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### **Belmont Abbey College Celebrates the Inaugural Induction of Honorees into a National Honor Society to Recognize Academic Excellence in Healthcare Administration Education**

Belmont Abbey College is pleased to announce the inaugural induction ceremony of Upsilon Phi Delta, a national academic honor society for students in healthcare management, leadership or administration. The Upsilon Phi Delta Honor Society is a member service of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA). The name derives from the Greek words for health, care and administration (or leadership): a national academic honor society for students in health management and policy.

The induction ceremony will take place at Sacred Heart Chapel in Belmont, NC on Saturday, April 30, 2022.

Membership in Upsilon Phi Delta Honor Society is open to individuals who meet the national and local standards of this organization and are accepted and initiated into membership of a collegiate chapter. In order to be eligible for induction, graduate students must have a minimum cumulative 3.5 based on at least 18 hours of graduate work at an AUPHA Member Program. Membership is open to students, faculty, healthcare executives and administrators, and to those contributing to the healthcare administration profession.

The UPD Scholarship Program, founded in 2013, furthers the goals and mission of the honor society and recognizes students for academic excellence. This year's induction ceremony will include eight student inductees.

*The mission of the Upsilon Phi Delta Honor Society is to recognize, reward, and encourage academic excellence in the study of health administration. The goals of the Society are:*

- *To encourage interest in academic preparation for careers in healthcare management and policy*
- *To promote activity that will elevate the standards, ideals, competence, and ethics of women and men preparing for careers in healthcare management, policy, and leadership*
- *To provide financial assistance through scholarships to outstanding students pursuing academic degrees that prepare individuals for careers in healthcare management, policy, and leadership*
- *To recognize, by means of granting honorary memberships, individuals who have made outstanding contribution to the profession*

*Upsilon Phi Delta is a member benefit of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration of which Belmont Abbey College is a member.*