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TODAY'S VERSE

Nahum 1:7 The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him.

Meet Ace



Did you know Australian Cattle Dogs are related to dingos? Ace is a 3 year old male Australian Cattle Dog available at The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWL) to foster and/or adopt (since 4/30/24 – ACO pickup as a stray). Ace loves to go for walks, look adorable, and frolic in a fenced yard. Ace is looking for his best friend. Could that be you? Ace is available for adoption, to foster, or just simply going out for walks. Come say hi!!



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Butch Was Born in Prehistoric Times



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

Many times when I tell kids that I was born in 1948, they look at me in disbelief, because to them that

year seems like prehistoric times. "No, kiddo, the dinosaurs had been extinct for a couple of years by then." The year 1948 was not pre-civilization, but the times back then were certainly different than the world we live in today.

Harry Truman was elected President that year, after finishing the term of Franklin Roosevelt, who had



died in office in 1945. Millions of people purchased a fairly new invention . . . a television, and TV programs started to replace radio programs as evening entertainment. The most-watched TV shows in 1948 were The Ed Sullivan Show and the Milton Berle

Show, along with my favorite show, "Superman." LP (long-playing) 33 1/3 rpm records replaced 78 rpm records. The music was more relaxed, as rock-and-roll music had yet to arrive. The top singers that year were the Andrews sisters, Nat King Cole, Perry Como and Bing Crosby, while the most popular song was "Buttons and Bows" by Dinah Shore.

Baseball was still the most watched sport, but a new sport was born in 1948 . . . NASCAR racing. The public loved their cars, and many families took to the road,

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Try Human Approach to Bridging Differences



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In mid-2016, a resident of West Main invited neighbors, friends and family for the first of what she called "front porch politics." Conditions

should have been ideal – comfortable weather, kind people most of whom knew each other – a but by the end of the night, the strength of people's differences foreshadowed the subsequent eight years. Even with the generosity of attention, the conversation failed to bridge divides. Many conversations like it have followed, all around the country.

Graduation Speech? Well . . . Sort Of



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

For years now, this vagabond journalist with a seersucker suit and worn out Weejuns has waited for the phone to ring around graduation time. Surely there is some learned institution out there in need of a graduation speaker who can impart a little wisdom, knowledge, wit and humor on the young'uns we're about to unleash on the world (heavy emphasis on the word little)?

You'd think my alma mater would call, after all I spoke

at my graduation coming up on what, almost 50 years ago? Fifty years? Maybe instead of griping about not getting called I should be thankful I'm still upright and taking solid food.

So, for all those soon-to-be graduates wandering around out there, let me save you 90 minutes in a cramped, way-too-hot gym or auditorium and give you a virtual rendition that will probably stick with you about as long as the one you'll get in the aforementioned uncomfortable place.

So, without further ado . . .

Greetings distinguished . . . aw heck, you know who you are so let's skip the formalities, shall we.

Hey y'all.

First off, let me sum up graduation speeches for the last century or so . . . it's a new chapter, set your goals high, you can conquer the world, blah, blah, blah.

'Nuff said on that.

Now, let's talk some truth. Actually, let's start with THE truth. You see you've grown up hearing the

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It would have been nice to have had Monica Guzman's / *Never Thought of It That Way* for some guidance on how to bring together Americans who've moved further apart. Guzman's 2022 book is the tome to tackle as we ramp up for the election in November, and whatever comes after

Guzman wants Americans to bridge differences because she's experienced the need and satisfaction of doing so within her own family. Feeling distraught on Nov. 8, 2016, she called her mother. "What happened?"

"Democracy worked," her mother replied. Guzman's parents had weathered the mockery of voting in Mexico for most of their lives, and as naturalized U.S. citizens, they were thrilled that the candidate they voted for had won.

While many biological families, like *Testimony* author Jon Ward's, fractured, and churches like bible study author Beth Moore's splintered, and people of all ages like Sarah Billups and Brian McClaren deconstructed and reconstructed their faith, Guzman found a way through, as if she found light in the adage, "The only way is through." Guzman's love for her parents drove her to ask how we can bridge our differences by being more curious and open.

I Never Thought of It That Way opens with how and why we're crying out – SOSing – by sorting, othering and siloing.

Humans naturally sort. Even when we walk into a social event, open and ready to meet people, we find people who

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Skipping meals is not a good way to try and lose weight – eat smaller meals more frequently.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com



TODAY'S QUOTE

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."
Audrey Hepburn

TODAY'S JOKE

The boss told the gym trainer he burned up 1,500 calories that morning. She told him that was good and walked away. His workout partner asked him how he did it and he smiled and said he burnt the cake he had in the oven!

MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The General Lew Wallace Study & Museum is the site tomorrow night for Shannon Sullivan Hudson to speak about African American men of Montgomery County who served the United States during the Civil War. It begins at 7 p.m. in the Carriage House at the Lew Wallace Study & Museum. In the fall of 1862, President Lincoln declared that black men could serve the Union through enlistment in the army. The United States Colored Troops ultimately comprised 10 percent of the Union Army and saw action in all the major military operations. African Americans who called Montgomery County home answered this call to arms. Hudson will offer insights into this under documented aspect of Montgomery County's history and share information on some of the individual men who participated in the war effort, their war service and their lives after the war. This presentation is free and open to the public. For more information visit www.ben-hur.com.

THREE THINGS

You Should Know

- 1 The Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging wants Hoosiers to know they need to fill vacancies on the Commission on Aging and CHOICE Board. Virtual participation is available, offering flexibility to interested candidates who may not be able to attend meetings in person. The Commission on Aging is seeking five new candidates and the CHOICE Board is seeking six. Email DACComments@fssa.in.gov to request application paperwork or seek clarification on any queries.
- 2 The 2024 Chevrolet Corvette E-Ray 3LZ coupe – the quickest production Corvette in history – will lead the field to the green flag for the 108th Indianapolis 500 on May 26 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The Corvette E-Ray is the only sports car pairing two separate propulsion systems to provide naturally aspirated V-8 power with electrified responsiveness powered by eAWD, making it one like none. Arctic white exterior paint and two-tone jet black and natural interior accents, inspired by fighter jets, pair nicely with the Indianapolis 500 logos on the Pace Car.
- 3 Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is co-leading a 25-state lawsuit that seeks to overturn an invasive new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rule that threatens the reliability of our power grid and will once again jack up utility costs for regular, everyday Hoosiers. "Hardworking Hoosiers and businesses depend on reliable energy at affordable prices," Rokita said. "They understand these draconian measures are chasing unrealistic goals and will do nothing to actually improve our already good air quality. They also know the importance of protecting the authority of state and local government against power-hungry unelected federal bureaucrats. This lawsuit is all about standing up for Hoosiers on all these counts."



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OBITUARY

Esther Marie Storer

January 8, 1932 - May 9, 2024

Esther M. (Zachary) Storer, age 92, of Crawfordsville, passed away on May 9, 2024. She was born January 8, 1932, to Forest and Sally Savanna (McClaren) Zachary in Crawfordsville.

Esther was a 1950 graduate of Alamo High School. She was a member of the Yountsville Community Church and the American Legion. Esther served in the Women's Air Force during the Korean War.

She was married to Curtis Storer in the Air Force Chapel at Fort Myer, Virginia.

Esther is survived by her son, Curtis Michael (Suzanne) Storer of Indianapolis; daughter, Kathleen Storer (John) Black of Crawfordsville; three grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and her good friend of many years, Mary Lou Watkins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Curtis; sister, Mildred Stout; and three brothers, James Zachary, Lloyd Zachary, and Clyde Zachary.

Per Esther's wishes there will be no services held. Burial will take place at Indian Creek Hill Cemetery. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.



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North Sets Donation Garden Event for Saturday

In a bid to sow seeds of hope and foster community spirit, North Montgomery High School's Earth and Climate Club prepares to unveil its new donation garden, a green initiative aimed at fostering sustainability, educating students, and giving back to the local community. The club invites members of the public to join in the grand opening event and lend a hand in planting the garden to kickstart this meaningful project.

The donation garden, located on the school grounds, is set to become a hub of environmental learning and community engagement. It will feature a variety of fruits, vegetables, and herbs grown with sustainable practices, with the produce being donated to local food banks and community organizations to support those in need.

"We are excited to see this student-led effort come to fruition. This project weaves practical lessons on ecology, gardening, and sustainability that also allows our students to positively impact their school and local community in a way that might better allow them to take future projects that benefit others," said Jonathan Guthrie, Principal of NMHS.

The grand opening event is scheduled for Saturday at 9 a.m., and volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are invited to participate.

The meeting location will be in the parking lot north of the football field at NMHS. Whether you have a green thumb or are just passionate about giving back, there are opportunities for everyone to get involved.

"We welcome volunteers from the community to join us in planting the first seeds of this donation garden. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with nature, learn about sustainable gardening practices, and contribute to a meaningful cause," added Andrew Showers, head of the NMHS Environmental Club.

The event will include hands-on gardening activities, fun games and activities for children, and refreshments for volunteers. Participants are encouraged to bring gardening gloves and wear comfortable clothing suitable for outdoor activities.

For those interested in volunteering or learning more about the donation garden, please contact Andrew Showers at ashowers@nm.k12.in.us or (765) 362-5140 ext. 276.

Let's come together as a community to plant seeds of kindness, sustainability, and generosity at North Montgomery's donation garden. Your support and participation are essential in making this initiative a success and creating a positive impact on our local community.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This Person?

Hint: How many people believe this long-time Ladoga teacher could have become a pro golfer!

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Chamber Cuts Ribbon at New Casey's

The Crawfordsville / Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand opening of Casey's. Casey's is more than a gas station offering quality fuels, they also have a convenience store with household staples including eggs, milk, medicine cabinet items, and more along with quick snacks, meals, and sweet treats.

Start your day with your choice of a variety of freshly made donuts made fresh in the store every day as well as cookies and other sweet treats.

Casey's handmade pizza is made with fresh ingredients offering gluten-free pizza crust and a delicious thin-crust option. You can order online before arrival. They



also have wings, salads, cold and hot sandwiches as well as beer and hard seltzer along with many non-alcoholic options.

Casey's is located at

5113 E. State Road 32 in Crawfordsville. They can be reached on (765) 340-8498 and are open 24 / 7.

For additional information regarding

the chamber, visit the website at crawfordsvillechamber.com or email Stacy Sommer at ssommer@crawfordsvillechamber.com

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since gas rationing had ceased after the war. The top selling cars in 1948 (in order) were Chevy, Ford, Plymouth and Dodge. Many other automobile makes which no longer exist were in the top 15 in sales . . . Studebaker, Hudson, Nash, DeSoto, Packard and Kaiser. Honda also started making cars in 1948.

What about grocery prices in 1948? A loaf of bread was 14 cents, a package of cookies 18 cents, a dozen eggs 79 cents, a one-pound package of hot dogs 55 cents, a gallon of milk 34 cents, a jar of peanut butter 31 cents, a can of Campbell's soup 12 cents, a pound of ham 57 cents, a tube of

toothpaste 43 cents and a 24-bottle carton of Coca Cola \$1.00. A gallon of gas was 16 cents, and a movie ticket was 35 cents. If you wanted a new house, the average cost was \$7,700. How about a new car . . . \$1,250. Of course, you must remember that the average family income was \$2,950 a year.

Some of the new products that appeared in 1948 were Ruffles potato chips, the Frisbee and Miracle Ear hearing aids. However, the largest selling new product was Tupperware, and "Tupperware parties" were held in homes all over America. New stores in 1948 were Dick's Sporting Goods,

the Buckle, Value City Furniture, True Value Hardware and In-N-Out Burgers.

The most popular baby names for girls in 1948 were Linda, Mary, Barbara, Patricia and Susan. The most popular names for boys were James, Robert, William, Michael and John. The average life expectancy was 64.6 for men and 69.9 for women.

As a "baby-boomer" child, I believe that the late 1940s and early 50s was one of the best times in our history. It wasn't perfect, but for the most part, living was simple, at least here in rural Indiana. I also prefer the upbeat and easy listening music.

There were also some great movies, none of which were R-rated. Two of the most popular movies in 1948 were "Key Largo" and "Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein."

The best part for me during those times? I started school and loved it. I began playing sports . . . for fun. Being a good sport and trying my best was emphasized. Winning was only secondary. My family visited other families or relatives almost every week. There were true heroes who I admired, especially my Dad and all of the men and women who had served in WWII. No cellphones. No E-mails or texts. People actually talked to

each other in person. People got along and refrained from discussing politics. There were very few divorces. Most all of the kids here attended Sunday School . . . and learned right from wrong. And believe it or not, parents and teachers could discipline the kids. As a sometimes ornery little feller, I know that

to be a fact!

I'm glad I was born in 1948 . . . in prehistoric times!

-John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 35 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia

**Answer:
Bill Bays**

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share our interests, seeking out someone with shares core values. We shake out in clumps of those like us. While there's something delightful about vibing with another human, we can step into a pothole, where we "otherize" people. We know this as us and them, those who share affinities with us, and those who are too different. If we stay within our affinity group(s), we end up siloing – relating mostly to those with whom agree.

Guzman doesn't blame (Or exonerate) algorithms on the interwebs, which are optimized to keep our eyeballs on their site. To keep users engaged, they either keep us in our silo or trip our triggers. In both scenarios, we stay for affirmation that we're on right side. Our brains love the dopamine hit. We listen to win, not to understand; we think conversation, debate or communication is only about ideas, not about relationships. When we focus on winning the ideas, we surrender the arena.

"I am because we are," goes the Ubuntu proverb. We crave community and connection," wrote Guzman. Later, she adds, "We shouldn't focus on understanding, rather than winning, just because it's smarter. It's also the only approach that values other people as people by giving them the space to be who they are."

If we are willing to learn – at least to understand why others think the way they do, even if not to affect their votes or values – it could keep our communities from cracking at the core. In the meantime, democracy gains strength.

"You can't get traction with a mind you're trying to defeat. Uncertainty that searches for truth gets there faster than certainty that asserts it," Guzman writes.

From there, Guzman suggests we get curious about why people think

and believe as they do. "The problem isn't the partial answers we're always collecting from a variety of sources in our busy lives. It's the questions we stop asking because we think we've learned enough."

We start with "bridging conversations" but we must turn on the five dials and walk through it a bit.

Let's unpack Guzman's five dials, which one of her readers turned into the mnemonic EPACT – embodiment, parity, attention, containment and time. They're dials because we can adjust each one based on our lives. These are the context of the conversation we're about to have.

First, embodiment. That's the non-verbal gestures and tone of language. Together these make up over 90 percent of how humans communicate. Take those out and all we have are words. If we shoot off a text, post or email stripped of our usual polite tones, enthusiastic gestures, frowns or smiles, we have to choose our words more thoughtfully. We need to construct sentences with greater care.

Parity weighs whether the participants are on an equal playing field in the medium of the conversation. On social media or via texting, we can block or erase comments. In-person, is one person in a position of authority? If it's unequal, that changes the dynamics.

Attention is "the highest and purest form of generosity," as philosopher Simone Weil wrote. Let's admit that when someone looks away or at their mobile device while we're talking, it signals a loss of attention. It's easier to switch our attention in an asynchronous formats like texts, emails, posts or messages, compared to a real-time phone or face-to-face encounter. If you're going to be distracted, consider the outcomes.

Then there's containment, "the extent to which your conversation is actually contained to the people engaging in it," which Guzman suggests is the most important. "There's so many spaces on social media where we have an invisible mass audience, it's like a panopticon, we end up performing our perspectives, instead of exploring them together. Because we don't know who's listening. But we imagine all our insecurities project, you know, bad things. We better behave, we better conform to whatever our group would expect of us."

Finally, there's time. "A lot of times we bring up tough topics when someone's out the door, or feeling stressed or under pressure. This is not a time when you're going to be reflective, you're going to be reactive, you're going to want to try to close the door and move on," Guzman says.

Why care about approaching conversations with such care and awareness? There's a word in Spanish, Guzman writes, with no good English equivalent: *convivir*, which means to live together. At some point, when we began to cancel each other without asking, "why does that person hold views like that?" we have stopped living together. And the ability to live together, respecting each other's personhood while holding different values, is the soft tissue of democracy, as critical to its health as the bones and muscles of representation, peaceful transfers of power and the right to vote.

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phrase "your truth" or "their truth." Thing is, there's only one truth. Opinions? Oh heck, what's the old saying about opinions and cowboy boots? Opinions are plenty. Truth? Pretty simple. Oh, and one more thing on the big T word before we move on – you don't have to like it. There is no requirement anywhere that the truth is friendly, or mean, or any other adjective you want to attach. The truth is what it is and, well, that's the truth.

Moving on, let's understand that us old timers have no idea what kind of world you are inheriting. If anyone tells you what things are going to look like five years from now, they're either the greatest psychic since Edgar Cayce or they're full of bullpuckey – and I think we can rule out the Edgar Cayce portion of that equation.

All we really know is we let you down. Our parents, and their parents, did a pretty good job of giving us a better world than the one they got. They did away with an awful lot of injustices and defeated world dictator wannabes.

Us? We've given you more debt than you or your children can ever hope to repay . . .

Actually, that's not true. Ask anyone who runs a business how to spend less than they bring in and if they are at all worth their salt they'll outline it for you on the back of an envelope. In about 30 seconds. We could do that with the national debt if we and the hired hands in Washington wanted to, but we all seem to lack the will. Instead, our generation just keeps kicking the can down the road . . . and you are the ones who are going to pay.

Sorry.

No, I really mean that. Sorry! We could have done better. Hell, we should have done better.

But let's not be a

Gloomy Gus on your big day. Believe it or not, we've faced tough times before. Almost 100 years ago, in 1929, this country faced what is arguably the greatest internal threat to our nation's survival ever – and that includes the pandemic you all know so well. The Great Depression put so many Americans out of work that if you took all the days of unemployment in American history, half occurred during it. That's not my opinion, that comes from some learned-economic-professor-type at Cal-Irvine.

And let's not forget, that economic upheaval came not too doggone long after the pandemic of 1908.

So those graduating seniors from 1929 through about 1940ish faced some pretty big challenges – not of their own making.

Starting to sound familiar?

What happened? Well, a bunch of stuff – including World War II. Hey, nothing like a global military conflict to get the economy booming again, huh! Of course an awful lot of those aforementioned graduating seniors ended up smack dab in the middle of Europe or the Pacific fighting – and a whole lot never came home.

2024 sounding a little better?

And they made things better. The GI Joes who came home went to work. They joined the Rosie Riveters who had held everything together. Those men and women rebuilt the country – and the economy. Some newsy TV guy a few decades later called them the Greatest Generation and he wasn't wrong.

They faced challenges and rather than whining in their social groups they stood tall like the men and women they were. They righted the ship.

So there you go class. Graduation Day is all

about new beginnings.

You can make yours more of the same and talk about your truth and your version of reality – or you can stand tall – like your kinfolk from a few generations ago. Let's hope and pray there's no war for you to go fight, but whether there is or not you can certainly make a difference. Begin by thanking Mom and Dad and all the teachers and coaches who have been instrumental in you getting to where you are today. Then start eliminating all the white noise and silliness that permeates our world today.

Make. A. Difference. A positive one. Get a job. Go to school. Join organizations that do good. Be part of the solution in your community and for heaven's sake, don't be part of the problem.

It's that simple. The best solutions usually are.

For better or worse, today is your new beginning. You have every opportunity to make it a good one. Don't pass up the chance.

That's it – peel off those hot and sticky gowns, toss the cap in the air and get started. Time's a wastin'.

Oh, and if you feel like it, you could give our generation a little slack. Not sure we deserve it, but we'd appreciate it.

Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically on Wednesdays in The Paper. Timmons is the publisher of The Paper and can be contacted at ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com.

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Wabash College Graduates 184



Wabash College men turned their tassels and proudly walked under the Senior Arch during the 186th Commencement ceremony, officially marking the end of one chapter and beginning of another.

Trustees, faculty, staff, students, and their families attended the celebration Saturday, on a warm and sunny spring day at Little Giant Stadium.

The 184 men of the Class of 2024 received their diplomas from President Scott Feller.

"I wish you a hearty congratulations on your many achievements in our classrooms, theaters and concert halls, playing fields, and our community," Feller began in his address. "You are better for your time here. We are better for the time we have spent with you."

Celebrating his own graduation as president—having started in the role four years ago—Feller asked graduates to remember back to those "uncertain COVID-19 times."

During the 2020 Ringing In ceremony, Feller challenged students to build lifelong relationships with their peers, professors, and coaches, to get involved in extracurriculars outside of the classroom, and to take advantage of the endless resources and opportunities Wabash has to offer.

"Here we are, four years later, and you have done all the things we imagined together that August evening," Feller told graduates. "I hope you will reflect on the last four years and think about the friends you made; the laughter you shared; the times you lifted up one another; and the many ways you made your brothers better people and better men."

"As you leave our

College today, I have high hopes for you," he continued. "It is my hope that in times of adversity that you will rely on the brotherhood and friendships you have developed these last four years, and let Wabash Always Fights be a guide for your life."

In keeping with a long-standing Wabash tradition, two graduating seniors were the only featured speakers at the event. The Class of 2024 Commencement speakers were William "Liam" Grennon and Benjamin Mijangos Sampsell.

Grennon was a four-year varsity tennis player and two-year captain of the team, treasurer of the student body, and serves on Delta Tau Delta's national undergraduate council. He worked as a First Plus fellow for the English department, and as an enrollment ambassador and Writing Center consultant.

The English major and history minor from Concord, New Hampshire, reflected on his last four years and shared an important lesson he learned while at Wabash: to have the courage to make mistakes and learn from them.

"We will certainly take missteps, make mistakes, and fail in the world that awaits us, much like we have at Wabash," Grennon said. "In those moments, I implore you to remember our mantra Wabash Always Fights. To me, those words have come to represent the self-belief I have found here. It is a commitment that regardless of the circumstances, we never stop persisting."

"Uncertainty will always be there," he continued. "How we confront that uncertainty, and the anxiety it can bring, is a question each of us will inevitably answer for ourselves. It won't always be perfect, it won't always be comfortable, but it will



be what we make of it."

Grennon will attend Northeastern School of Law in the fall.

Sampsell was a member of Delta Tau Delta, Phi Beta Kappa, Wabash Liberal Arts Immersion Program (WLAIP), and the Sphinx Club. He served as the vice president of the student body, co-founder and vice president of La Alianza, and as a student ambassador at the Athens Democracy Forum.

The political science major from San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico, spoke about the value of a liberal arts education and referenced a quote from former Wabash President Thaddeus Seymour H'78 for his peers to reflect on.

"In his 1969 inaugural address, Seymour defined our Latin motto saying, 'I believe Wabash will best serve by producing men of balanced judgment, broad knowledge, and good character—'Scientiae et Virtuti,' know-how and guts,'" Sampsell said.

"If I was an employer or graduate school admission counselor, I would want the liberal arts student because in the grand scheme of things, know-how and guts are more practical than any hyper-specialized training out there," he continued.

"But I don't think the practical value of a liberal arts education ends at giving us the tools to succeed in a changing work environment. I think that the balanced judgement, broad knowledge, good character, and that know-how and guts that Seymour attributed to Wabash men doesn't only make us potentially great employees, it makes us potentially great people. Right now, our world could use potentially great people."

Sampsell will attend the Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute at the Penn State Rock Ethics Institute this summer.

During Commencement, the college also awarded honorary doctor of humane letters degrees to Dennis E. Bland and Paul Woolls '75.

Bland is one of Indiana's leading voices in the promotion of higher education and leadership development. A graduate of Wabash's Opportunities to Learn About Business (OLAB) program, he received his bachelor's degree from DePauw University and his juris doctorate from the Indiana University McKinney School of Law. As president of the Center for Leadership Development (CLD) for more than two decades, Bland has devoted his life to empowering and equipping minority youth of Indianapolis for the highest levels of success and achievement—in college and beyond.

"You need to ask the men of Wabash what the CLD's programs—and your inspiring influence—meant to them during their formative years," Feller said. "One graduating senior, Bradley Harrington, said, 'The CLD was a beacon of hope, providing invaluable mentorship and guidance that shaped my path forward. Through its programs, I found a sense of belonging and the tools to navigate the challenges of life. The support I received empowered me to strive for excellence and gave me the confidence to pursue my dreams.'

"Dennis E. Bland, all of Wabash College thanks and honors you for positively influencing the lives of literally thousands of young people throughout Central Indiana."

Woolls majored in psychology at Wabash before earning a law degree from the



University of Pittsburgh. He practiced law for more 30 years, primarily in California, specializing in insurance litigation and regulatory matters. As a second career—with his wife, Betty O'Shaughnessy Woolls—he created Napa Valley's Progeny Winery. He joined the Wabash Board of Trustees in 2009, and in 2015 chaired the ad hoc committee for long-range fundraising. Woolls was appointed chair of the Board's advancement committee and was co-chair of the historic Giant Steps Campaign.

"Your dedicated work with our Advancement Office created a marvelous blueprint for our future," said Feller. "During your tenure, our Advancement Office has enhanced our College's philanthropic tradition to the point that Wabash is the envy of all our small college peers: boasting a nationally ranked alumni network; a top-five Annual Fund; and, of course, you helped us blow past our audacious goals in Giant Steps to raise more than \$250 million."

"Paul Woolls, history will remember your leadership as a trustee as a pivotal moment in securing our College's future and charting a course for sustainability for generations to come."

Commencement day opened inside Pioneer Chapel with a thoughtful Baccalaureate sermon given by Rt. Reverend Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis.

"Men of Wabash, your graduation today signifies more than the things that you have learned in the classroom or the degree that you'll receive. It is so much more," Baskerville-Burrows said. "Your graduation is a sign of hope for us as we look to the future. With integrity, impact, and heart you will be leading our state, country, and

world. It's because of your experience here that you'll help change it for the better."

In addition to the Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies this weekend, 21 students were inducted into the Wabash chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest honorary society.

Seniors inducted this year were Cole Bergman, Ethan Brown, Camden Cooper, Gabriel Cowley, Luke Fincher, Jackson Grabill, Jackson Hoover, Nhan Huynh, Thomas Joven, Seth Kirkpatrick, Alexander Litts, Champ McCorkle, Mason Naaman, Caleb Peare, and Liam Thompson. Inductees from the junior class were Kenan Bowling, Andrew Dever, Ethan Johns, Gabriel Pirtle, Justin Santiago, and Logan Weilbaker.

Before the Commencement celebrations, Jordan Hodge '24, an economics major from Attica, Indiana, commissioned as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army after completing his ROTC training as part a partnership between the College, the Army, and Purdue University. Hodge will report to Fort Moore in South West Georgia, where he will enter the Armory Basic Officer Leader Course.

Before officially ringing out the Class of 2024 with the bell Caleb Mills used to call Wabash students to class, Feller gave the graduates one final task.

"You have received a liberal arts education imbued with empathy and compassion. You are critical thinkers, effective communicators, and problem-solvers. You have built stories of resilience that will get you through the hard times ahead. You are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and experiences to change the world," Feller concluded. "Our charge to you is simple: go forth and do exactly that."

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