



To: Belhaven University December Graduates
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On Saturday December 12th, Belhaven University will honor 575 December 2020 graduates. Since the time Covid has kept us from holding in-person commencement last spring, we will have had a total of 1,236 students graduate virtually. I'm really pleased that we worked out a plan to mail your diplomas in the next few weeks, so watch your mailbox.

Students graduating this weekend includes students that have completed their degrees in the traditional campus program, adult students from each of our branch campuses, online students, and students in China. The degrees include undergraduate, masters, and doctoral students.

Looking ahead, we have tentatively planned an in-person commencement for May 1st at the 10,000 seat Mississippi Coliseum, and are hopeful that by that time Covid risks will be minimized so we can invite all our 2020 graduates to join our May 2021 graduates for a great celebration – and that moment for you to finally walk across the graduation platform.

Although we can't be together on Saturday, we are hopeful you will gather with your family to celebrate your commencement by recorded video. Graduates will receive an email on Friday afternoon this week with a link to commencement.

We know that our graduates have friends and extended family who want to join with you in celebrating, so commencement will also be posted to our social media for all current BU students, friends, and family to can share in your big day.

Congratulations graduates! Print off the program . . . gather your family . . . get some snacks . . . take graduation photos and post them with #Belhaven2020 . . . and get ready to celebrate your remarkable accomplishment.

Belhaven University is proud of you - we love you.

President of the University