

Dear Alumni

Merry Christmas! I want to share the events and joy that took place on Alumni weekend. The turnout was great with over 130 Alumni (plus kids) registered. The weather was great, the food excellent, and NBC was so hospitable in welcoming us back. To those who came, I appreciate the support for NBC and apologize that this letter may seem to share what you already know.

To kick Friday off we had NBC's inflatable games in the gym while everyone was arriving, registering, and socializing. We ended the evening with a time of worship as we sang, shared testimonies, and spent time in prayer together for NBC. Saturday began with a soccer tournament in the morning while many families also enjoyed a campus-wide picture scavenger hunt. The light-bulb craft was a hit and there were some family games in the maintenance shop as well. With afternoon workshops on marriage, theology, fostering&adoption, and workplace ministry, there was opportunity to receive good instruction in practical life areas. The afternoon also hosted the usual coffee house and my person favourite, the silent auction. Later that evening Obah night took us back to the "Wild West" with great food, a pen of farm animals, axe throwing corner. The annual president's pie challenge took place and the winner was NBC President Wes Dobson who got to pie NBC Student Council President Isaiah Forster. The hockey game followed with an NBC victory, and to close the evening a lively and well attended Improv session had people in stitches. On Sunday, Sam and Pauline Doerksen spoke, reminding and encouraging us through the story of Elijah in 1 Kings 19.

On the business side we elected a couple new Alumni Exec in Andrew Gilkinson and Wynona Loseth, who join Brenden Peters, Melanie McArthur and myself as current committee members. I was re-elected for a second two year term as President by default as no other nominees were presented. Jordan Doerksen and Ashley Thiessen finished their terms on the Executives, and I want to thank them for their service and time put in over the past years. For the Alumni Project \$10,000 was raised through the auction, president's challenge, and offering. This will be added to a small previous balance and will go towards replacing NBC's mini-van for tour teams. We also announced our 2016 Alumni of the year, Barry & Reneil Larson and Kendall & Amanda Buhler. You can find write-ups for their award presentations on the website.

In closing lets remember the NBC students, who are currently writing papers and preparing for finals and NBC staff who will be marking those. Pray for them, and for students as they continue to develop themselves through their time spent at NBC. As Psalms 1:1-2 says, "How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night." With so many options and distractions to chase after nowadays, it's an honour to see people choose to attend NBC for influence and we can be reminded of an opportunity for us as alumni to be an influence on future generations wherever we are.

Your Alumni President  
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