



December 5, 2022

Classmates,

Another year will soon be in the books. The fall semester at Wabash proved busy with many alumni returning to visit campus for the first time since the pandemic. The (still) new Little Giant Stadium hosted six home football games and several groups hosted reunions on campus.

We wanted to share a few classmate and campus updates. Congratulations to **Josh Owens '07** who was named this year's recipient of the **Jeremy R. Wright Distinguished Young Alumnus Award!** We've included a copy of his citation in this update.

Remember to send a note to wabash07@gmail.com to update your contact information or to share an update with the class.

Alumni returned to campus to celebrate milestones for various organizations. Delta Tau Delta celebrated its 150th anniversary while TKE reunited to celebrate 60 years. Glee Club members returned for a 130th celebration and the Sphinx Club hosted a gathering of alumni and current students for its centennial.

Thanks so much to those who have already made a gift to the college this fiscal year. As usual, we recognized those classmates on the last page of this letter. There is still plenty of time to renew your support for the Annual Fund.

Best Wishes for Happy Holidays!

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Jeremy R. Wright

Distinguished Young Alumnus Award

2022

Josh Owens '07

Presented at Homecoming — September 24, 2022

Citation of the National Association of Wabash Men: *Josh, your time as a Wabash student was a great predictor of the success you would achieve as an alumnus at a very young age: honors graduate, President of Beta Theta Pi, member of the Sphinx Club and Student Senate, participant in a wide range of career services events, and Class Agent for the Class of 2007.*

You were honored with a Governor Robert Orr Fellowship, and learned from tremendous mentors while working in strategic marketing and analytics for Angie's List. You were with Angie's List when it rocketed into national expansion, then spearheaded business development for One Click Ventures as it followed a similar growth trajectory. You left the entrepreneur scene briefly to earn a master's degree from the London School of Economics and then served as an economic policy advisor for the U.S. House of Representatives – all this before you turned 30!

You established a reputation as a strategic leader for growth companies when you were named CEO of SupplyKick, which made the Inc. 500 List of Fastest Growing Companies in America. You led SupplyKick to become a nationally recognized force for businesses seeking to increase their presence and sales on Amazon, eBay, and Walmart.com. Your firm won a Mira Award for Best in Tech Scale-Up and you were named to the Indianapolis Business Journal's Forty Under 40. Along the way, you taught economics and statistics at Butler and Indiana universities, served as Chair of the Indiana Charter School Board, served on the board of the Orr Fellowship program, and won awards as Wabash's most outstanding class agent.

Your quest for social justice led you to leave SupplyKick and run for Governor of the State of Indiana, where you campaigned on topics about which you are passionate. And while your campaign was not successful, you drew much-needed attention to improving K-12 education, increasing teacher pay, and reforming criminal justice.

In July 2020, you co-founded and led Boost – a tech firm offering the right product at the right time. Your vision to help students use technology to stay up on class assignments and appointments arrived just as schools went remote or hybrid under the stress and pressures of the coronavirus pandemic.

Joshua Owens, your LinkedIn profile says it all: Entrepreneur, Educator, and Community Activist. You have pursued all of these things with enormous energy and success, and the National Association of Wabash Men is proud to honor you with the Jeremy R. Wright Distinguished Young Alumnus Award.





Classmate Updates



First Resource Bank

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This month's employee spotlight is on **Matthew Shook**, Senior Vice President of Retail Banking at our Minneapolis branch!

Born and raised in Indiana, he completed his bachelor's degree at Wabash College. After undergrad, Matt moved to Chicago to begin a banking career and received his MBA at DePaul University. In 2017, Matt moved to Minnesota and started with Eagle Valley Bank in Stillwater, now First Resource. In the last five years, Matt has been front-and-center to the bank's growth and footprint across the Twin Cities.

When Matt isn't at the bank, he spends time with his family and all the activity that comes with two kids ages 5 and 2. They enjoy exploring new things in the cities and weekends at the family farm in Princeton, MN. When it comes to sports, Matt is a true Hoosier - he's an avid basketball fan and bleeds blue for the Indianapolis Colts.

What does Matt enjoy most about FRB?

"Oh man, there's a lot!" Matt said. "The culture is fantastic, it is an exciting & fun place to work. People really enjoy what they do. I truly believe in the mission that we are living: to provide the best community banking option in the Twin Cities market."

^Matt Shook '07

Whitney Caldwell and I are fortunate to have teamed up to provide pro bono legal support to the wonderful team at Saving Amy (<https://savingamy.org/>). We had an amazing time at the 6th annual Saving Amy Celebration held at the **Heard Museum** in downtown #PHX. Thank you to our firms **Snell & Wilmer** and **Little** for being community partners to this great non-profit organization!



Tony Caldwell '07>





Annual Fund Update

Annual Giving is off to another great start this year. Thanks to these 17 classmates who have already made a gift:

Allen Chatt
Ben Cunningham
Ross Dillard
Brett Gann
Adam Kirsch
Andrew McKone
Pat Millikan
Seth Nunan
Kevin Pazour
Daniel Petrie
Justin Raisor
Joe Rutski
Ashley Stephen
Greg Strodtman
Jared Tarney
Adam Van Zee
Kyle Weaver

Here's a quick link to online giving for those interested: www.wabash.edu/giving/give .

Happy Holidays!

