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Dear Students:

Welcome to Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA), the Commonwealth's public liberal arts college. Since our founding as the North Adams Normal School in 1894, professional preparation has been a cornerstone of who we are.



Our graduate programs are an important part of that identity. Our Master of Education (MEd), Master of Business Administration (MBA), Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS) and educator licensure programs combine hands-on learning experiences and lessons from our skilled faculty. You will finish your degree with connections, experience, and new knowledge that will help you access new opportunities and advance your career. Your graduate studies at MCLA will strengthen and refine your critical thinking, communications, and leadership skills – the skills crucial to success in your profession and as engaged citizens in your community.

MCLA is located in North Adams, in the beautiful Berkshires of Western Massachusetts, where we are in the midst of a stunning revitalization. Being right in the middle of a community known for its vibrant culture, art, and seemingly endless opportunities for natural recreation adds another dimension to the educational experience you will have at MCLA.

You also will find that MCLA is a wonderful place to explore new interests and establish lifelong friendships. Our alumni make us proud

through their important work and positive impact in Berkshire County, across Massachusetts, throughout the country, and around the world. In this catalog, you will find information about MCLA education and business graduation programs that meet your interests and exceed your expectations. Use this catalog to reference information that will enhance your academic journey.

Again, welcome to MCLA.

Sincerely,

James F. Birge, Ph.D.  
President