



Dear Parents and Families,

The current coronavirus national emergency is affecting us in ways we never could have imagined and left us feeling a bit uncertain. This “black swan event” is truly unexpected and unpredictable. For us, it has resulted in the movement of our courses from the conventional classroom to online. A monumental shift, but I am pleased to tell you the response of our faculty, staff and students has been extraordinary. We are only four days into this transition, but our educational activities are going very well. Our faculty members are embracing all kinds of digital tools and new teaching strategies to deliver an engaging experience to students. Our advisors and learning specialists have reworked their approach to provide virtual tutoring and learning assistance. Our library is providing new resources in ways we didn’t think was possible just weeks ago. And it’s all being done remotely to keep everyone safe while providing the help needed. I couldn’t be prouder, and I wanted you to know your students are in good hands.

With the closure of campus on Monday, the university has traded face-to-face meetings for video, web and phone conferences. We’re evolving each day in our ability to utilize the abundant resources available to us in this great technologically advanced world of ours. Rest assured—we are putting in extraordinary effort to provide a valuable educational experience for your students.

We are also focused on their health and well-being, taking the necessary precautions to create the safest possible environment for those who remain at our residential campus at the Villas. We are providing meals and service, and will continue to do so, as well as maintaining round-the-clock security, including monitoring students in and out of the Villas. If students are not readily visible, we check that they are in their rooms and continue to be healthy. This is an advantage of our “smallness” in that we are able to pay individual attention to each student.

Registration for summer (online), fall 2020 and spring 2021 classes is now open and can be completed online. Students can access registration support via their portal at <https://portal.marymountcalifornia.edu/cmcpportal/>. Academic advisors are available if your student has any questions. Or, they can contact Learning Services at (310) 303-7205, which is well staffed with tutors and library assistants who are all connected via remote technology.

We are all experiencing great change, and we are coming together to meet this challenge. The university continues to work with public health partners to determine best practices and the best course of action to keep students and our entire university community safe. Thank you for your partnership and understanding as we navigate this new reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian W.G. Marcotte", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brian W.G. Marcotte  
President