

April 22, 2022

Dear Mariner Community,

As you know, MCU has struggled financially in recent years in the face of declining enrollment and soaring educational costs, which have made economies-of-scale difficult. The COVID-19 pandemic further exacerbated the situation. These factors all contributed to the reasons MCU had begun pursuing a partnership with Saint Leo, [which was terminated last week](#).

Despite the Herculean efforts of our board of trustees and leadership team to find another option in a workable timeframe that would provide the critical financial support MCU needs to shore up its operations, we have come to the painful determination the university is no longer educationally sustainable.

It is with deep and heartfelt sadness that I write again so soon to tell you the board has voted to permanently close Marymount California University on August 31, 2022.

This is absolutely heartbreaking news for me to share. I want to assure you we looked strongly into many possibilities to keep the doors open longer, including other university partnerships, real estate transactions and phased approaches to closing. Unfortunately, every path was fraught with potential operational and timing issues that simply would not allow us to achieve the level and quality of education that we as stewards of the university feel a responsibility to provide our students.

While details of the decision are still being worked out, we wanted to inform you immediately, as we know time is of the essence for you to begin immediately reviewing your plans. You will undoubtedly have important questions about the closure process and what to expect in the coming days and weeks. We will be hosting a **Student Open Forum on Tuesday, April 26 at 12:30PM via Zoom**: Meeting ID: 849 3149 4805, Passcode: 716652 or at this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84931494805?pwd=MXNjRmRpSTVrMUtkTE4vR3p4VVZ4UT09>

Parents and supporters are more than welcome to attend.

These [frequently asked questions](#) have some preliminary information that might be helpful, too. You can also email us at [PresidentsOffice@MarymountCalifornia.edu](mailto:PresidentsOffice@MarymountCalifornia.edu) with your questions.

MCU has been an extraordinary gem of an institution for more than 50 years with its tight-knit family and amazing campus community. Thousands of students have passed through our doors since our founding in 1968. Many Mariners have gone on to significant accomplishments in their careers. We have no doubt the positive impacts of their contributions will be felt for years to come. While this is an extremely difficult decision for all of us, we are hopeful that the lasting memories of our Mariner community can be of the joyous moments, personal growth, and enduring friendships that were made here.

Sincerely,



Brian Marcotte  
President, Marymount California University