

# BRYN ATHYN COLLEGE



FOUNDED IN 1877

April 16, 2020

Dear Bryn Athyn College Alumni and Friends,

I want to give you a brief update on how Bryn Athyn College is operating since we had to close our campus on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> on the orders of the Governor of Pennsylvania.

Due to careful planning and preparation, Bryn Athyn College moved all classes to an online format on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. At the same time, we had to close all our buildings and grounds including the residence halls. Our resident students were able to be moved out in an orderly fashion and we were able to find local living accommodations for international students who could not return home.

We are now on the fifth week of our spring term and are settling into the routine of working or studying from home like most people are doing worldwide. This change has been a challenge to adapt but we are so grateful to have the technology supported by the cooperative spirit of our students, faculty and staff.

The menace of COVID19 has changed how we will conduct the education of our students both in the short term and perhaps the long term. Many of our students currently live in homes where a parent lost a job or have become ill or just struggling with stress and anxiety of daily life. All these factors are very difficult, but our Bryn Athyn College community remains strong in the belief the Lord's Providence will lead us to greater good as time moves on.

In the meantime, we have announced our campus will remain closed through the end of the spring term per the orders of the Governor. Classes will continue to be conducted online. We are working on plans to re-schedule our graduation which was to occur on May 30<sup>th</sup>. I want to assure you our first priority is the safety and wellness of our students and employees.

We are grateful for the many notes of support we have received from our alumni and Bryn Athyn College community during this crisis. We want to do everything in our power to help our students complete their studies, gain their degrees and secure employment in their chosen profession. There are "silver-linings" in every crisis and we expect to see new opportunities that will be revealed to us. We have learned to work in an on-line environment that demands new skills and communication techniques. There may be new opportunities to potentially teach students on a global basis.

On behalf of Bryn Athyn College, we hope you all remain safe. As more developments occur, we will keep you informed on how we are managing the changing landscape. Again, we thank you all for your support and care.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

BRICKMAN CENTER ✚ 2945 COLLEGE DRIVE ✚ BRYN ATHYN, PENNSYLVANIA 19009-0462  
267-502-2410 ✚ [WWW.BRYNATHYN.EDU](http://WWW.BRYNATHYN.EDU)

BRYN ATHYN  
COLLEGE



FOUNDED IN 1877

Brian Blair

President

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

BRICKMAN CENTER ✦ 2945 COLLEGE DRIVE ✦ BRYN ATHYN, PENNSYLVANIA 19009-0462  
267-502-2410 ✦ [WWW.BRYNATHYN.EDU](http://WWW.BRYNATHYN.EDU)