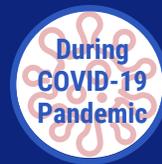




# Monday Messages to Students from Alumni



**From a 1950s Graduate:** *Dear Berea Student, You are in our thoughts during these surreal times. Memories of Berea bless Franklin Parker and me every day. We entered Berea in 1946 (yes! we are still alive). Franklin at age 25 came from Asheville, NC, after being stationed in Asheville while serving in WWII. I was a timid 17 years old from Decatur, Alabama. Both of us were the first in our families to attend college, I was inspired by one aunt and four cousins who preceded me there. Our Berea experiences were like yours because you, too, must work at least ten hours a week. Perhaps you will feel at we do that that our jobs taught us almost as much as our classes taught us. Franklin had dreamed of attending college but until he had the GI bill and the opportunity to enter Berea, college seemed impossible. His chose to have several different Berea jobs: He wrote about campus life for the Alumnus, he scrubbed floors at the hospital (until the head nurse fell on his slick floor!), he worked at the Tabernacle (drama department) mainly on advertising the one act plays performed every week! To get notices about plays to the busy students, he posted notices on trees or wherever he found a bulletin board, riding his rusty used bicycle all over the campus. He also was secretary and chief listener for Dr. George S. Noss, who taught religion after being a missionary in Japan before WWII. Frank also taught swimming, his chief recreation throughout his life (we only an hour ago came from a friend pool after our morning swim). In contrast to Frank, I worked my four years in the Labor Office, an experience much different because using ink I posted in a card file by hand the hours worked, Computers were not yet invented. Even so, I enjoyed my colleagues and admired my supervisors, one of whom was Dr. Wilson Evans of the Class of 1930! Now at ages 99 and 91 and after 70 years of marriage, we love the Berea that has evolved and moved with the times but has remained faithful to the motto: God has made of one blood all people of the earth. May you be blessed as you go through each day and find new ways to make a better world.*

**From a 1970s Graduate:** *Years ago, when I began my college years at Berea, I knew I was on my own. I had to make decisions that would impact the rest of my life. Now many years later, you are having to make the same decisions. Although times are different, you must show strength and resilience. You are capable of doing anything you put your mind to!*