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Prof. Dimitar Bulanov
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Dear Prof. Bulanov,

Dear members of the university management and teaching staff,

Dear graduates,

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2020 of the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University of Sofia! This is just the beginning of an amazing journey, and on behalf of the United States Embassy in Sofia, I want to thank you for your selflessness in committing your careers to the service of others. Although we are not able to celebrate your accomplishments in person, I hope that these challenging times will highlight what a meaningful and important choice you have made in studying medicine, and that you will all be able to feel the joy of this achievement even more keenly. We need you now, more than ever.

I am particularly thrilled to extend my warmest congratulations to my four fellow countrymen and women, who have chosen the Medical University of Sofia for their studies. You have been good ambassadors of our country over the past years and I hope you will all work together,

Bulgarian and American doctors alike, to help strengthen the ties between our nations in the future. I hope that whatever you all choose to do, you will be the living continuation of our "Healing Together" efforts, not only in defeating COVID-19, but also in facing the challenges of our shared future.

Thank you, all for dedicating your lives to service, science, and saving lives. Good luck!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Herro K. Mustafa', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Herro K. Mustafa