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

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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Brenda Brkusic Milinkovic is a seasoned television executive recognized for her expertise in developing and producing award-winning programming. Brenda serves as the Sr. Director of Programming and Development at NBCUniversal, where she is responsible for leading the Syndication Studio's creative development of unscripted content for distribution across the NBCU broadcast, cable and streaming portfolio, and for external networks and streaming services. She also serves as the Executive on the Emmy-nominated Access Hollywood and Access Daily.

Brenda has received 10 Emmy Awards, 15 Emmy nominations, 4 CINE Golden Eagle Awards, 14 Telly Awards, and 3 Golden Mike Awards.

Her work promoting human rights through film has been recognized by US Congress on the Congressional Record of the U.S. House of Representatives. Also by the European Parliament in Brussels, the Anti-Defamation League, Amnesty International and others.

Amongst her innumerable accomplishments, she has served the Television Academy for over a decade. Previously as Co-Chair of the Governors Ball for the Primetime Emmys, Member of the Governor's Award Committee for the Primetime Emmys, LA Area Governor and Co-Chair of the LA Area Emmy Awards, Member of the Daytime
Programming and LA Area Peer Group Executive Committees. Currently as Daytime Programming Governor, Co-Chair of the Daytime Emmy Awards’ Committee, Member of the Creative Arts Primetime Emmys Awards’ Committee and a member of both the Daytime Programming and Television Executives Peer Groups. She is also a member of the Producers Guild of America.

Brenda earned her AA Degree from Marymount California University and her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Film and Television Production from Chapman University. Recently in 2019, she was honored with the University's Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award.

Previously, Brenda directed the development, production, national distribution and marketing of premium programs on PBS. She also produced an Emmy Award-winning nightly news program and spearheaded a new TV channel for PBS which was lauded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. During her tenure, she was the driving force behind the acquisition, development and production of thousands of hours of nationally broadcast programs.

Throughout her career, Brenda has creatively and consistently concepted and launched new business models and partnerships that have increased revenue, expanded viewership, and improved brand loyalty. She has proven successful at shaping high-potential concepts into relevant, sustainable, and award-winning programs. She has been responsible for shows featuring acclaimed film and TV stars George Clooney, Tom Hanks, Nicole Kidman, Matthew McConaughey, Jennifer Aniston, Julia Roberts, Leonardo DiCaprio, Oprah Winfrey, Martin Scorsese, Lady Gaga, Keira Knightly, Reese Witherspoon, Michael Keaton, Jennifer Lopez, Amy Schumer, Jennifer Lawrence, Neil Patrick Harris, and top musical talent Jennifer Nettles, Lee Brice, CAM and more.
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.
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.
Commencement Ceremony

PROCESSIONAL
“Pomp and Circumstance”

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
Dr. Ariane Schauer, Provost and Executive Vice President

NATIONAL ANTHEM
“The Star-Spangled Banner”

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CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE
Brian W.G. Marcotte
Dr. Ariane Schauer
Saturday, May 7, 2022

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ALMA MATER
“A Light For All To See”

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“Trumpet Tune”
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