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*“Being confident of this, that He who began
a good work in you will carry it on to
completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”*

PHILIPPIANS 1:6 (NIV)



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MESSAGE *from the* DEAN

Dear Graduates,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the School of Communication & the Arts (SCA), I extend our sincere respect and admiration for your remarkable achievements and for reaching this significant milestone. We also offer our congratulations to your families, whose steadfast love and support have played an essential role in your journey.

Our creative work reflects and honors the Creator (Psalm 19; Isaiah 55:12; Romans 1:19). With that understanding, we celebrate your accomplishments today while giving all glory to God.

Congratulations once again, and may God continue to guide and bless your path.

Scott Hayes, Ph.D., MFA

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LIST *of* DEGREES

Graduate Degrees (Ph.D., MFA, M.A., and M.S.)

Doctor of Philosophy

*Liberty University Online
Communication Programs*

Master of Fine Arts

*Liberty University Online Arts Programs
Department of Digital
Media & Journalism
Department of Studio & Digital Arts*

Master of Arts

*Liberty University Online
Communication Programs
Department of Strategic &
Personal Communication
Liberty University Online Arts Programs
Department of Studio & Digital Arts*

Master of Science

*Liberty University Online
Communication Programs*

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*Department of Strategic &
Personal Communication*

Liberty University Online Arts Programs

Department of Studio & Digital Arts

Undergraduate Degrees (BFA, B.A., and B.S.)

Zaki Gordon Center of Cinematic Arts

**Department of Digital Media
& Journalism**

**Department of Strategic & Personal
Communication**

**Liberty University Online
Communication Programs**

Department of Studio & Digital Arts

Liberty University Online Arts Programs

Department of Theatre Arts



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**Liberty University Online
Arts Programs Kevin L. Rawls, Ph.D.**

**Liberty University Online
Communication Programs Robert Mott, Ph.D.**

**Zaki Gordon Center
for Cinematic Arts Stephan Schultze, MFA**

**Department of Digital
Media & Journalism. John Rost, Ph.D., MFA**

**Department of Strategic &
Personal Communication Marie Mallory, Ph.D.**

**Department of Studio
& Digital Arts Todd Smith, MFA**

Department of Theatre Arts . . . Linda Nell Cooper, M.A.

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