

Dear Alumni,

Merry Christmas! Wow! The last few weeks have flown by, and time certainly doesn't seem to be slowing down! As I write this, there are only 21 days until Christmas. Luckily my wife, Pam, is extremely organized and has almost all our Christmas shopping complete (I mean... WE almost have all our Christmas shopping complete!) ☺

Alumni Weekend took place on November 18 – 20 at NBC, and it was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who came up for the weekend and participated. It was a great time of renewing old relationships and meeting new friends! Over 200 people came out for Obah Night where many people dressed up as their favorite storybook characters. There were some extremely elaborate costumes including Rapunzel, the 3 Blind Mice, characters from Archie, Scooby Doo, and VeggieTales, and many others! Obah Night was capped off with an intense battle between the desserts which had been designed and created by Wes Fehr (NBC President), Andrew Jensen (Student Body President), and myself (Alumni President) where the alumni voted to determine the winner! Wes emerged as the victor of the competition with an exquisite strawberry torte wrapped in shortbread cookies. I am already strategizing for next year's competition!

In addition to the fun, fellowship, and activities, the alumni body raised close to \$13,500 for the new alumni projects! Praise God!! During the U R Us meeting, the alumni body voted to take on the following projects:

- 50 vinyl-covered mattresses that will be used for hosting guests at special events, and
- Replacing the very old doors and single-pane windows in Residence #9

I've been informed that the mattresses have already been ordered, and the doors and windows for Residence #9 have been measured and are waiting on quotes. Thank you so much for all of your support through prayer, encouragement, and finances! It is such a privilege to be able to support and encourage the school.

The theme for the weekend, "Many Hearts, One Desire" truly seemed to personify the entire event. Looking at the vast alumni body, I realize that there is a lot of diversity, and yet it is amazing, exciting, and encouraging seeing us all meet together every year to glorify God as one body!

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! Although the season can get very busy, I hope that each of you will take time to reflect on God's sacrifice 2000 years ago when He sent His Son to Earth to begin completing the most amazing story of redemption that will ever be told

In Christ's Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Jansen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ryan Jansen