

# MARYMOUNT

CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY

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Dear Marymount Student,

Hopefully, you are all well and adapting to our altered circumstances due to the COVID pandemic. We continue to be bound by guidelines issued by the State of California and the County of Los Angeles. We monitor any new information that comes available daily and consult with medical experts regularly.

After careful consideration, MCU has made the decision to continue online instruction for the Spring 2021 term. We also anticipate a continuation of fewer limits on students in campus housing. Although it feels like we just started the fall semester, it is important to make a decision now, given the need to finalize course schedules and instructors in time for course registration set to begin on October 19 and to allow you ample time to meet with your advisors about course selection to assure your degree progress.

Clearly, we would all prefer a world without COVID. But in evaluating the information available to us about the trajectory of the pandemic, the safety of our community, scientific and medical guidance, and government directives as we await the availability of a vaccine, we determined the most prudent course of action was to plan for the continuing impact of the virus through spring.

Our priority is safeguarding the health, safety and well-being of you, our faculty, staff and community, while enabling degree progression with minimal disruptions.

MCU's small size limits the number of course sections we can offer, rendering it critical that we choose our instructional modality – we simply do not have the luxury of being all things to all people. On the other hand, our small size enables us to be nimble in other ways. When the County gives us the green light, we plan to offer attractive onsite activities to keep you engaged, involved and enjoying the college experience. In the meantime, we're offering alternative programming through student organizations, residential life, athletics and academic societies that we hope is meeting your interests and needs.

MCU's physical campus remains closed with the exception of essential limited employee activity. All offices, however, are fully operational and available remotely, and will continue to be through spring.

Let me close by thanking you and acknowledging that our resilience is being tested. But I see evidence every day that we are more than up to the challenges, now and in the journey ahead.

Please continue to take good care, be safe and stay well.



Brian Marcotte  
President