The Christmas season has finally arrived, and we here at CPMS have already put up our Christmas lights and poinsettias. And with this newsletter, we also send you our warmest holiday wishes. I hope that the season finds you and your family happy and warm this year.

Some of you may already know that we have finally moved into our new suite this semester. All summer long, we deans were spread across campus, but we have now been reunited in our new offices in the Eyring Science Center. We are so grateful to have this new space in which we can work more effectively together to help our students and alumni. If you’re in town for the holidays, we encourage you to visit us and take a peek!

This year has been one of growth for us. We were astounded at how much we grew as a college during 2012 in every aspect: students, faculty, funding, and alumni. Across the board, the number of students majoring in our college has increased by about 10%—with significant increases in every department! Also, we have had new faculty join us who will bring new expertise and opportunities to our college.

We have implemented another new addition to the college team: a group of research developers. Conrad Monson and his team of students have begun to significantly help faculty and students to find funding for their research. With their help, we are confident that grant funding will increase, and that means that more students will have better opportunities ahead of them because of the funded research experience they gain in their undergraduate and graduate programs. Our alumni are also progressing in their careers and research. We have alumni across the nation who are winning awards and demonstrating that their education at BYU was a vital part of their success.

We look forward to even more progress and growth for next year. And we hope to continue to include you in our progress. Thank you for your continued support of the college, and we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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