To the Class of 2020:

You are Survivors! No class in history has had to face the extraordinary disruptions and uncertainty you have had to endure. This is not how any of us imagined the spring semester ending. We want you to know that we are committed to honoring you as you deserve to be honored. We will continue to keep you informed and connected as we continue to work our way through this, confident that we will find our way to the other side, together #HornetStrong.

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NATIONAL VIRTUAL GRADUATION

Oprah Winfrey will give a virtual commencement address on Facebook for college and high school seniors across the United States. The special will air on May 16 on ABC, CBS, FOX and NBC and on social media. Ms. Winfrey’s commencement speech will be broadcast at 2 p.m. Eastern time, or 11 a.m. Pacific time, a day earlier on Facebook and Instagram, which are part of the same social media company.
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**MESSAGE FROM MCNAA PRESIDENT!**

On behalf of myself, the President of the Morris College National Alumni Association, and the National Alumni Executive Committee, as well as the Morris College Alumni, I greet you the graduating class of 2020. The day that you’ve been looking forward to since your arrival on campus has finally come. We’re happy to share the excitement of your graduation and we are very proud of you. Now that you have completed this phase of your life, I know that you are excited about entering into the next phase, whether it is graduate school, work or whatever you decide to do.

As you enter into the next phase of your life you will have some good days as well as bad days, encouraging days and some not so encouraging days, but keep striving to pursue your goal; in life.

Motto: You entered to learn and depart to serve.

Best Wishes;
Ruth M. Pendergrass

**FAST TRACK 2020 ENROLLMENT UPDATE**

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**SUMMER SCHOOL 2020 ENROLLMENT UPDATE**

Returning students who are interested in taking courses during the summer are encouraged to begin pre-registration advisement. Students may pre-register online now; onsite registration for summer school is Tuesday, June 9, 2020
### A potential applicant for a Thompson Scholarship for Education Excellence requires:

1. Must have a "B" High School average or at least a 2.70 College GPA.
2. Must have passed the Praxis Test or scored at least a 22 on the ACT or 1200 on the SAT.
3. Must Major in Teacher Education
4. Must live in one of the following counties: Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee, Sumter, or Williamsburg.
5. Must be a new freshman or new transfer student entering Morris College.
6. Must Enroll at Morris College as a full-time student taking all college credit courses.

The Scholarship Committee will award two scholarships for the 2019-2020 academic year. The awardees will receive up to $20,000 not to exceed the cost of education.

### HOW TO APPLY

The applicant must:
- Submit a completed copy of the application
- Submit two letters of recommendations from one classroom teacher and one from a guidance counselor, principal or assistant principal.
- Submit a copy of your High School or College transcript.
- Submit ACT, SAT, or Praxis test results.

The deadline to apply for the scholarship is **August 1, 2020**

The application, test results, and required letters of recommendations should be sent to:

Office of Financial Aid  
Mrs. Sandra S. Gibson  
Attn. Thompson Scholarship for Education Excellence  
100 West College St.  
Sumter, South Carolina 29150
IMPORTANT SENIOR NOTICE: Graduating Seniors who have student loan debt are required by the Federal Government to complete online Student Loan Exit Counseling. In order to complete the online counseling, seniors will need to have a verified FSA Username and password. This is the same ID and password you used to complete your FAFSA. Please add MORRIS COLLEGE as the school to receive your results. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Lparrott@morris.edu or finaid@morris.edu

GO ON LINE TO: https://studentaid.gov to complete the EXIT COUNSELING