

Dear Alumnus,

As an alumnus of Oasis Christian Academy of Winter Haven ("OCA"), FL (*previously known as* <u>Haven Christian Academy</u>), we would like to invite you to join us in an exciting opportunity. First, a brief history behind this note. After much discussion, in 2016 the academy separated from Oasis Church of Winter Haven (*previously Haven Baptist Church*). This was necessary due to the academy's continued growth, multiple campuses, and a desire for excellence in education. With this split, the school required dedicated oversight by an independent school board. In 2020, an alumnus of the academy was made a member of the OCA school board for the first time. This led to a desire to create an alumni association with a focus on fostering community between alumni and future graduates of the academy.

Our two initial goals are to create an avenue for connection amongst alumni and provide regular (tri-annual) updates regarding the school and fellow alumni.

As an alumnus, we are asking that you to sign-up at <u>https://www.ocalions.org/community/alumni-graduates.cfm</u> to provide us with your relevant information. Your contact information will remain private and will not be used in any other manner. Our goal is to provide 3 annual updates (Fall, Winter, Spring) and to promote an annual gathering for those interested. Soon, you will also be able to follow the Alumni Association on Facebook. Chad Moore (2011) will be running the OCAA Facebook page and can be reached via email at <u>cmoore@ocalions.org</u>.

We do have a few requests for the 229 former graduates:

- 1) Please register your information (especially email addresses) as an alumnus at https://www.ocalions.org/community/alumni-graduates.cfm
- 2) Please help pass this information to any graduates or "long-time attendees" of the academy. Unfortunately, we do not have information for many of the graduates over the last 40 years.
- 3) In the coming months we will be providing an electronic survey to gauge interest in the association and determine how to proceed.

Currently, we are a small committee, the Oasis Christian Alumni Association (OCAA), operating under the supervision of the OCA school board. Based on the Survey responses, we will decide if we want to create a standing board of 5-7 qualified individuals and further define the future goals of the organization. Additionally, as a small school with many former students who were unable to finish their primary education at the academy, we would like to invite any former students with 8 or more years or consecutive attendance to register with the OCAA for updates along with all graduates.

Please register at <u>https://www.ocalions.org/community/alumni-graduates.cfm</u> and if you have any specific thoughts, concerns, or insights that you would like to share, please email us at <u>ocaalumni@ocalions.org</u>.

Yours in Christ,

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