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**Ken Eldred Gives Belhaven College Commencement Address;
Mayor Harvey Johnson Leads Scripture Reading**

JACKSON, Miss. (Dec. 20, 2003) — Ken Eldred, Christian philanthropist and international businessman, delivered the commencement address for the Belhaven College fall commencement Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at Thalia Mara Hall. He was also awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Jackson Mayor Harvey Johnson also participated in commencement ceremonies. Johnson, whose daughter Sharla was awarded a Master of Business Administration degree, led the scripture reading of Psalm 8. He also presented Sharla with her diploma on stage.

Belhaven College graduated 240 students Saturday, 53 of whom received master's degrees. The total number of graduates in 2003, including the 320 students who graduated last May, is 560.

In his address, Eldred cited lessons learned from his own entrepreneurial experiences. He told graduates that following God's calling on their lives would result in their living an "outrageous life." Being obedient to God, committing your vocation to God and living your life according to God's priorities are the keys to living a life that is pleasing to God.

Eldred currently serves as chairman of Parakletos @ Ventures, a venture capital firm focused on investing in telecommunication infrastructure and business-to-business services in the United States and Asia. His current and primary focus is on charitable projects and providing services to Christian organizations as a board member or as an independent advisor.

He is the founder and CEO of Living Stones Foundation Charitable Trust, a public support organization created by Mr. and Mrs. Eldred with approximately \$100 million in assets for the purposes of supporting Christian work and charity around the world.

Belhaven College is a Christian liberal arts college with campuses in Jackson, Miss., Memphis, Tenn., and Orlando, Fla. The vision of Belhaven College is to prepare men and women academically and spiritually to serve Christ Jesus in their careers, in human relationships and in the world of ideas.

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