Why **Endowed Funds** matter at

Wabash.

2032. For nearly 200 years, we've educated men of character like no other institution. Generations of giants have led the way for Wabash with their generous philanthropic support and careful stewardship. Now, as we stride toward our bicentennial, we have the power and vision to develop the intellect and leadership skills of even more young men. With your help, each new endowed fund pushes us forward — toward a stronger, bolder Wabash.

Growing the Wabash endowment strengthens the College for the impact we're making and the future we want to have.

Q: How do endowed funds work and why do they matter?

An endowed fund is principal money invested to earn revenue to fund a particular program, initiative, or interest. The revenue generated each year provides support for the purpose of the fund in perpetuity. Endowed funds are critical to Wabash's financial future because they create a constant source of income. That's the growth power of an endowed fund.

Q: What kind of an impact can my endowed fund have?

Pat '00 and Jamie East endowed a fund for the Wabash Liberal Arts Immersion Program (WLAIP) to ensure experiences that improve student retention. Tom '73 and Anne Walsh used their endowed fund to launch a new major: Philosophy, Politics, and Economics. What matters most to you? Endowed funds can take the form of named scholarships, faculty chairs and professorships, academic programs, special research initiatives, and more.

Q: How do I create my own endowed fund?

Endowed funds typically start with gift commitments of $100,000 or more. From there, we work with you to structure your fund and finalize the details in a simple agreement between you and Wabash. This is your chance to get creative.

Each year, endowed funds generate approximately **$18 million** in support of scholarships and aid, immersive experiences, collaborative research and internships, and more for Wabash students.

Q: Wabash's endowment is currently at $398 million. Does the College really need more?

Great question. While our endowment sounds impressive, it's not in the ballpark of the colleges and universities we compete with for students, faculty, and programs. That means we're limited in how big we can dream, where we can go, and what we can build. Build the endowment and you empower Wabash – its students, alumni, and faculty – to go change the world. Literally.

Q: What assets can be used to establish an endowed fund?

We work with you to determine the best way for you to maximize your philanthropic impact at Wabash. There are a variety of ways to start an endowed fund. It can happen all at once or over multiple years. Endowed funds can be established through a combination of gifts now and gifts as part of your estate plans. Talk with us. Learn about your options.

Q: How will the fund be used?

The annual amount available for the purpose of an endowed fund is typically held to approximately 4.0% to 5.0% of the fund's value based on the 12-quarter rolling market average of the endowment principal. Think of it like this: $100,000 in a scholarship endowment yields about $5,000, or $1 million yields $50,000 in annual scholarship support.

The point is to ensure that your fund continues into the future and supports Wabash's next generation. We create an annual endowed fund report for you detailing the impact of the fund, and the historical value, current market value, and annual amount available to award based on the closing date of the previous fiscal year.

Q: Can I really do this?

We're happy to talk through options and see what best fits your situation and your interest in strengthening Wabash for its third century. You might be surprised just how feasible it is to establish your own endowed fund.

The Wabash endowment gives the College the power to compete for the world's best, brightest, and most promising students; fund innovative research; and create opportunities for students and faculty to explore bold ideas on campus and around the globe. Will you help us be ready for our next 200 years?

Start an endowed fund conversation today.

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