

CANCELLED

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2020

From the desk of the Principal

On Wednesday afternoon, March 11, 2020, the Monterey Bay Academy school board met for their regularly scheduled board meeting. On the agenda for discussion was the growing concerns of the COVID-19 virus and related health concerns. The MBA administration has been closely monitoring the situation and gathering information from all church and government agencies. While COVID-19 represents a serious public health threat in California, the current risk remains low for Santa Cruz County and Monterey Bay Academy residents. However, Santa Cruz County, as well as the state and federal governments, along with Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, have recommended that all non-essential events and large gatherings be cancelled.

After much thought and consideration, and with the health and safety of our students, staff, and alumni in mind, the MBA school board voted to adhere to the recommendation of church and government agencies—**cancel all non-essential events and gatherings until further notice**. Regrettably, this includes the cancellation of the 70th Alumni Weekend festivities originally scheduled on April 23–26, 2020. In accordance with Santa Cruz County schools, we have also



cancelled all off-campus field trips. We are also limiting our on-campus visitors to only essential workers, parents, and invited guests. We are continuing to encourage safe health practices of our students and staff, and taking the appropriate measures to clean and sanitize the commonly used areas on campus.

We most certainly recognize the disappointment this will bring to many who were looking forward to reuniting again with classmates and friends. We apologize for any inconvenience and unhappiness this may cause and appreciate your understanding as we are committed to the health and safety of everyone.

As we look to the future, we want you to know that **we are exploring options to celebrate the honor classes that were to be recognized this year.**

The MBA Alumni Office will continue to communicate with alumni as plans develop.

Thank you for your continued prayers and concerns for Monterey Bay Academy!

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If you have any questions regarding the Alumni Weekend 2020 cancellation, please contact us!

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