

Class of 1987

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Greetings Gentlemen of the Class of 1987,

Ron Recinto here.

I'm excited to take on the role as our class agent! I hope many of you remember me through Phi Deltis, soccer, biology, religion or some of the other activities we shared.

It's been a while since we've communicated through a formal class agent's letter. And although we are separated by distance and time, we are connected through the moments and memories we shared at Wabash.



It was great to see some of you in June at our 35th reunion at Big Bash and hear about what's happening in your life. Since Wabash, I spent decades in print and online media as a journalist, landing at the Detroit Free Press where I met my wife, Teresa. We both transitioned to corporate communications and live in Farmington Hills, Michigan. We have a 10-year-old son, Everett and a 14-year-old daughter, Elena.

I was on campus again last month for the Society of Class Agents meeting and caught a bit of the football game against North Central and the soccer game against Fontbonne. It was great to be back and see old friends and meet new ones, to view what's new and what's constant and what's new. A shout out to Phi Delt fraternity brother Todd Shellenbarger who came up from Evansville with son Thad, a high-school sophomore. (A Future Little Giant?)



I'm writing and reaching out to connect with you too. It's interesting that even though we were without a class agent, '87 was deemed the most engaged alumni class! Last year, a team with the Center for Innovation, Business, and Entrepreneurship worked on a Class Affinity Score that would measure how engaged each class was. Their preliminary results put us at the top. Having Greg Castanias as a Trustee and Jim Amidon and Steven Jones on Senior Staff certainly helps! Last fiscal year, our class did our part and came in at 42%, which was above the alumni giving average.

I aim to be the liaison between our class and the College. Expect more traditional letters from me, as well as postings on our [Facebook site about events on campus, profiles of alums, pictures, etc...](#) Please follow, if you haven't yet. I'll also be reaching out personally to seek help in getting updates from our classmates no matter where they are located now.

If you haven't yet heard the very sad news: [Jim Miner died on Oct. 2](#). Jim was not only my Phi Delt fraternity brother, but we went to elementary, junior high and high school together. His sudden and tragic loss again has impacted our pledge class. Michael Koch delivered a wonderful eulogy that wove stories from our first days as pledges (Jim was our pledge class president) to classes and socials at Wabash, through meeting his wife Karen, having kids Eric and Jennifer and through golf outings and chats over cigars. Many of us gathered before Big Bash at Ken Ogorek's home. It was great catching up and reconnecting with Jim and Karen and sharing story after story...

A simple request: Connect with me. Let's catch up. I'd love to hear what's going on in your life. Where you've been and what your passions are nowadays. I was so very glad to connect with my pledge brother Jim Miner

Reach me at ron.recinto@yahoo.com and 248-910-0343. The College is working on updating our class's information, so please let me know if it's OK to share yours.

This initial letter is all about reconnecting. You'll hear more about the collage in future letters. Right, now, I'd love to hear about you!

Yours in Wabash,

Ron Recinto