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2020 SST *Scholarship Appeal*

Fellow Alumni,

Summer is just around the corner and that means it's time for our annual Summer Sea Term Scholarship Appeal! Remember your Summer Sea Terms? It is those experiences and memories that have propelled you into the life that you have today.

Scholarship applications have been issued to students and we are expecting a lively interest in the MCAA's Scholarship program! The MCAA's 1st Vice President, Michael Brown, was on campus recently addressing the students during morning formation to inform them of the application process.

Through the generosity of our Alumni, the MCAA has provided Annual Summer Sea Term Scholarships totaling \$3,177,944 since 2004! Scholarships have been awarded to Maritime College cadets embarking on their 1/C and 2/C cruises aboard the Empire State VI. The lion's share of funding comes from the interest and dividends of our regular scholarship endowment funds, however, we need your assistance to fulfill our goal of providing a minimum of \$250,000 in scholarships every Spring to qualified* cadets. We fully intend to meet or exceed that goal once again this year, and with your participation, *we can get there!*

The cost for SST continues to rise in 2020. The cost for First Class 100-day cruise cost \$11,108 for In-State students and as much as \$13,553 for Out-of-Region.

(See chart.)

2018 Costs	45 Day	90 Day Full
In-state	\$6,811	\$10,154
In-region	\$7,645	\$10,988
Out-of-state	\$9,223	\$12,566

Many of our cadets and their families struggle to find the money to cover these expenses. Yet, they all recognize the value of the experience of the Summer Sea Term. Indeed, most of our reunion classes reflect on their own Summer Sea Terms as the ***single-most formative experience*** of those important college years. As alumni, we are committed to - and receive satisfaction from - helping this new crop of cadets as much as we possibly can.

Once again, the MCAA will award ***two full scholarships*** to first-class cadets. The Engine award is named in honor of Professor Edward "The Chief" Pflieger, and the Deck award in honor of the distinguished Professor William Sembler, Class of 1952. For the second year, the Class of 1965, through their aggressive fundraising efforts, will award ***four scholarships between \$2,000 and \$3,000*** to second class cadets (two engine, two deck). Partial Scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each will be awarded to 1st class cruise cadets based upon scholarship application and supplement funding from this appeal. All of the money donated through this appeal will be designated for 2020 cadet scholarships.

The opportunity to participate in this effort will end on April 30, 2020. Late donations will be applied to 2021 SST scholarships.

Every dollar counts.

Imagine how proud we would all be, and what message we would send, if we were to have 100% participation.

Please act now. You will be glad you did.

A donation form and return envelope are enclosed. ***Please give generously.***

Fraternally,

John Valvo, Class of 1983
MCAA President

*Criteria for qualification include proof of financial need, academic grades, regimental standing, and quality and content of an essay. Please visit www.FSMAA.org for full information.



**Prof. Edward
"The Chief" Pflieger**



**Prof. William
Sembler, Class of 1952**



2018 Class of 1965 Recipients



A glimpse into past *SST Cruises.*

Email us your story or photo for publication in the *Fort Schuyler* or on our website.



Right: Prof. Pflieger winner, Jacob Ennerfelt with John Valvo '83, Paul Jennings '83 & Dan Gillette '97.



Far right: Prof. Sembler winner, Michael Petty with Chris Nystrom '92, Carl Hausheer '79, Dan Gillette '97, Ted Mason '57, Victor Corso '83 & Amie Carter '00



The MCAA is an IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization; your donation is tax-deductible.

Easy to donate!

- Online/credit card at www.fsmaa.org/donate-now
- Phone: Call MCAA Administrative Assistant, Denise Tiernan, 718-931-6887.
- US Mail: Complete and return this form in the envelope provided by May 31, 2019.

I'm pleased to support the 2019 SST Appeal! Please accept my donation of \$ _____

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\$250 - \$499

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\$500 - \$999

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\$2,500 - \$4,999

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\$5,000 - \$9,999

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\$10,000 & up!

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