Katie; and one granddaughter.

1993

Luyen Le, 50, died March 8 in Seymour, IN.

Born January 6, 1972, in Vietnam, he was the son of Thu T. Le and Lan Pham.

Le was a 1989 graduate of Seymour High School. While attending Wabash, he wrote for *The Bachelor* and was a member of Alpha Phi Omega and Delta Tau Delta.

Le graduated from Indiana University Medical School in 1997, and was a general surgeon at Schneck Medical Center in Seymour.

He is survived by his wife, Tiffany; parents; and children, Gavin and Kellan.

2002

Kyle Henry Hunter Case, 42, died April 20 in Bargersville, IN.

Born June 10, 1979, in New Castle, IN, he was the son of Nan and Henry Case.

He graduated from Rushville (IN) High School in 1997. While attending Wabash, he was a member of the football team and Phi Delta Theta.

Case had been an assistant manager for 84 Lumber in Las Vegas, NV, and formerly in Castleton, IN, and Greenwood, IN.

He is survived by his parents; daughter, Arden Elyse; paternal grandmother, Geraldine Patricia Case; sisters, Jill and Christine Case; and cousin, **Joseph Heller '04**.

2013

Salvador Espino Jr., 31, died February 14 in Indianapolis.

Born April 12, 1990, in Fort Worth, TX, he was the son of Elizabeth and Salvador Espino.

He was a graduate of Nolan Catholic High School. While attending Wabash, he was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

He was very skilled in organizing grassroots political campaigns from Texas to Missouri to New Hampshire. Espino was also a good cook and avid reader of books.

He is survived by his parents; and siblings, Robert, Alyssa, and Daniel.

2018

Jared Daniel Page, 25, died May 5, 2021, in Mishawaka, IN.

Born February 22, 1996, in South Bend, IN, he was the son of Karen Patterson and William Sanders.

Page graduated from Washington (IN) High School in 2014. While attending Wabash, he was a member of Kappa Sigma.

He also attended Indiana University South Bend where he majored in Business.

Page worked at Kroger for a year and at Hacienda for five years where he became a manager. He also worked at Wings Etc. and at Mattress Firm as a manager in training.

Page was preceded in death by his father.

He is survived by his mother; sisters, Faren and Jewel Page; brothers, Adrian Brown and William Travis Sanders; and fiancée, Kylie McKee.

Andrew Thomas “Andy” Ford H’04, the 14th President of Wabash College, died February 19 in Glen Ellyn, IL.

President Ford led Wabash from 1993 through 2006. Ford oversaw an era of impressive growth for Wabash in enrollment, academic programs, fund-raising, and the endowment, while leading a massive overhaul of the physical campus.

He became the College’s president shortly after the divisive coeducation study, and worked in his first few years to heal the campus and begin the process of developing a series of strategic plans. He often led with the word “audacious,” and challenged Wabash to be as audacious about

its future as the pioneers were—those leaders who founded the College on the western frontier in 1832.

Ford and his wife, **Anne H’06**, arrived for their on-campus interview at Wabash a day early so they could walk around and get a feel for the place. “We wandered around and our first impression was the friendliness of the students,” he said in a 2003 interview. “They would stop and look you in your eyes and gladly offer to help—it was that kind of friendliness.”

Ford had a vision to place students at the center of every decision the College made, and they even played a key role of “ringing-in” the new president with replicas of the Caleb Mills Bell.

In order to achieve his audacious goals of stabilizing enrollment, recruiting excellent and engaging faculty, and raising funds, the College would need to see its alumni as a “strategic advantage.”

“It was clear from the coeducation study that the alumni were our strategic advantage,” he said. “The alumni care about the place passionately, they are supportive of the place, and indeed, if we could get them to become unpaid workers, as opposed to volunteers, then we could compensate for our small size. We don’t have all the administrators that other places do... and we don’t want to change that, but we do need to get things done.”

Ford led the largest fund-raising campaign in the College’s history at the time, the Campaign for Leadership, which surpassed its original goal of \$100 million to finish at \$136 million. The College needed funds to modernize its campus, and under Ford’s leadership, Wabash constructed new buildings (Hays Hall, Trippet Hall, Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies, Allen Athletics and Recreation Center, and five fraternity chapter houses) and renovated others (Goodrich Hall and four fraternity chapter houses).

In his inaugural address, President Ford said, “We shall... stay the course of the traditional liberal arts education that has served, and will continue to serve this society so well.” He was so committed to the liberal arts that creating a national center to study liberal arts education was at the heart of his strategic plan. He later helped the College land the largest

grant it has ever received, \$20.5 million from Lilly Endowment Inc., to establish the Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts at Wabash College. The Center of Inquiry would get a second eight-figure grant not long after.

He also served as president when Professor **Raymond Williams H’68** established the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, which was founded in 1995, and continues to flourish with ongoing funding from Lilly Endowment.

Ford, who came to Wabash after serving as an administrator at Allegheny College, ushered the College into the North Coast Athletic Conference around the turn of the century. He had helped create the original league while at Allegheny and hoped the conference, formed to create gender equity in sports, would accept a single-gender college like Wabash. The move involved a lot more travel for student-athletes, but positioned Wabash with excellent liberal arts colleges—like Wooster, Denison, Kenyon, and Oberlin—that were also partners in the Great Lakes Colleges Association.

Other highlights from Ford’s tenure at Wabash included the establishment of immersion learning programs, more robust internship and externship programs, an effort to integrate all administrative computing systems, and providing students with cutting-edge technology.

And—in keeping to his word about using alumni as the College’s strategic advantage—he worked with College Advancement to create more than 30 regional alumni associations around the country. The National Association of Wabash Men named him an honorary alumnus in 2003.



The Board of Trustees paid tribute to him at the time of his retirement by granting him an honorary degree, saying: “You have raised our sights for the potential of this college to serve future generations. You have had the audacity to challenge all of us at Wabash to be our very best; the audacity to proclaim the value of the liberal arts; the audacity to stand firm on the rigor, candor, and trust you noticed when you first arrived on campus; and the audacity of our founders to suggest that a handful of Wabash men could—and would—save civilization.”

Ford was an historian by training, earning his undergraduate degree from Seton Hall when it was still a college for men, and his PhD from the University of Wisconsin.

Ford is survived by his wife, Anne; daughter, Lauren; and grandchildren, Elsa and Andrew.

Stan Parrish, 75, died April 3 in Muncie, IN.

Parrish served as the head football coach at Wabash from 1978 to 1982.

Parrish was a 1964 graduate of Valley Forge High School in Parma Heights, OH. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Heidelberg in 1969, where he played defensive back from 1965 to 1968.

Parrish was Ball State’s quarterbacks coach in 2005 and was promoted to offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach in 2006. In 2008, he was one of five finalists for the Broyles Award, which goes to the top assistant coach in the nation. Parrish was named Ball State’s head coach in 2008 and coached in the GMAC Bowl Jan. 6, 2009.

Prior to Ball State, Parrish spent the 2002 and 2003 seasons as the quarterbacks coach of the NFL’s Tampa Bay Buccaneers. In 2002, he tutored starting quarterback Brad Johnson, who led Tampa

Bay to a 12–4 regular season record and the first Super Bowl Championship in franchise history.

Parrish spent six years on the staff at the University of Michigan, where he worked with former Ball State Head Coach Brady Hoke. In addition, Parrish served as head coach at Marshall from 1984 to 1985 and at Kansas State from 1986 to 1988.

Parrish is survived by his wife, Ruth; and children, Andrew and Libby.



J. Mark Dill ’75

J. Mark Dill, 68, died February 16 in Carmel, IN.

Born March 12, 1953, he was the son of Velma and Lawrence Dill.

Dill grew up on a farm in Warren County and attended Pine Village School before moving to Rensselaer, IN, in 1967 with his family. There he graduated from Rensselaer Central High School in 1971, was senior class president, and also voted as “most friendly” by his classmates.

While attending Wabash, he wrote for *The Bachelor*, and was a member of the Sphinx Club and Phi Delta Theta. Dill was the fundraising chairman for the new Phi Delta Theta house dedicated in September 2005.

He was a precinct committeeman for Hamilton County Republican Party, a member of Carmel United Methodist Church, Carmel Masonic Lodge #421 F. & A.M.,

Murat Shrine, Royal Order of Scotland, and a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason of the Indianapolis Valley of Scottish Rite. Mark received the distinguished 33rd Degree from the Scottish Rite in August 2008 in Providence, RI. Mark spent his career in finance, credit, and sales, and retired from the Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation as director of development in 2015

Dill was preceded in death by his brother, **Mike Dill ’71**.

He is survived by his wife, Monica.

A Remembrance

Few Wabash grads have left a legacy as strong as Mark Dill ’75 who died on February 16, 2022 and who, with his brother Mike ’71, brought new definition and purpose to my sense of brotherhood.

Mark followed his big brother to Wabash College in 1971 and pledged Phi Delta Theta right after Mike graduated and joined the Sphinx Club like his brother.

The Dills shared a commitment to give back. In 2002, they set up an endowed scholarship at Wabash honoring their parents, who made huge sacrifices to put their sons through school. To date, the Lawrence and Velma Dill Endowed Scholarship has benefitted 73 students.

I met Mark at about that time and quickly found him a magnetic force of fierce loyalty with an acute sense of humor. When the Campaign for Leadership initiated fraternity partnerships to renovate the chapter houses on campus, Mark joined our steering committee. Plenty of strategy sessions took place over catfish dinners at Frank and Mary’s in Pittsboro when Mike was in town for a trustee meeting, and the pair soon adopted me as their little brother.

Mark brought a zeal to our planning, fundraising, and communications with our Phi Delt Brothers. He researched the history of the old chapter house and made sure we preserved the character in the new house we built

in its place in 2005. Our project raised funds exceeding \$2 million from half of our alumni. Mark would often say there were two types of fraternity men at Wabash: “Phi Delts and everybody else who wished they’d been,” and he tapped that loyalty class by class.

A few years ago when Mark was diagnosed with a lung disease similar to one that took Mike, we met for lunch. He gave me a grocery bag full of Wabash and Phi Delt items including his Sphinx Club pot. He was calm and reflective, resigned to his fate but content with his life, dedicated to his bride, and satisfied with the contributions he had made.

In a heartfelt eulogy by Mike Shaver ’73, he said, “Courage and endurance are the only things that consistently survive life’s travails. Mark Dill had both. In a world of so many feckless friendships, we might overlook a soft heart with a spine of steel. When institutions lose their ‘human-ness,’ it is individual character, leadership, and courage, that restore the human-ness in those institutions. It is ours to choose whether to courageously attempt an earnest, respectful, honest discussion, while knowing that the discussion might be uncomfortable. Too few have the loving character for the sort of respectful discussion that Mark Dill so easily engaged.”

Meeting with Mark’s beloved wife, Monica, a few months after his funeral, she gave me his framed copy of the plaque that graces the entryway of the Phi Delt chapter house. It hangs on my office wall and reminds me of the brothers who worked selflessly to build it.

I’m an honorary member of the Sphinx Club, and last June, I judged the Alumni Chapel Sing at Big Bash. Instead of wearing my pot as I sat with my fellow judges in the balcony of the Chapel, I wore Mark’s in tribute. Long in our hearts, we’ll bear the sweetest mem’ries of thee, indeed.

Godspeed, Brother Mark. —Hugh Vandivier ’91

Wysocki Wins Excellence in Teaching Award

by Allie Northcutt

MOMENTS BEFORE DEAN of the College Todd McDorman announced the 2022 winner of the McLain-McTurnan-Arnold Excellence in Teaching Award, Laura Wysocki recalls looking around in admiration at her colleagues who surrounded her on stage during the College's annual Awards Chapel.

These faculty members—along with many others who came before her—have served as mentors to Wysocki over the 11 years of her Wabash career.

"It's not my turn yet," Wysocki told herself.

Many of Wysocki's colleagues who sat with her on the Pioneer Chapel stage might have disagreed. McDorman put the issue to rest by naming her the 2022 winner of the College's highest teaching honor.

The McLain-McTurnan-Arnold Excellence in Teaching Award honors the memories of Reid H. McLain '27, Clair McTurnan 1910, and Kent Arnold '29, and has been given annually to a member of the

faculty who has distinguished themselves by innovative and engaging teaching since 1965.

"The dedication as a teacher shown by this year's winner serves as a model for all of us," McDorman began his address in recognizing the award recipient.

"This year's recipient of the MMA teaching award may, by some measures, have the hardest job of all our faculty, because this person was hired to teach a subject that routinely tops national lists of the most difficult college courses, and inspires dread in the hearts of science majors all over the country," McDorman continued. "This could have been a recipe for disaster, but from this person's first days on campus, they have been known for going the extra mile and for infusing their classrooms with a deep and sincere passion for even the most challenging subjects.

"During the pandemic, (Wysocki) attended faculty development workshops to learn new pedagogical techniques for virtual and hybrid

learning, and spent the summer of 2020 meticulously creating videos of lab work that she knew would be vital to quarantined and remote students," McDorman said. "Not only do Wysocki's students learn to master the material, they gain confidence to tackle other new challenges."

As Wysocki made her way through the crowd to receive her honor from McDorman, cheers erupted throughout the Chapel. Faculty members gave hugs and high-fives, and rows of students gave a standing ovation in celebration of the honor.

When Wysocki looked down from the stage, she saw students she taught in courses like organic chemistry pumping their fists in excitement and cheering.

"That brought it home in a really different way," Wysocki says. "It felt like a shared experience, and that was really joyous for me."

"I get to watch a confidence build, and when I talk to students at the end of the year and they are able to reflect on how far they've come, that to me is a win. That's really rewarding."

Wysocki joined the Wabash faculty in 2011 after completing postdoctoral research at Howard Hughes Medical Institute's Janelia Research Campus; and a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She graduated *magna cum laude* with honors in chemistry and integrated science, earning a bachelor's degree in 2003 from Northwestern University.

Wysocki is a proud Wisconsin native who specializes in organic chemistry. She focuses on the synthesis and study of fluorescent dye derivatives that can be used as sensors or enzyme substrates.

She has always been inspired by the interdisciplinary nature of science and enjoys working with undergraduates in her laboratory exploring new ideas. She has recently taught special topics courses in natural product synthesis, the chemistry of the pharmaceutical industry, and dye chemistry.

Wysocki's favorite class to teach is organic chemistry. Not only is she passionate about the topic, but she finds joy in watching her students grow as scholars from the first day of class to the last.

Students come in knowing that the course is going to be hard, and Wysocki says it's her job to teach them they can do and accomplish hard things.

"When they first start the class, most students, whether they want to admit it or not, are intimidated by what's to come," Wysocki says. "Every year it's a shock for students to come to class and have words they've never heard before thrown at them, and I have to redefine those in a way that is understandable.

"It's all part of the journey, and it's that journey that I love the most about being a teacher," she said. "The journey they go on from that first day to the end of the year-long sequence is so dramatic in the transformation in the vocabulary they use, in the way they approach problems, and in all those skills and techniques that they

learn. I get to watch a confidence build, and when I talk to students at the end of the year and they are able to reflect on how far they've come, that to me is a win. That's really rewarding."

Wysocki has earned numerous accolades over the years as a scientist and teacher. Some of those include being the first to hold the Edwin J. Peck/David A. Phillips Professorship in Chemistry, a chair endowed by Phillips following his passing; being named Wabash's McLain-McTurnan-Arnold Research Scholar; and earning the Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award from University of Wisconsin-Madison.

In 2020, Wysocki, along with Associate Professor of Rhetoric Sara Drury, was awarded a nearly \$600,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to study the impacts of deliberation on undergraduate STEM education.

One of Wysocki's proudest accomplishments is being the mother to her five-year-old daughter, Abigail, who was able to make it to Awards Chapel to see her mother receive the McLain-McTurnan-Arnold Excellence in Teaching Award.

"She was so excited and proud of me," Wysocki says. "To see that look on her face was really, really meaningful."

Wysocki explained that she's been able to bring her daughter along with her on parts of her own journey as a teacher at Wabash, and through exposure to the classroom and students, Abigail has learned that the work her mother does every day is important.

"I am so lucky that the Wabash community has invested in me as a person, and that includes my family," Wysocki says. "I really benefit from the student investment in my life and their openness to my family, in a lot of ways." ■

Listen to Wysocki talk more about this honor on the *Wabash on My Mind* podcast. Visit wabashcollege.libsyn.com.

The Butler-Turner Student-Alumni Engagement Award

Given by the National Association of Wabash Men, the Butler-Turner Award is given to honor and recognize members of the Wabash faculty and staff who have made an outstanding contribution to Wabash by distinguishing themselves through the investment of personal time and resources resulting in a significant impact on Wabash students and/or alumni. This year's recipient was **Director of International Programs Amy Weir**.



I feel humbled. A lot of people don't understand the work I do because it's not as obvious as some jobs. It's great any time you are recognized for your work. Receiving this award was an extremely unexpected surprise, and it came at a time where it was personally uplifting to me, too.

Retirement Honorees



John Bir
John began working in Campus Services in 1971. He has been up to his waist in water, covered in hydraulic oil, and up to his ankles in... just about anything you might imagine. He never saw any job as beneath him, and he has always taken the time to go and help the team make a repair if they needed a hand. John, Wabash appreciates the sacrifices you and your family have made over the many years you have worked here. Thank you for all you have done to make this an excellent place for students to learn.

—From the Faculty and Staff Retirement and Recognition, May 12, 2022



Tammy Bushong
Tammy’s success as a painter at Wabash is associated with many of her talents. Perhaps the most notable is her eye for detail and willingness to put in the time to do whatever it takes to leave a job looking great. In addition to the painting process, Tammy has a very keen eye for color and for interior design. When Campus Services is tasked with changing a look in a space, Tammy has been the person brought in to discuss the overall look and design of the space.

—From the Faculty and Staff Retirement and Recognition, May 12, 2022



Cheryl Hughes
I have had the privilege of knowing Dr. Hughes, both as my professor and as a faculty-colleague. In my first year at Wabash, I took introduction to existentialism. It was an incredible experience. It was everything you want when you come to a liberal arts college: to be around people who take books and ideas seriously, and ask you to read deeply things that are difficult and challenging. I counted it among those transformative experiences that was part of my Wabash education. It was experiences like that with Professor Hughes that also made me want to join the academy to be the kind of person who reads and thinks and discusses. When I joined the faculty at Wabash, I found Cheryl to be just as patient and kind and thoughtful and intelligent as a colleague as she was to me when I was an unremarkable freshman student who systematically misspelled Kierkegaard. I have learned and benefited as much from Cheryl my colleague, as I did from Dr. Hughes, my professor.

—Professor of German and Division II Chair **Brian Tucker ’98**



John Maxwell
Since his first days at Wabash, John has had a desire to make this campus a better place for our community to live and learn. He was central to the installation and expansion of our computer building management systems that allow us to respond to many heating and cooling issues before they are even noticed by people in the building. His understanding of the systems and familiarity with the College have added value to design and construction of buildings for more than two decades.

—From the Faculty and Staff Retirement and Recognition, May 12, 2022



Paul Myhre
Paul’s generous facilitation of cohort groups, coaching for grant proposals, and development of resource materials has enabled a critical conversation on the art of teaching religion and theology in colleges, universities, and seminaries across the United States and Canada. As a result of Paul’s influence, hundreds of faculty persons have become more critically reflective teachers and academic leaders.

—From the Faculty and Staff Retirement and Recognition, May 12, 2022



Elizabeth Swift
Beth recently shared an essay she had written about *Wild Plants in Flower*—one of her favorite book series written by our renowned Professor of Biology Robert Petty. Her essay concludes with this observation: “This is a really lovely book, and as I return to it each spring I wonder, was Petty a biologist with poetry in him or a poet who studied biology?” We might ask a parallel question regarding Beth: Is she an archivist with storytelling in her, or is she a storyteller who thrived in the Wabash archives? If you’re like me, you’d answer both. Thank you, Beth, for keeping the stories alive at Wabash.”

—Director of Lilly Library **Jeffrey Beck**



Peter Thompson
Professor Thompson’s courses have always been among the first to fill up, both for majors and for distribution. Peter also played a key role in the development and operation of the interdisciplinary major in Financial Economics and the Business minor. His vision for how to leverage the best of both mathematics and economics in a liberal arts environment is nothing short of amazing. In 2016, the “Actuarial Program” at Wabash was ranked No. 1 in the nation by SafeCo Insurance. In 2020, College Factual ranked Wabash “Mathematics and Statistics” the No. 1 “most focused” program in the nation. And just this year, College Factual ranked Wabash No. 1 in the “Best Schools for Financial Mathematics in Indiana.” I don’t think that these agencies realize that they are comparing all other colleges and universities in the state or nation to Peter.

—From the Retirement Citation read at the faculty meeting May 12, 2022



Deborah Woods
As a great oboist and teacher of music, Deb has the great confidence that not only can she play her part well but in doing her work, in practicing her art, she can make the whole orchestra and the entirety of Wabash College sound better, be more beautiful, and live out our best imagination of what we can and should be. Deb performed and taught with the Wabash Chamber Orchestra, but the music of her work engaged everyone at Wabash far beyond the concert hall or the President’s Office. When she decided to take on the position of grants coordinator in Advancement, I was sad to lose her great talent in my office, but I knew that her new work would expand the range of good that she could do for all of us at Wabash. Deb Woods always believed in Wabash and her good work and her profound belief touched the lives of so many in a positive way.

—**Patrick White**, 15th President of Wabash College

From the Bleachers to the Hall of Fame

by **Mike Perkins '80**

MY LOVE AFFAIR WITH **WABASH FOOTBALL** began September 20, 1969.

The Little Giants took on St. Joseph's College. Running back Mike Henry '70 carried four defenders on his back downfield for a big gain. It was the first time I heard the Wabash pep band strike up "Old Wabash" and the cheerleaders yell "W-W-WAB, A-A-ASH, WABASH!"

I was hooked for life.

We had recently moved to Crawfordsville and my father suggested we go to a game. I couldn't get enough. I started watching practice almost daily. One day, Coach Max Urick saw me sitting under a tree at Mud Hollow and asked if I liked football. He said I could talk to the players and coaches before practice if I didn't get in the way.

In 1970, my goal was to attend the very first Wabash Cannonball Football Clinic—not necessarily to become a better football player, but to meet the players. They held a drawing at the end to select ball boys for games. It never happened, but I did become friends with quarterback Don Van Duersen '72, a lefty like me.

I would go on to meet Bill Nielsen '72, Don Shelbourne '72, and several other players. I became friends with assistant coaches Dave Lantz and Bruce Hamman.

Not being one to just watch, I started shagging kicks and returning footballs to kicker Billy Gardner '74. Before long, I was also helping Coach Lantz with defensive back drills.

I helped the student managers put equipment away and carried bags of footballs as big as me into the locker room and dropped them off in the "cage," where I met "Chick" Clements H'70. This became my after-school routine for much of the 1970 football season.

In the final week of the season, Coach Urick called me to his office. He reached in his desk and handed me three tickets for the last home game against DePauw. Then, he told me once I was inside Little Giant Stadium, I was to come to the sideline for the game.

I would be on Wabash's bench and help Chick with equipment. Coach Lantz had me help with pre-game drills and I chased footballs again as Billy Gardner did warm-up drills.

My dream had come true. I was working the sideline as a student manager. I had never experienced a Monon Bell game. Little did I know a career had started—and what a way for it to begin—at the greatest small college rivalry in the nation!

I was an unofficial student manager until I graduated from high school. I faithfully showed up for practice, home games, and even a few road games. Athletic Director Max Servies '58 asked if I was interested in attending Wabash. Without hesitation I said, "YES!"

The process was set into motion. In 1975, I became a Wabash student with the added benefit of finally becoming a *real* member of the Wabash football team.

Among my fondest memories with the team was after our first playoff game against St. John's in 1977. As we came off the runway at the Indianapolis International Airport, the pep band was playing and hundreds of Wabash fans, including Chairman of the Board of Trustees Barney Hollett '36 and his wife, Fran (H'85), were there to greet us.

In 1979, senior student managers and trainers did not join football players and parents on the field for Senior Day like they do now. But the coaches arranged an announcement at halftime of the final home game to thank me for 10 years of service. The "Big Cookie" Rem Johnston '55 took pictures of me just like he did all the seniors. To my surprise, Coach Stan Parrish honored me with the "Spirit of the Little Giant" Award at the year-end football banquet.

OUR FAMILY HAS HAD A LONG HISTORY of athletic success from my father's high school baseball career leading to an opportunity to play with the Chicago Cubs, to my brother's championships as a basketball player and coach including a state championship, and my good fortune managing Wabash's football

team that played in the Stagg Bowl national championship in Phenix City, Alabama.

But in early in 2013, I received a letter that thrilled me like none other.

Even though my father was in the initial stages of dementia, I knew he would still understand what I was about to tell him.

"You won your championships and got to try out for a professional baseball team," I said. "And David (my brother) won championships, and I got to be part of a Wabash football team that played for a national championship, but there is something missing from our family's sports accomplishments. Until now. Wabash is inducting the 1977 football team into the Hall of Fame. So now we have a Hall of Famer, too."

My father smiled. I knew he understood.

These memories are still fresh on my mind even though the years are fading further into the past. Too frequently these days, I receive news I don't want to hear. Coaches and teammates from my time have passed—Coaches Frank Navarro and Stan Parrish, captains Dave Harvey '78 and Tom Dyer '78, and Toni Barrick '80, Bert Lekarczyk '79, and Bruce Pickens '78.

My stroke in 2019 was a wake-up call that my time at Wabash football games is growing short. I deeply miss the men from my golden years on the practice fields, the bus rides and plane trips, and game days, and the part I played in making special memories with Wabash football.

But every year brings names of new coaches and players that keep me wanting to go to games as the football tradition continues. It is my hope to be attending my 53rd year of Wabash football when the 2022 season rolls around.

For me, like so many of my Wabash brothers, Wabash football is not only a college tradition, but a deeply personal story. ■



photo by Rem Johnston '55



Funded by Lilly Endowment Inc., the Wabash Liberal Arts Immersion Program (WLAIP) provides students of color, Pell Grant recipients, and first-generation college students with the opportunity to participate in classes and earn their first college credit before the first semester begins, then gain internship experience the following summer.

Students participate in the Summer Institute prior to their freshman year where they live on campus and take either a writing or rhetoric course for credit and a variety of modules that introduce the liberal arts. Students in Professor Jeremy Hartnett's Athenian Citizen module spent a day at the Indianapolis Rowing Center (in photo).

This year's WLAIP cohort is made up of 26 students from all over the country—some joining locally from Montgomery County, Indiana, and others from Chicago, New York, and the Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

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LAST GLANCE

Mid-way through Commencement in May, a storm bubbled up and forced the ceremony into Chadwick Court. Within 30 minutes, the graduates, diplomas, faculty, families, and guests had been safely relocated. Just before the ceremony restarted, Director of Campus Services **David Morgan** jumped to the stage to hang the seal in its place of honor before President Feller stepped to the podium.