

Christmas with Jay

1987 - Present

Each year, Inter-Class Council (ICC) worked to make the event unique with changing combinations of food, competitions, movies, and a visit from "Santa".

On December 13, 1987, the Echo advertised the first ever "Jay Kesler Christmas Special" beginning a tradition that continues today.

The Christmas special needed only a few years to become an eagerly awaited event on campus. Students were invited to don their pajamas and enjoy cookies while provost Darl Yost read 'Twas the Night Before Christmas and the Kesslers shared memories before reading the Nativity story. In 1993, the "Christmas With Jay" event was tied to the "Ivanhoe's Classic", a home basketball game, and students were encouraged to wear their pajamas to the game before heading to the special immediately after. This evolved into what we now know as Silent Night.