



Monroe Community College Foundation

Notice of Data Breach

At the MCC Foundation, we take the privacy and security of the MCC community very seriously. A letter was recently emailed to all constituents in our database with an email address, to alert them of a data breach.

Blackbaud, the Foundation's cloud computing service, recently informed us that they were the target of a ransomware attack. We learned that after discovering the attack, Blackbaud worked with independent forensic experts and law enforcement to expel the hacker from their systems. Blackbaud believes that they successfully retrieved the stolen data, but we can never be completely certain, which is why we want to make you aware.

Please know that credit card, financial information, and social security numbers **were not** obtained by the hacker. Blackbaud has confirmed that this information is encrypted on Blackbaud's systems and the hacker did not access the encryption key. However, some personal information such as names, address, and birthdates may have been accessed.

Upon learning of this incident, we investigated the data breach and Blackbaud's response and remediation efforts. We believe that there is a low risk of unauthorized use of the information obtained by the hacker. If we learn of any additional information that is pertinent to protecting your safety, we will share that promptly.

Again, while we believe it is unlikely that the accessed information will be misused, we advise you to remain vigilant by reviewing any account statements and monitoring your credit reports regularly. If you see unauthorized activity on your account statements, you should notify your financial institution or payment card issuer directly. You also should promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidence of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities and/or the Federal Trade Commission (<https://www.ftc.gov/contact>).

Thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at gwood9@monroecc.edu or our Chief Financial Officer, Susan Gurak, at sgurak@monroecc.edu.

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