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12:00 p.m.

The last few weeks have been a time for a considerate and thoughtful response to the needs of our students. Our academic year ended abruptly with our being distanced from our colleagues, peers and friends. Specifically, for our graduating students, their final term at Brescia was disrupted in ways that we never expected. Because of these disruptions and the safety measures in place to respond to COVID-19, Brescia made the difficult decision to postpone our Baccalaureate and Magisterial Ceremonies.

Though we may not be able to gather in person to celebrate at this time, I want the Class of 2020 to know that the Brescia community wishes to acknowledge their achievements and is proud of their hard work and accomplishments. Even though our current situation is not ideal, we do not want our physical distance to overshadow the joyful and significant moments experienced over their time at Brescia.

We are proud of our graduating students for reaching their academic and personal goals and remaining strong through the finish line, completing their Brescia journey. As well, they have moved through these challenging past few months with exceptional grace and determination. The Class of 2020 will be bound by this moment in history, where they have overcome obstacles that no other Brescia graduating class has ever faced and responded with perseverance and flexibility.

To mark this significant milestone for our graduating students, our community will come together and recognize their achievements by hosting a virtual “Class of 2020” celebration. Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, June 20th at 11:00 a.m. EST**. All are welcome to join—friends and family who are both near and far. Our Class of 2020 celebration will be easy to access through our website; additional details will be shared with you in the coming weeks.

Please note that this celebration will not replace any official graduation ceremony. Discussions are underway as to how we will mark this occasion in-person at a later date when health authorities advise it is safe.

Brescia’s Class of 2020 is filled with outstanding students. Their academic achievements and contributions to our community are a source of great inspiration for our staff, faculty and students. Our graduating class has displayed a high degree of resiliency and are true examples of the bold leaders Brescia graduates.



We are so proud of their accomplishments and know they are prepared to make a positive impact in our world, leading with wisdom, justice and compassion.

Sincerely,

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