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*“Whatever you do, work at it with all  
your heart, as working for the Lord,  
not for human masters,”*

COLOSSIANS 3:23



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# MESSAGE *from the* DEAN

Graduates, it is often said that teaching is the profession that makes all other professions possible. Today we celebrate not only your accomplishments but also the calling God has placed on your lives. As you step into classrooms and offices around the world, remember that education is more than a career; it is a ministry. You will shape minds, nurture hearts, and influence futures in ways you may never fully see. Remember Christ's declaration in Matthew 5 that you are the light of the world. As educators, let your light shine brightly. In moments of challenge, let it guide you. In moments of joy, let it illuminate the path for your students. Carry your faith with humility and courage, knowing that every lesson, every conversation, and every act of kindness can change a life. As graduates and *Champions for Christ*, go forward and represent your families, your communities, Liberty University, and God with excellence.

**Dr. Shawn Bielicki**

*Dean*

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# ORDER *of* CEREMONY

**Welcome** ..... **Dr. Shawn Bielicki**  
*Dean*

**Invocation** ..... **Dr. Esther Alcindor**  
*Chair, Elementary and Middle Education*

**Presentation of Degrees** ..... **Dr. Shawn Bielicki**  
*Dean*

**Dr. Michelle Goodwin**  
*Associate Dean, Licensure and Residential Programs*

**Dr. Laurie Rice**  
*Associate Dean*

**Benediction** ..... **Dr. Harvey Klamm**  
*Professor*

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