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MARYMOUNT
CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY

CLASS OF 2020

History of Marymount California University

Marymount California University was established in 1968 as a two-year institution of higher education by the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary (RSHM). In 1975, the RSHM transferred responsibility for the University to a lay Board of Trustees. The RSHM provides a legacy to the University, through which their charism and education tradition inspires the institution's mission.

The Seal and Motto

In 1907, Mother Marie Joseph Butler founded the first of the Marymount Colleges in Tarrytown, New York. It was she who gave us the Marymount California University crest. The motto, *Tua Luce Dirige*, "Guide By Your Light," comes from the Liturgical Office of the Blessed Virgin.



The figures of the crest are surmounted by a star leading to victory those who follow the cross beneath. The cross is trefoil in design, representing that worn by the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary (RSHM). The shield is designed with 13 stripes, and on either side appear the pierced Heart of Mary and the fleur-de-lis. Thus, the United States, France and the RSHM are represented. The eagle and lion holding up the shield are derived from the Butler Family Crest. This represents a debt of gratitude to the generosity of the donor of the land for the first Marymount in Tarrytown, James Butler.

(From notes by Aileen Collahan '20 and Marion L. Patterson '34)

Mission Statement

Mission

Marymount California University is a Catholic institution that welcomes students of all faiths and backgrounds into a quality, values-based education. We foster a student-centered approach to learning that promotes the development of the whole person. Inspired by the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, we challenge our students to pursue lives of leadership and service.

Vision

Marymount California University empowers its students through an educational program that develops principled thinkers in the Catholic liberal arts tradition. We promote an open and welcoming campus that builds skills for lifelong learning. We assist students to reach their goals in higher education. We strive to graduate students who embody the virtues of integrity, respect for human dignity and commitment to justice.

Core Values

Tradition

Rooted in the Catholic intellectual and faith tradition, we educate and challenge students to think critically and to grow spiritually.

Openness

We welcome freedom of inquiry and diversity of experience within a community of educators and learners who seek truth, moral wisdom and global understanding.

Integrity

We strive for academic and professional excellence in an educational experience that builds character and values the whole person.

Service

We encourage our students to seek a more just world and to lead lives of compassionate service to others.

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A Message from the President Brian W.G. Marcotte

The opening line of Charles Dickens classic novel, *A Tale of Two Cities*, reads: “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, ...” This passage refers to a time in history filled with radical opposites. We find ourselves today in both the best and worst of times. We are emerging from a time of global tragedy and each of you has an opportunity to react, respond and distinguish yourselves as a new generation of scholars, servant leaders and heroes.



Sometimes doing nothing is an option but this is not one of those times. Your time has come and you must think and reason deeply. This time was thrust upon you but you can take control. I am confident that you have the education and the drive to make a difference. I am absolutely confident in you as individuals and as a generation. I am so excited to watch you go into the world to make a difference—to make an impact for good.

You came here to learn and now you go forth to make the world a better place. I am excited for you. I am so proud of you and I pray for God’s blessing on each one of you.

Go Mariners!

Brian W.G. Marcotte
President

A Message from the Provost Dr. Ariane Schauer

Dear Graduates,

This is a memorable year, and for you to graduate in this memorable year is particularly meaningful. You have accomplished much, and completing your degree signals to the world your discipline, your resilience and your ability to see things through. Your degree carries within it parts of your character and ways you have learned to approach the world. It harbors your adaptability, creativity, problem-solving and collaboration. It will help open doors and it will help you sail through challenges. It is anchored in the spirit of Marymount and it will help you launch your unique talents into the world.



Now more than ever, the world needs you. And you are ready.

May you navigate the seas ahead with an open mind and an open heart.

Best wishes always,

Ariane Schauer, Ph.D.

Provost

Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs

Academic Regalia

The history of academic apparel dates back to the early days of the oldest universities. Some colleges in England, during the second half of the 14th century, prescribed wearing long gowns to avoid “excess in apparel.” Gowns also may have been necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings used by medieval scholars. It is still debatable whether academic apparel originated chiefly for ecclesiastical or secular dress.

Although European institutions still show great diversity in their academic apparel, American colleges joined together in 1895 to establish a standard code of academic dress. The code specifies three types of gowns: the gown for the bachelor’s degree has pointed sleeves; the gown for the master’s degree has an oblong sleeve with the front cut in an arc; and the gown for the doctor’s degree has bell-shaped sleeves. The doctor’s gown is trimmed in velvet with three bars on the sleeves and facing down the front. The velvet trim is in black or the color appropriate for the field of learning.

The tassel is the distinguishing feature of the mortarboard. It is black or a color appropriate to the subject, except for the holders of doctor’s degrees or governing officers, who may have gold tassels.

Hoods originally may have served to cover tonsured heads of clergy and scholars until superseded by the skull cap. This was later replaced with a headdress similar to the mortarboard cap commonly in use. The hood is the most distinctive feature of academic dress. The hoods are lined with the official colors of the college or university conferring the degree, while the color of the border indicates the field of learning in which the degree is earned.

Candidates for the Associate Degrees

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Elias S. Ababa Δ
Serena Marie Aguilera
Ashley Angel Ψ
Joseph A. Aparicio
Ana Isabel Ayala
Mason Joseph Bemis
Sabrina Sandra Benitez
Morgan A. Benko
William D. Beugg
Miayaunna R. Blueford
Rey Marcus Castellanos
Dante J. Castillo
Genevie Priscilla Castillo
Danielle Marie Chavez
Mingjian Che
Wenyu Chen *
Jada Elizabeth Crawl ** Σ
Shyanne Curtis
Kira J. Donahue
Marilyn Eteaki
Wency Paulina Fairley-Hernandez
Danyuan Fang *
James William Gaines
Evelyn Garcia-Cabrera
Joseph Garcia ****
Gaspar R. Garza
Natalie Milagros Goni
Jocelyne Gonzalez ** Δ Σ
Amanda Lisa Guillen

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3.5 to 3.69 GPA

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3.9 to 4.00 GPA

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Candidates for the Associate Degrees

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Jiaojiao Guo
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James T. Hilton
Trung-Anh Andrew Vong Ho ***
Rongjia Hu
Tyler Ben Hutcherson
Gabriel Angel Jaime
Roberto Jaime
Silvia Alicia Jauregui
Kanisha Denise Johnson
Nicole S. Jordan
Adalberto Juarez
Kseniia Kolupaeva *
Morgan Knox
Emily Micayla Land
Carlos Francisco Lara II
Shaofeng Li
Suleima Yajaira Lima-Ruiz
Nicholas Clark Lombardozzi
Kevin Albert Lopez
Cecilia A. Lucas-Castillo
Luis Marcial
Yesenia Mariano Francisco * Δ
Gabrianna Shaina Martin
Emily Leann Merlos **
Gabriela Leonor Meza
Julian Cesar Mier *

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Katelyn Arianna Moreb
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Priscilla E. Moreno
Yesselyn Munoz
John A. Muratore
Halle Yasmine Murrell
Kevin Nguyen
Kasandra Norian
Sandra Octaviano
Aracely Ortiz
Elise Mauricia Padilla *
So-young Park **
Neusha Parsa
Jayden Patel Δ
Anthony Payan
Luis Alberto Perez-Martinez
Tatiana Portillo
Alexander Ray
Angel Love Rodriguez
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Jasmine Rojas
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Shannelle Christalyn Sablan
Andrew Joseph Saenz
Gabriela Salguero
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Haley L. Strecker
Omari-Diallo Arthur Isaac Sumter
Ava Nicola Teti **
Mariana Julia Turner
Cristiana Ubilla
Kanawut Uenghiranpaisan
Adriana Valeria Valadez
Nicholas C. Wiens
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Candidates for the Bachelor's Degrees

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BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BUSINESS

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Sahar Abdolazim-Monfarad
Lauren Addington
McKenna Juliet Boyle *
Isaac E. Camarillo * Δ
Pedro Tavares Campos
Ulrich Louis Carlos
Nolan Chen *
Jesus Johany Espinoza **
Daniel N. Fayad
Manek Singh Gandhi
Martin Gomez Alguacil
Natalie Milagros Goni
Jocelyne Gonzalez ** Δ Σ
Valerie Siobhan Herman
John Ryan Holland
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Christopher M. Ibarra
Nicholas Joseph Jacobson ** Δ
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Kyla L. Kelley
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 Joshua Matias
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 Giovanni Jay Melendrez
 Noah Michael Morehead ** Δ
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 John A. Muratore
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 Andrew S. Nichols ** Σ
 Sean Okita ** Δ
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 Ashley Darline Castillo
 Ivan Francisco Cruz
 Vincent Fuentes
 Wendy Aislyn Gaeta
 Evelyn Garcia-Cabrera
 Paula Yaritza Garcia
 Ramon Garcia
 Christopher Greve **
 Moustapha Gueye
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 Roberto Jaime
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 Monserrat E. Lagunas
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Candidates for the Bachelor's Degrees

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN FILM & MEDIA PRODUCTION

Dalton James Leftwich ** Δ

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS

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Alex Javier Salcedo * Δ

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

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Michael Bird ***

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Alexis P. Braxton Ψ

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Gabriela Juarez ** Ψ

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Josseline Jomira Melgar *** Δ Ψ

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Christina Molina ** Δ Ψ

Tristen Montelongo

Yesselyn Munoz

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Samantha Isabelle Ramos Ψ

Nicole Anne Reppucci ** Ψ

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Esomchi Tobeckukwu Enenwali III * Δ

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY

Landry Lynn Armstrong *** Δ
George Hernandez
Brooke Diane Horack ** Δ
KaytLynn Rose Johnson * Δ
Delia M. Vela * Δ
Alysa L. Wertz

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DIGITAL COMMUNICATION MEDIA

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Rainier L. De Peralta *
Sloane Marie Greeley *
Tao Guan
Eva Rae Guevara * Δ
Dongwoo Han
Nolan J. Roles
Daisy Christine Segura ** Δ
Misha Miranda Sulmeyer ** Δ
Paulette N. Wilborn
Brandon Omer Yavas ***

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT

Austin Anthony Deblasi **
Hunter David Ryan Δ
Sabrina Subero ** Σ

Candidates for the Master's Degrees

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Jorge F. Cervantes
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Johnathon Flores **
Edilyn P. Haddad ** Δ
Jorge Hernandez *
Nicholas Joseph Jacobson ** Δ
Mohammed Kamali ** Δ
Analie E. Leon Santos
Doan Khanh Linh Mac
Dylan M. McDonnell *
Shauna Kay McGinnis *** Δ Σ
Vincent Pakdel *** Δ Σ
Biannca Perez
Faraz Pourostadkar
William Steven Pozo
Arielle May Snyder
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGY

Marilyn Lara Ψ

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Marymount Alma Mater

A Light For All to See

Music and lyrics by Jack Allocco, Former Member of the Board of Trustees

Al-ma ma-ter, boun-ti-ful moth-er You have taught us well and we pray As the
years grow long For your wis- dom strong A Light For All To See. We have
learned from your love and com-pas-sion On our jour-ney through life's mys-ter-ies May the
heav-ens pro-claim your im-mor-tal flame A Light For All To See. Mar- y-mount, e-
ter- nal fount God's bless-ings flow through thee Mar- y- mount, Mar- y- mount How
dear you are to me. Though time may bring us chal-lenge and sor-row We'll stand and
face each day with-out fear Though our path may lead far You're a guid-ing star A Light For All To
See. Can-dle to can-dle, heart to heart Your light will shine through me And
with God's grace may all em-brace Your time-less leg-a- cy. Mar- y- mount, e-
ter- nal fount God's bless-ings flow through thee Mar- y-mount, pre-cious Mar- y-mount How
dear you are to me Mar- y- mount, Mar- y-mount A Light For All To See.

We celebrate candidates who have completed or are on track to complete their degrees within one semester. Official degree conferral and diplomas are issued after students complete all degree requirements.

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