



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear BMC Community,

I hope that everyone is persevering through this most unusual of exam weeks. Thank you again for your valiant work in combining creativity with compassion and grace so that our students can finish well. I write to offer a few updates:

1. On Saturday at 10:00 our special "Conferring of Degrees" ceremony will air on Facebook. This *online-only* event affords us the opportunity to call the names of each of our graduates on the day which was to have been their commencement celebration. (For those who cannot gather at 10:00, it will also be available on the BMC website.) We plan to gather with our graduates on campus on August 15 for the 2020 commencement service. We will also defer the announcement of this year's Faculty of the Year until that day.
2. For everyone's safety, we will continue to observe "staggered" work schedules and/or work-from-home strategies for the month of May. Staff, please consult with your supervisor if you have questions about your schedule or duties.
3. Development of the academic excellence component of the BMC COVID-19 Continuity of Instruction plan is well underway. I am grateful to Dr. Enzor, Dr. Mattox, Dr. Meeks, Dr. Bennett, and Dr. Mooneyhan for their leadership on this critical project. I am confident that their creative and careful thinking will result in a plan that prepares us well to launch the 2020-21 academic year in a safe and fulfilling way as we welcome students back in August. Details of this component of the plan as well as the safety, community, and worship components will be shared soon. The athletic portion of the plan is also under development, led by Will Lowrey. The athletic plan depends heavily on decisions made at the NAIA level; the NAIA has pledged to make its decisions known no later than July 1.
4. Please be mindful that campus buildings remain locked; visitors must call in advance to schedule necessary appointments. Approved visitors and their campus hosts must wear masks and practice social distancing. No group, including campus hosts, can include more than ten individuals.

Stay safe and stay strong, BMC family!

*The will of God will not take us where the grace of God cannot sustain us.*

Billy Graham

Sincerely,

Barbara C. McMillin  
President