

Class of 2008

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Dear Classmates,

I hope everyone's New Year is off to a great start. This letter recaps some of the events and activities at Wabash since my last letter in August 2024. As usual, the campus was bustling with activity in the Fall. The football team posted an 8-3 record but sadly fell to Depauw at the Monon Bell Game. The soccer team went 10-6-2 for the season. And the cross-country team finished 5th out of 9 teams at the NCAC Championship, with Senior Brayden Curnutt winning the conference and regional before his 18th place finish at Nationals. Wabash continues to rank well across a variety of metrics in the 2025 Princeton Review. There's also a lot to be excited about as the new year begins, with Wabash recently breaking ground on its new community center. This story, and more, are detailed below.

In this letter, I'll also provide updates on two of our classmates: **Chris Geggie** and **Alex Goga**. To read more about what these guys are up to, turn to page 3.

Wabash News

- On August 28, 2024, the Princeton Review released its 2025 college guide, which gave Wabash top-10 rankings in 10 categories. Wabash ranked third for Best Health Services and Most Active Student Government to go along with top-five rankings for Best Financial Aid (No. 5), Best Career Services (No. 5), Best Campus Newspaper (No. 5), and Most Accessible Professors (No. 6). The full article can be found here: <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13359>.
- Wabash set a record for freshman-to-sophomore retention at 93%, and the freshman class is the largest since 2018.
- At Homecoming, Emmanuel Aouad '10, Wes Chamblee '12, Matt Hudson '10, Matt McGuire '00, Evan Rhinesmith '11, Tom Bambrey '68, and the 1972 Soccer Team were inducted into the Wabash Athletics Hall of Fame. The full story can be found here: <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13296>.
- On October 24, 2024, two US Army Blackhawk helicopters landed in Mud Hollow to pick up six Wabash ROTC Cadets. This was a ceremonial gesture by the Army to honor their service. The Wabash cadets train at Purdue.





A complete photo album of the event is here: <https://www.wabash.edu/photo-albums/album/5949>.

- More than 97% of the Class of 2024 have secured their first professional opportunity or acceptance into medical, law, or other graduate school programs. The national average is 85.7% in six months.

- On January 13, 2025, Wabash graduate Mike Braun '76 was sworn in as Indiana's 52nd governor. The Wabash Glee Club performed the national anthem at the ceremony.

<https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13418>.



- Wabash College broke ground on its new community center on January 25, 2025. The 56,000 square foot building will serve as a community gathering space, featuring main floor dining, a restaurant and pub, game room, living room, and swag shop. More details here: <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13419>.
- The 2025 Day of Giving is set for Wednesday, April 30.

If you have any questions or want to chat about anything, please don't hesitate to reach out. Also, if you are willing to share more details about your journey since Wabash, please complete this survey: <https://forms.gle/CqTE83GAuubuZ9Fb7>. I'll follow up with you before sharing your update.

Wabash Always Fights,

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For Classmate Updates: keep reading

Chris Geggie

Living Unit: Sigma Chi
Majors: Latin and Greek
Current City: Baltimore, Maryland

Professional Update: “After Wabash, I did Teach For America before going to Brown University for a Master’s in Classics in 2012. I worked in the marriage equality movement, winning campaigns for the freedom to marry in Rhode Island, Indiana, and eventually Ohio, when I became the first gay Mexican-American to lead a statewide marriage equality campaign. After *Obergefell v Hodges*, I had a stint as campaign manager for the ACLU of Ohio to end shackling children in juvenile court proceedings.



From 2016 to 2022, I recruited and coached current and former teachers to run for elected office across DC, OH, MA, CT, RI, VT, NH, ME, VA, MD, PA, NY, MN, SD, and CO. I then led global DEI learning strategy at Navy Federal Credit Union. After leading global DEI learning strategy, I now serve as a people & business strategy consultant on Navy Federal Credit Union’s Belonging & Community Impact team.”

Personal Update: “After living in Denver for about 5 years, I moved to Baltimore with my boyfriend, Mike, and our yellow lab, Phoebe Buffay. I sometimes run into Joshua Chase Harris.”



Favorite Wabash Class or Professor: “By far, Leslie and Joe Day are some of my favorite professors. They’ve had a continuing impact on my life well after Wabash.”

Alex Goga

Living Unit: Tau Kappa Epsilon

Major: Economics

Current City: Fishers, Indiana

Professional Update: “I have held several jobs after Wabash, including at: Reynolds America, First Data, DB Services, Fuzion Analytics, and Qlik. I started Gogalex LLC in 2017 and for almost 8 years I’ve been self-employed and built a consulting and staff augmentation firm with a global presence implementing business intelligence solutions with Qlik.”



Personal Update: “I’ve been married to Emilee since the day before graduation (over 16 years). We have 2 children: Gabe (12) and Drew (9), as well as 3 pets: Phoebe (Dog), Zelda (Cat), and Sunny (Cat). Link, one of our beloved pets, passed away at 13 years old in 2022.”



Personal and Professional Accomplishments: “Personal. Founding a family and becoming a US Citizen (2016). Professional: Founding and growing Gogalex and two other startups in the software industry: Pharaoh Soft and Food2Bits.”

Favorite Memory of Wabash: “Hanging out on the porch of the TKE House (607 S Grant St).”

Favorite Wabash Class or Professor: “Prof. Humberto Barreto who not only taught me how to think like an economist, but also did so using Excel which ended up essential throughout my entire career.”

Anything else you’d like to share with the Class of 2008: “Looking forward to seeing more of us together at Homecoming and Big Bash. Hoping we’ll have a bigger reunion in 2028 for our 20th.”

