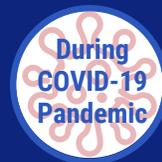




Monday Messages to Students from Alumni



From a 1960s Graduate: *It probably doesn't seem like it but you are in one of the best places possible at a time like this. After my freshman year at Berea College I overcame homesickness and could not wait to return to campus each fall. Berea continues to offer a nurturing atmosphere of academic excellence, a caring and supportive administrative staff and faculty, and lasting friendships that will remain far into the future. I suggest you take a long view of the future and realize that after graduation your opportunities will be vastly improved by having been a Berea College student. In the meantime you just might really luck out as I did and meet someone like my beautiful wife of 54 years! Take care of each other and stay safe!*

From a 2010s Graduate: *Your job a Berea will open more doors than your degree will. Don't get me wrong, your degree will be required. If they know Berea they will respect you. Unfortunately, not many will. Getting experience in the field of your choosing and doing high level work will put you ahead of your cohorts. Essentially, those four years on the ISS Network team got my foot in the door and allowed me to perform well earlier in my career. Berea can be challenging but resist the urge to coast. Treat your time in labor program as day one of your career. You won't regret it.*

From Terri Gattringer-Sabino '85: *Hello Young Bereans! Since you've chosen Berea (or Berea chose you!), you know what a special place you are in. Even now, when college life is what it has never been before, you are experiencing something that is going to make an impact on all our lives. I hope you can take the time to learn from each other -- from your professors and from the staff -- to keep what is good about Berea College in your mind and close to your heart. Years from now, once the world has again claimed you, you will think back to the friendships you made, the education you received and you will know that you can keep this tradition alive in others who will follow. Welcome to the Berea Beloved.*