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may be glorified*

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## Belmont Abbey College Affirmed by Accreditor through 2030

**Belmont, NC (September 8, 2020)**— On September 3, 2020, Belmont Abbey College accreditor, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) notified the college regarding approval of reaffirmation of accreditation. This action acknowledges the College's on-going commitment to the Principles of Accreditation, a foundation for quality enhancement. The reaffirmation came with no recommendations, reflecting full compliance with all of the standards and policies established as benchmark of institutional effectiveness. The College affirmation is effective for a 10-year period through 2030.

"The ten year reaffirmation of accreditation, with no findings, by SACSCOC is a tribute to the excellence and virtue of our faculty, staff, administration, and monastic community who have dedicated their lives to living out the mission of the College so 'that in all things God may be glorified,'" said Belmont Abbey College President, Dr. Bill Thierfelder. "Despite the challenges of a world-wide pandemic, their good work has led to all-time record new student enrollment, record student retention, improved rankings, a partnership with CaroMont Health, the near completion of a new five story living / learning community residence hall, new state-of-the-art science labs, improved athletic facilities, and so much more."

The college's monastic community the Southern Benedictine Society recently signed a lease agreement with CaroMont Health, which officially began the new relationship that will yield a new hospital, as well as a partnership bringing about the Abbey's entrance into healthcare education. The college also anticipates the completion of a new residence hall by the end of October 2020.

The college's new Provost, Dr. Travis Feezell, who now oversees all accreditation requirements remarked, "The reaffirmation from SACSCOC is I believe a reaffirmation of our next ten years and the bold path we have plotted. We are in the process of adding new programs and learning experiences, particularly around healthcare and regional workforce needs. None of that envisioned future happens without the teaching excellence of our faculty. Truly, our faculty are superior and committed to our students and to the thriving future of Belmont Abbey College."

As part of the reaffirmation, the College developed a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), a specific student-centered initiative designed to meet the institution's goals in alignment with its mission. The Commission approved Belmont Abbey's QEP, Money the Abbey Way, a financial literacy initiative. The college developed the QEP to support BAC students' development of the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to wisely earn, spend, save, plan, borrow, and contribute as they strive to live the Abbey's values of stewardship and community.

**About Belmont Abbey College:** Founded in 1876, Belmont Abbey College is a private, Catholic, baccalaureate and liberal arts institution. The college mission focuses on educating students in the liberal arts and sciences so that *in all things God may be glorified*. Guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition and the Benedictine spirit of prayer and learning, the college welcomes a diverse body of students and provides them with an education that will enable them to lead lives of integrity, to succeed professionally, to become responsible citizens, and to be a blessing to themselves and to others. The Abbey's beautiful and historic campus is conveniently located just 10 miles west of Charlotte, N.C., and is currently home to nearly 1500 students. For more information, visit [www.belmontabbeycollege.edu](http://www.belmontabbeycollege.edu).