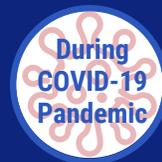




Monday Messages to Students from Alumni



From Paul David Nelson, class of 1965, and professor of history at Berea College, 1970-2005: *Dear Berea students, I can imagine how the disruptions caused by the pandemic have interrupted your lives. It's easy for me to say, but try to keep up your spirits. Follow the regulations about keeping social distancing and wearing facemasks; that's what we old (endangered) alumni are doing, because it's really the only game in town until this mess is cleared up. What I do is follow the advice my professors gave me over fifty years ago: read, read and read. The lessons you learn that way will last you a lifetime, and improve your life in whatever you do after these trying days. God bless you all.*

From a 70s graduate: *You are not alone. We are all suffering from the pandemic in some way. You will survive this. A true BLUE Berea student never gives up and always finds a solution to a problem. Rely on all the folks around you.*

From a 90s graduate: *Be kind to one another. You never know when your positive attitude will help someone in their time of need.*

From a 60s graduate: *Just remember that nothing lasts forever, not even a pandemic. Look for opportunities wherein you can use your skills and inner strengths to overcome the adversities of the present. You can do this!!*

From Mary Phifer - Class of 1984: *Dear students, I want to encourage you that though the world around you may seem somewhat chaotic, frantic and out of control rest in the assurance that God is still above it all. That the LORD is not a God of confusion but He is stability in a time of this storm. This is still an exciting time in your life as you prepare for your future. Keep your focus on the goal at the end of your college studies and enjoy the journey during this season in your life. Keep connecting with friends and family as much as possible. Establish routines in your daily activities so that the consistency of those routines will help ground you. Yes, these are unprecedented times but God is more than able to usher you through it.*