Dear Belmont Graduate Student:

Continuing your education beyond the undergraduate level is not an easy decision, and the faculty, staff and administration at Belmont University are honored you have chosen to pursue your graduate studies with us. Your presence is a valuable asset to the university.

We admire your dedication and accomplishments, and we are grateful to call you members of the Belmont community. It’s unquestionably an exciting time for all of us who call Belmont home. This past year saw the opening of Troutt Theater and the addition of new graduate programs in Pharmacy and Nonprofit Leadership. Belmont’s image was further enhanced with the news we would host the 2008 Town Hall Presidential Debate. In 2007-08, Belmont dreamed bigger and achieved more than ever before, cementing our image as a leader among teaching universities.

Though we are fortunate to be members of the Belmont community during this exciting time, like public and private higher education institutions everywhere we are facing the reality of rising costs. The leadership of Belmont University has worked diligently to reduce the impact of national inflation on higher education and the rising cost of providing the university’s graduate programs. Your presence on Belmont’s campus is of great importance to us, and we want to do everything possible to keep your education affordable.

Because of the unique nature of the graduate programs at Belmont, tuition increases for 2008-09 will vary per department with the average increase for all graduate programs being around 5.5 percent, below the national average. One of the primary uses of the funds generated by these increases will be to provide raises for our valuable faculty and staff. The revenue generated by student fees support important areas on campus that enrich the lives of all of our students – health services, campus safety, parking, building maintenance, career services, library services, environmental initiatives and technology.

You will receive a guide explaining Belmont’s financial policies as well as cost and payment options in the next few weeks. A complete list of tuition fees is also available on the Belmont Web site on the Cost Estimator Link found on the Student Financial Services page.

I believe Belmont University’s graduate programs successfully provide a superior educational experience at a price that adds up to real value for you as you invest your time and resources here. Thank you for entrusting us to provide you with your continued educational needs. We are honored to have you on campus.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Fisher

President