Class of 1990

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Dear Classmates of 1990,

I'm not entirely sure where November went, so before the end of year escaped me, I wanted to be sure to send some campus news.

As I was opening a Word doc, two words came to mind – thankful and proud.

During this time of year, we are reminded to be thankful. Well, I'm thankful that I attended Wabash and had a chance to meet all of you (and I hope you are, too!).

Recently I was thinking about comps.

The seniors on campus will have the

'opportunity' to experience this within

the next few weeks. Believe it or not, I am even thankful I had the chance to go through comps! Having experien

- 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, by the way, is 85.7% in six months.
- Wabash set a record for freshman-to-sophomore retention at 93%, and the freshman class is the largest since 2018, which is extremely important as we experience an enrollment cliff with far fewer young men attending college today.
- The Art Department celebrated Professor of Art Emeritus Greg Huebner H'77 with a retrospective exhibit titled "Imagining Balance Amid Chaos & Harmony." (photos)
- Two US Army Blackhawk helicopters landed in Mud Hollow on October 24 to pick up six Wabash ROTC Cadets. (Didn't have that when we were there!) This was a ceremonial gesture by the Army to honor their service. The Wabash cadets train at Purdue. (photos) I thought this was incredible and had to add it to the list.
- Brayden Curnutt '25 captured the North Coast Athletics Conference Cross Country Championship, earning Men's Runner of the Year and First Team All-NCAC honors. At the 2024 NCAA Division III Great Lakes Region Men's Cross-Country Championship he once again crossed the finish line in first place to claim the individual title. At the NCAA DIII National Championships, he finished 18th, earning All-American honors. (story)
- On November 11, the campus transitioned from the Sparks Center over to a temporary dining facility, which has already met with a very positive reaction from students, faculty, staff, and visiting diners. With a nod to historic Mud Hollow, this new space dubbed "Grub Hollow," includes a dozen mobile units that have been connected on one set of the outdoor tennis courts.
- On November 21, Wabash celebrated Founders' Day. Our Bicentennial is now fewer than 2,900 days away (8 years)!
- After Final Exams, the baseball team will travel to the Dominican Republic, led by Head Coach Jake Martin '03 and Professor of Spanish Dan Rogers H'12.
- More than 150 prospective high school students, along with parents and counselors, recently visited campus for the first of two Scarlet Honors Weekends.

There's a definite overlap between being thankful and proud - so be both and be sure to thank those who have helped you.

A doctor friend of mine recently had a visit from a gingerbread man complaining of a sore knee. "A sore knee?" the doctor said. "Have you tried icing it?"

P.S. This summer is our 35th reunion (!). This year,

Thank you for all you do – big or small – doing something is what matters! (If you'd like to learn more, here are <u>five ways you can support Wabash students</u>),

What are you fighting for? Keep up the good fight because Wabash Always Fights!

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