

Class of 1985

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Dear Class of 1985:

First some notes directly related to our class:

- Tom Siple passed away this past November. We are losing too many, too often. It's a reminder to make the best of the time we have. You can find Tom's obituary at: <https://www.ericmdbellfuneralhome.com/obituaries/thomas-siple>
- Ron Bigler reports that he is now residing in East Texas on Lake Cherokee, just south of Longview TX. [This June], help facilitate a wedding and reception for some friends of ours hosting a wedding at their home. Also, Ron's son **Maxwell, Class of 2022**, (partially named after the infamous Max Servies) moved back to Indianapolis to work as an advisor for FPS (Financial Plans & Strategies) in Indianapolis and has been spotted on campus several times and at the Bell Game this past year! He is loving being back with many of his W track mates, FIJI brothers and W Friends.
- The Alumni Office reports that **Brian Shinkle** was appointed resident circuit judge for Edwards County. You can find more details at: <https://blog.wabash.edu/alumninews/2025/02/11/brian-shinkle-85-appointed-resident-circuit-judge-for-edwards-county/>
- Steve Hoffman gave a very good Chapel Talk last month titled "Why Are You here?" You can watch the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6kbskctOR7o>
- Our 40-Year Reunion is quickly approaching! This year's **Big Bash** is June 6-8. In addition to our five-year class reunions, track and field and cross-country alumni from the 1950s through the 2020s will gather to celebrate the accomplishments of these storied programs from across the generations. Party-on!
 - More detailed information is at: <https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/schedule>
 - Registration is at: <https://www.wabash.edu/events/bigbash2025/>

So what about **YOU**? Please feel free to share news of your life with me.

News from Wabash College Alumni Office:

- The next “Whenever Wherever Wabash” After the Bell Virtual Lecture will be Tuesday April 22. Daniel D’Amico, Director of the Stephenson Institute, will discuss “How the Little Giants of Liberal Arts Shaped Classical Liberal Scholarship.” You can register at: <https://www.wabash.edu/events/afterthebell-damico>
- Also on April 22, voting closes for this year’s elections to the **Board of Trustees** and to the National Association of Wabash Men (NAWM) Board of Directors. You can cast your ballot at: <https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/vote/>
- The Admissions Office reports that as of March 30, we have already received deposits from 200 members of the Class of 2029. They are optimistic that next year’s freshmen class will exceed 250. The college is actively planning for a bigger student body next year. There are currently around 850 students. Keep the referrals coming for future classes by submitting information to: <https://apply.wabash.edu/register/refer>

More Wabash news is available at www.wabash.edu or the Class of 1985 Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/206066189687/>

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p.s. The annual **Day of Giving** fundraiser will be on April 30. This year’s theme will be “#SingThyPraises” marking the 125th Anniversary of the writing of “Old Wabash.” (It’s a good reminder to practice for the Chapel Sing contest at this year’s **Big Bash!**)

As an added incentive, we’ll have multiple class challenges / matching gift opportunities. Mark your calendars and check the “Day of Giving” web-page (when it goes online April 30) for the details of our challenges!