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**FACT SHEET**  
***MacMurray College***

***At A Glance***

MacMurray College is an independent, four-year college with a strong liberal arts tradition. Known for its nursing, deaf education, homeland security, criminal justice, and social work degrees, MacMurray offers bachelor's degrees in 17 majors, 10 pre-professional tracks and 12 minors.

***Location***

The 60-acre campus is located in west central Illinois in the city of Jacksonville, approximately 30 miles west of Springfield.

***Total Full-time Students:*** 527

***Total Full-time Faculty and Staff:*** 101

***Tuition and Fees:*** \$28,540 (2019-2020)

***Endowment:*** \$10.2 million

***Founded:*** 1846

***President:*** Beverly Rodgers, PhD

***Religious Affiliation/Tradition:*** United Methodist

***Recent Chronology Leading to Closure***

**2015:** Former President Colleen Hester and the Board implement new market-aligned majors, retiring select traditional liberal arts majors, including English and history. Dr. Hester resigns after eight years. Dr. Mark Tierno is named the college's 16<sup>th</sup> president.

**2016:** The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) places MacMurray on academic probation.

**2018:** The HLC removes all academic sanctions in July, noting MacMurray's success in building enrollments and significantly increasing fundraising.

**2019:** President Tierno retires; the Board appoints MacMurray's provost, Dr. Beverly Rodgers, as the college's 17<sup>th</sup> president.

**2020:** The Board of Trustees determines MacMurray had no viable financial path forward amid declining enrollments, rising competitive costs, and a small endowment; it votes unanimously to close MacMurray at the end of the spring semester.

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