



MCAA Bulletin - May 1, 2024

## From the President

In this season of renewal, we've endured a tragic loss. The murder of NYPD Officer and Maritime College 2014 graduate Jonathan E. Diller on March 25th devastated his family and shocked the city he so gallantly served, and grieved the Maritime College community. We in the Alumni Association immediately united with the College to help his family and to honor his loss, fervidly heeding yet again the call of "One Hand!" from a fellow shipmate in distress.

We also bid farewell to retiring College President RADM Mike Alfultis after ten years of dedicated and transformative service to SUNY Maritime. He continues his tour among our Chapters as we aid the College in finding a new president. In the cyclic change of seasons, we take strength and comfort knowing that we are here for each other through thick and thin, pain and prosperity.

Please help us to ensure that we're meeting your needs. Send your comments, suggestions, and ideas for content to our Editor, Don Gale, at [Editor@maritimecollegeaa.org](mailto:Editor@maritimecollegeaa.org).

Stephen J. Carbery '80  
President MCAA

## Association News

### Honoring a Hero, Helping our Cadets: The Det. Jonathan E. Diller Class of 2014 Memorial (Scholarship) Fund

On April 19th, the Detective Jonathan E. Diller Class of 2014 Memorial SST Scholarship Fund was opened for donations. \$6,000 scholarship award to highest-evaluated 1/C Deck cadet by SST Scholarship Committee. Family supports this initiative. To contribute, please click [HERE](#).

### One Hand! SGA Students promote Relief Fund

March 27th - Two students opened a fundraiser of supplies and financial assistance to benefit Detective Diller's family. \$11,315 was raised. Diller's family has requested that the funds be directed to the new memorial fund described above.

### MCAA Staffing

[Taylor Netchert](#) joined our ranks as Communications Director. She will direct public relations and social media outreach. Email [Communications@maritimecollegeaa.org](mailto:Communications@maritimecollegeaa.org).

[Denise Tiernan](#) will be in MCAA office Monday, Tuesday, and Friday handling mail and alumni communications.

### New Alumni Night

Reported good attendance by alumni for the April 11th event. The cadets and students that

attended received critical career information from alumni, that is surely to be beneficial moving forward. The association is looking to host another New Alumni Event early in the school year, to be able to provide mentorship for a longer period of time.

### Treasury Report

Dues income is tracking favorably in comparison to 2024. Revenue from events is also tracking favorably YTD of the estimated budget. Investment funds have a YTD growth of 2.20%

### SST Scholarship Committee Report

**Record year! \$532,990 to be awarded.** By 13-member Evaluation Team led by Chair John Valvo '83.

Sembler Award – one 1/C Deck “full ride” \$12,995;

Chief Fledging Award – one 1/C Engine “full ride” \$12,995.

Other awards – 42 x 1/C Deck @ \$6k, 26 x 1/C Eng. @ \$6k; 17 x 3/C Deck @ \$2k, 11 x 3/C Eng. @ 2k.

**Total MCAA SST scholarships \$489,990**

**Individual Class scholarships and Jonathan E. Diller Memorial add \$43k more awards! GRAND TOTAL \$532,990**



### Swag Shop Open!

Celebrating the 150 year history and traditions of Fort Schuyler and Maritime College.

[Click here to order by May 26th](#)

### Around the Ports: MCAA Chapters

**Greek Chapter** – formation discussions continue with Capt. Dimitrios Kokkinis '03.

**DelVal Chapter** – April 4th Admiral's Tour event was well attended. RADM Alfurtis received flag from USN LTJG Derrick Kennedy '22. Next event, National Maritime Day on May 22nd, Philadelphia Navy Yard Pier.

**Long Island Chapter** – Two TSES VII Tours on April 21st promptly booked out.

**Hampton Roads Chapter** – On April 12th, Chapter members met up at Old Dominion University Maritime Conference. Next event, National Maritime Day May 22nd.

### Seth Lucas is reaching out to solidify Chapter-MCAA

**connection and Bylaws compliance.** Chapters must provide a list of 15 sustaining (dues-paying) members to be considered an active MCAA Chapter. Please reply to Seth Lucas with applicable information when he contacts your Chapter.





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## News from the College President

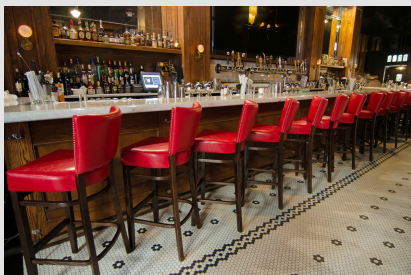
**April 18 Likely RADM Alfultis' Final MCAA Board Meeting:** We THANK YOU for your 10 years of heartfelt service, Sir!

**External Regiment Review:** The Admiral cited extensive review and interaction since February 2022 by staff and cadet leadership. 20 initiatives acted upon, 6 more identified for Fall 2024 by cadets. Campus Update to be issued May 1, 2024. MCAA asked that work/results be shared with Maritime College community so progress is understood.

**SST Funding:** \$2.3mm for fuel – fully Federally-funded! NROTC Strategic Sealift Midshipman Program (SSMP) funding doubled to \$64k in 2024. Petitioning NY State Senate to retain \$4mm allocation for SST.

**Enrollment and retention:** 400 students on campus for Accepted Student's Day on Saturday April 20th. Enrollment numbers are rising, both freshmen and returning students have been restored to pre-COVID levels.

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## Upcoming Events

**MCAA Spring Networking Social:** Tuesday, May 14th from 6:00 - 9:00PM at Pennsylvania 6 NYC. Register [HERE!](#)

**Admiral's Retirement Celebration:** Tuesday, May 21st, on campus, SUNY Maritime College, 5:00PM. All welcome to attend. Drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres. \$35 Online Registration [HERE](#); \$50 registration on-site.

**TSES SST Departure:** Tuesday, June 4th, Olivet Pier, SUNY Maritime College. Show up to celebrate with Maritime College community!

**35<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic:** Monday, June 10th, Plainfield Country Club, Edison, NJ. 12:30PM Shotgun, Reception to Follow.



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