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Belmont Abbey College Celebrates Inaugural Graduate Commencement Ceremony

Belmont, N.C. (August 28, 2024) – Belmont Abbey College celebrates a significant milestone with its inaugural commencement ceremony for graduate students, which will take place on August 31, 2024. The ceremony honors the first graduates of the College's Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master of Arts in Leadership (MAL), Master of Science in Data Analytics (MSDA), and Master of Science in Nursing Leadership (MSN) programs. Additionally, Belmont Abbey will award degrees to the third and fourth graduating cohorts of its Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA) program.

The fifty-two inaugural MBA, MAL, MSDA, and MSN graduates represent professionals who are poised to assume leadership roles in their respective fields. Graduates of the MBA program at Belmont Abbey possess great business insight, emphasizing critical thinking, analytical skills, and ethical decision-making. The MAL program prepares students to be effective business professionals who foster strong ethical and transformational leadership within organizations. The MSDA program meets the growing demand for data analytics professionals by providing graduates with exceptional skills in data analysis, problem-solving, and strategic thinking, all rooted in Catholic social thought. The MSN degree equips nurses with sound moral formation, advanced skills, integrating specialty concepts, nursing science, and translational science to excel in multifaceted roles within the ever-changing field of healthcare.

Belmont Abbey also honors the achievements of sixteen graduates from its MHA program. Now in its third year, the program has built a strong track record of graduating exceptional healthcare leaders who are able to successfully manage the complexities of modern healthcare administration.

Dr. Bill Thierfelder, President of Belmont Abbey College, expressed his joy and appreciation for the graduating class. He said, "This commencement ceremony is much more than a celebration of academic achievements; it's a tribute to the dedication, sacrifice, integrity, and resilience of our students, our exceptional faculty, and the unique way Belmont Abbey's Catholic and Benedictine values have prepared its graduates for success in both their professional and personal lives."

Dr. Brad Frazier, Director of Graduate Programs at Belmont Abbey College, added, "Today, we honor the dedication, perseverance, and vision of our graduate students. We are thrilled to see them embark on their professional journeys, confident that they are equipped to lead and make impactful contributions to their communities and organizations."

Belmont Abbey College will hold the commencement ceremony in the Haid Ballroom. Dr. Thierfelder will address the graduates and their families, and Abbot Placid Solari will lead the Benediction. The event will be a testament to the hard work and dedication of the students, faculty, and staff who have contributed to the success of these graduate programs.

For more information about Belmont Abbey College's graduate programs, please visit <https://belmontabbeycollege.edu/graduate>.

About Belmont Abbey College: Founded in 1876, Belmont Abbey College is a private, Catholic baccalaureate and liberal arts institution. Our mission is to educate 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, we welcome a diverse body of students and provide 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. Our beautiful and historic campus is conveniently located just 10 miles west of Charlotte, N.C., and is currently home to more than 1500 students. For more information, visit <https://belmontabbeycollege.edu/>.