

2005 Alumni Survey Results

Executive Summary

Homecoming 2006

Survey was distributed to all alumni for whom the school had addresses. In total, 249 surveys were collected. We received 27 surveys from alumni of the RGN Junior College. Sixty-three percent of alumni who responded were boarding students.

Decades	Number of Surveys	Percentage of Respondents
1920s	1	.5%
1930s	12	5%
1940s	43	17%
1950s	30	12%
1960s	27	11%
1970s	35	14%
1980s	40	16%
1990s	40	16%
2000s	21	8.5%

43% alumni surveyed had family members who attended RGNS.

23% of RGNS alumni surveyed served in the military.

Upon graduation 75% attended some form of post-secondary education and 13% attended graduate school.

Reasons for attending RGNS

Academic program	46%
Christian education	33%
Campus setting	39%
Friendly student body/faculty	31%
Arts or sports program	14%

Financial Aid was provided	33%
Farm Family	6%
Work program	19%
Public School	13%
Parent's decision	25%

By in large the most enduring memories recounted by alumni included: relationships, chapel/vespers programs, values of campus community, work program, and beautiful campus. The most meaningful accomplishments recounted by alumni included: building confidence and leadership, graduation, establishing values and building character, and achieving independence.

45% of alumni respondents have returned to campus less than 10 times.

Motivations to participate in the Alumni Association

Regional events	27%
Involvement with students	15%
Family friendly activities	16%
Being asked to serve	26%
Travel program	13%
Nothing	14%

Suggestions for improving Homecoming: chairs from each decade, host a dance in the gym, sporting events, family friendly activities, add new components for younger alumni, Saturday church service, outdoor activities (hiking, canoeing), more class/decade gatherings.

Alumni report they would come to campus more often if there were more alumni events with opportunities to see classmates and faculty. About 50% of alumni suggested Homecoming be in the early summer. About 25% suggested fall and the remaining 25% suggested spring.

86% of respondents want the magazine to contain more information about alumni and former faculty. 55% would like to see information about current students and faculty. 48% want to learn more about current plans of the school.

Opinions and Attitudes regarding RGNS

Prepared me well academically	94%
Prepared me well for life	88%
Work program was good for me	86%

Worship component was meaningful	89%
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Attitudes regarding the Strategic Plan

Agree/Strongly Agree

Offering competitive compensation to our faculty should be a high priority	90%
Achieving greater ethnic diversity in the student body should be a high priority	63%
Achieving greater ethnic diversity among the faculty should be a high priority	61%
Achieving greater socio-economic diversity in the student body should be a priority	58%
Increasing funding for financial aid should be a high priority	85%
Remodeling Hodgson Hall should be a high priority	80%
Building a Middle School should be a high priority	52%
Adding a gym space should be a high priority	61%
Investing in technology should be a high priority	90%
Encouraging students to be involved in community service should be a high priority	92%
Continuing to provide a rigorous academic education should be a high priority	96%

28% of respondents ranked RGNS in the top 25% of their philanthropic interests. 43% ranked RGNS in the top 50% of their philanthropic interests.

69% of alumni respondents said RGNS solicits for donations with appropriate frequency.

The most frequently reported reason for not supporting RGNS financially was a lack of personal resources.

Items Deserving/Very Deserving of Philanthropic Support

Campus and Buildings	68%
Faculty/Staff Compensation	66%
Student Financial Aid	74%
Computers/Technology	69%
Athletics	56%

Library books/materials	69%
Chapel and Religious Program	63%
Farm Program	58%
Dorm Renovations	56%