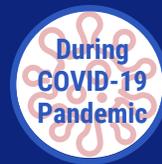




# Monday Messages to Students from Alumni



**From David Cooke, '82:** *Having lived long enough to be looking retirement right in the eye I realize I have learned a few things. One: getting old is not for the faint of heart. Two: these unprecedented, challenging times will pass - they always do. When they do this big, strange, beautiful world will need you more than ever - your strength, you energy, your passion, your hope. And three: being a student at Berea College is hard work, no two ways around it. But after forty years I can tell you that a degree from Berea will never let you down. And you will never regret your time here. Stay strong, stay safe.*

**From a 1960s Graduate:** *The corona virus represents a frightening threat to all of us, but we will survive this pandemic together. Berea College students should be proud of the leadership shown by Berea, and President Roelofs in particular, in protecting the welfare of the entire campus community. While the virus will be vanquished, the proud spirit that is Berea College will endure. Stay safe and do your part.*

**From Bobby Peek '59:** *I wanted to send a word of encouragement to the students at Berea. I know all of us are going through a very difficult time. We do not know what is going to take place, but I know that our Father in Heaven knows . He loves all of us and wants us to depend upon Him for His guidance and direction. I recall that there was a time while I was at Berea that I became discouraged and was ready to leave and comeback to NC. Within a few days I began to see things differently, and I was glad I did not leave. Look To Jesus Christ and ask Him to assist in seeing things differently. If you do not know Him as your personal savior , invite Him to come into your life and to help you know of His love and concern for the difficult days ahead. I can assure you He will help you through all your problems.*