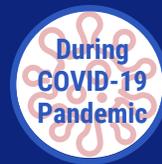




# Monday Messages to Students from Alumni



**From Gerald (Jerry) Carpenter, Class of 1983:** *Students. Learn from these times. Observe what is happening around you in your family, community, and nation. These lessons will serve to inform you in many years to come. Berea help prepare you for a diverse and successful life if you embrace your education and implement it into every day life. Learn from everything on campus and you will be more prepared to go out into this world to succeed.*

**From a 1960s Graduate:** *O well those Goblins must interseeded Welcome Bereans U have reached a special threshold in lifes pathway please take the highroad thru Ure education in the chosen career field 2 learn 2become helpful 2 others so U may be happy prosperous & service in our Appalachian Mountains USA & World as the stage is gettin smaller @ da 4 Ure Act scene 1 has just begun. Make the most out of the Berea Family U share & will durin Ure lifeX from sea 2 shinin sea regardless of the Country Road we may share. Always recall the friends @ Berea - needs of the college durin Ure travels recommend qualified applicants 4 diversity strength & variety of growin up youth experiences. Provide funds scholarship & share your wealth to present future generations of Berea Students. Keepin the faith & we shall overcome life troubles & tribulation.*

**From a 2000s Graduate:** *This year has certainly been an interesting year for us collectively. In the United States, we are all experiencing a first that most hope they never experience. People are sorting through their feelings. With that comes anger, grief. Anxiety. Thankfulness. Loneliness. Togetherness. Joy. Hope. Ultimately, there's no right way to feel about 2020. Dig in, sort through those feelings, and pluck out the valuable lessons that are coming with this experience. I'm proud of and confident in, the current student body at Berea. Yes, this has been a difficult year. However, I know that the students at Berea are gritty and resilient as a whole. Many of you fought hard and overcame challenges to arrive at Berea. That tenacious spirit continues today- even in the midst of big feelings about what has honestly been a terrible year. No matter where you are on the journey this year has brought, please know that you have fellow Beareans standing with you!*