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LETTER FROM KEVIN DANKO '95

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Dear Fellow Alumni,

2022 is now in our rear view and we are looking forward to a great 2023. A few highlights from 2022 were our Annual Honors Dinner, Golf Classic and Homecoming, connecting old friends and rekindling those feelings of camaraderie. If you haven't seen the pier at the Fort lately, something is missing. Empire State VI has departed Fort Schuyler for the last time.

The theme of this issue is leadership and service, and I want to take this opportunity to personally thank the members of our Association's board of directors. They work tirelessly behind the scenes to support you and our future Alumni, through networking events, scholarship administration, and mentoring activities with the students of Fort Schuyler.

As I have mentioned in the past, we have many opportunities for you to join us in service. We have several committees that would welcome a fresh perspective from some more recent graduates. Committees are a great way to get more involved and learn just what it is that we are supporting as an Association. As we are all very comfortable using video conferencing, committees meet virtually. So, no matter where you are in the country or around the globe, you can participate. That same virtual opportunity exists for sitting board members, and we have several members around the country and even one that joins from her ship! Please reach out to us for more information about how to get plugged in.

Another great opportunity to give back is through our Summer Sea Term (SST) giving appeal. This year is especially momentous as this next SST is set to be the Maiden voyage of the Empire State VII. A brand-new ship built for the national maritime industry – and SUNY Maritime gets the first one. We want to make the sure that no "rack" goes unused. What an opportunity for the cadets who will embark this historic cruise!

If I haven't convinced you yet, there is another way for you to get involved, through sponsorship. We have two major fundraisers each year and those proceeds go to the operational cost of the Association. The first is our Annual Honors Dinner and the second is the Golf Classic. The dinner is held in January and the golf outing in June. First, I would like to encourage you to mark these events in your calendars and plan to join us. Both are well attended, and the sea stories get better every time! If you can't make the trip, we'll miss you, but consider sponsoring the events personally or through your business. Business sponsorship is a great way to be visible to the school and get the top talent you are after among your fellow graduates.

In closing I would like to thank each of you for the overwhelming support the Association receives from you, and we look forward to your continued support.

Fraternally Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Danko'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kevin Danko, Class of 1995
President MCAA

LETTER FROM MICHAEL ALFULTIS

President, SUNY Maritime College

Dear Maritime College Alumni and Friends,

As we wind down the fall semester, I am always filled with gratitude to see the campus bustling with faculty, staff and student activity. At the onset of the academic year, MUGs took part in a traditional 10-day Indoctrination, and I was impressed with how well they adapted to the Regiment of Cadets during and since that time. Throughout the semester, students have remained active in their coursework, extra-curricular activities and athletics programs.



I am also pleased to share that this past summer, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), renewed Maritime College's institutional accreditation. The MSCHE evaluation team had high praise for the College's efforts to meet its mission and deliver high quality academic programs. As an institution of higher education, Maritime College is expected, by way of accreditation, to ensure students participate in service activities as part of their academic experience. The maritime

industry is a service industry and Maritime College students are encouraged from the time they begin as freshmen through graduation to engage in voluntary activities far outside the walls of Fort Schuyler.

This issue explores, through the lens of service, the ways in which students and alumni are actively involved in community and other service experiences that foster leadership, one of the Core Values of Maritime College. Beginning with the Regiment, the stories featured in this magazine showcase how the Regiment prepares cadets for opportunities in leadership and service within and beyond the maritime industry. Athletes have also taken the lead in organizing activities affecting the NYC region by hosting the Saturday Night Lights program. The success of the program brings NYC youth back to campus each year to participate in team sports and receive mentorship by our athletes.

Other areas of the College abuzz with activity during the semester with community service projects includes Student Housing and Residential Life, which organizes and participates in the Midnight Run by sorting clothing, packing meals and driving into the streets of Manhattan close to the midnight hour. Although students deliver meals and clothing to the homeless, the event focuses on the human exchange rather than the exchange of goods. These activities, including those sponsored by Student Affairs, are voluntary and allow Maritime College students to expand their concept of community past the classroom, preparing them for their place in the maritime industry, global citizenship and conscientious leadership.

Also incorporated in this issue is our final farewell to the Training Ship Empire State VI, which departed Maritime College for the last time in October. TSES VI served the College and cadets well for decades and we now look forward to the arrival of the first National Multi-Mission Vessel, the Empire State VII, which was launched at Philadelphia Shipyard, PA in August, and is now undergoing outfitting, testing and commissioning.

We have accomplished much this year and I want to extend my deepest thanks to the alumni, sponsors and friends who consistently and generously give to the College. Your donations and contributions produce the crucial funding needed for student scholarships and play a large part in further enriching the student experience. Thank you for supporting student success at Maritime College!

Please enjoy this issue of Fort Schuyler Magazine.

RADM Michael Alfultis, USMS, Ph.D.
President

Empire State VII Launches at **PHILLY SHIPYARD**

On Saturday, September 24, the long-anticipated moment arrived when the newly constructed Training Ship Empire State VII was launched at Philadelphia Shipyard.

Under beautiful blue skies, the new training ship was gently guided into its new berth by McAllister Towing tugs. RADM Michael Alfultis was on hand to witness the launch saying, "Today is a significant milestone in the construction of the training ship, and I'm proud to be here on behalf of Maritime College. Knowing that Philly Shipyard and McAllister Towing took great care in moving the vessel in preparation for its outfitting shows the strength and collaboration of the industry partners involved in this important effort."

The ship will be outfitted and undergo testing and commissioning, and dockside trials. Within the ship's design will include numerous training spaces (eight classrooms), a full training bridge, lab spaces, and an auditorium that can accommodate up to 600 cadets at sea.

Arrival of the state-of-the-art Empire State VII at Maritime College is expected in Spring 2023.



Maritime College Cadets Visit **DANISH SHIP IN NYC** and Meet with Danish Cadets

Several cadets visited the Danmark at the South Street Seaport in NYC on September 24. They were given a tour of the tall ship and had a chance to meet and spent time with Danish maritime cadets. The Danmark was launched in 1933 from the Nakskov Shipworks in Denmark to serve as a training ship for the Danish merchant navy. After 88 years in service, the steel-hulled, three-masted, full-rigged ship still functions as a training vessel for young people seeking careers at sea. Eighty cadets aged 17-23 were training on the ship that day. They made the journey to New York along with the ship's permanent crew of 15. The ship is property of the Kingdom of Denmark and can sail the oceans of the world. Maritime cadets enjoyed the opportunity to interact with their "global" shipmates.



Cadets from l-r: Brendan Patterson 2/C, Vin Buono 1/C, John McCafferty 1/C, Sean Corrigan 2/C, Christopher Corrigan 2/C, Michael Philbin 2/C, Patrick Philbin 4/C, and Griffin Goldleaf 2/C.

Maritime College Listed Among Money Magazine's **10 BEST COLLEGES IN NEW YORK**

After conducting an analysis of over 600 four-year colleges, Money Magazine named SUNY Maritime College one of the 10 Best Colleges in New York.

The top ranking comes at a time when families and potential students consider the costs associated with attending a college or university and the benefits of completing a higher education degree. Money's annual college ranking highlights



the colleges where students receive a quality education for a comparatively affordable price. In their ranking, Money indicated that virtually all graduates of Maritime College find work within a few months of graduation and the typical salaries of graduates are well above average. Learn more about Maritime College's top ranking and the methodology used to rank over 600 colleges at <https://money.com/best-colleges-in-new-york/>.

Putting the “INTERNATIONAL” into TRADE & TRANSPORTATION

Students travel to Northern Europe in first study abroad program in two years



ITT Students at International Tribunal for Law of the Sea - Hamburg, Germany

A few weeks after the spring semester ended, thirteen Maritime College students traveled abroad with Alison Romain, Assistant Professor of Global Business and Transportation, and Humanities Senior Lecturer Ira Breskin. The students were: James Boccanfuso, Keri Campbell, Aden Forcier, John German, Altay Kabukcu, Jack Lupardo, Omar Matute, Alexander Menoudakos, Aidan Nuñez, Dylan O'Rourke, Christopher Pascali, Philip Reilly, and Kamil Watson.

Their goal was to participate in a 31-day intensive and hands-on exploration of culture and international trade in northern Europe. The summer abroad experience – the first trip in two years – included visits to Hamburg, Amsterdam, Den Haag, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Brussels, London, and Athens. Students visited 18 companies and attended university lectures

and shipping conferences. Traveling through the cities primarily by public transportation, they learned about international shipping, port and terminal operations, economics, supply chain, logistics, manufacturing, strategic planning, marine insurance, and international relations and regulations.

In preparation for the international learning experience, students spent time familiarizing themselves with one another and the instructors. These sessions allowed students to understand the expectations associated with European culture and customs, security issues while traveling abroad, and an overview of political, economic, trade, and shipping issues pertinent to the region. Each student participating in the study abroad program was required to prepare a 10-minute presentation summarizing the trip.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

HAMBURG

Walking tour of the city and visit to the Maritime Museum. Visits to the International Tribunal for the Law at Sea and a presentation by Kuehne & Nagel.

AMSTERDAM

Walking tour of the city, a visit to the Rijksmuseum, and a bicycle tour to windmills in the Zaandam countryside. Business tours of the Aalsmeer Flower Auction and the Port of Amsterdam.

ROTTERDAM AND DEN HAAG

Visit to the Maritime Museum in Rotterdam. A day at the Breakbulk Europe conference participating in Education Day, which included presentations about careers, visiting the conference exhibitors, and a televised interview. Tour of the Port of Rotterdam by boat and bus. Visited the ADM terminal and took a tour of the MV Harvest.

ANTWERP AND BRUSSELS

Business visits to NATO headquarters and the Antwerp World Diamond Center for a hands-on workshop. Lecture by the Department of Transportation & Regional Economics at the University of Antwerp.

LONDON

Meetings with Lloyd's List, the Baltic Exchange, the International Maritime Organization, the International Trade Federation, and a tour of Lloyd's of London. Visits to the Greenwich Observatory and the National Maritime Museum. Observation of the Queen's Jubilee anniversary during the London visit.

ATHENS

Business visit to Tsakos Shipping and a guided tour of the Acropolis. A day at the Posidonia Shipping Conference and a private presentation by the Piraeus Port Authority.

Prof. Breskin created brief assignments for the students throughout the trip to prepare them for the upcoming business visits. This led to a perceptible improvement in the quality and quantity of questions asked by the students during the business visits.

"We try, through this program, to offer students an international experience. They must manage money, transit and other aspects of an international trip, and during this study abroad, they were great," said Professor Breskin.

"I was proud of how well our students conducted themselves, interacted with company executives and represented the Maritime College," stated Professor Romain.



View from Acropolis - Athens Greece



Students in Rotterdam - ADM Europort Terminal



Maritime College Bids Farewell to **TRAINING SHIP EMPIRE STATE VI**

The August arrival of the Empire State VI at Olivet Pier from its final 75-day Summer Sea Term was nostalgic to those who sailed the term knowing it would be their last voyage on the ship. On October 5, many gathered at the College to bid their final farewell to the Empire State VI as it left the pier that cloudy morning.

MUGs (pictured below) who watched from beyond the pier noted that, although they did not have an opportunity to sail on the Empire State as first year cadets, wanted to be present for the important occasion of the ship's final departure from Fort Schuyler. Cadet Kymani McDonald, 4/c said, "I wanted to be on the ship today, but I had to come watch it leave." Cadet Emily Bryant said, "We came to see it go and we're glad we had a chance to get on the ship during INDOC in August."

Facilities engineer and alum, Andrew Vecica '08 traveled from New Jersey with his wife, Mariya and daughter, Ana (pictured right) for the ship's departure. "I felt I needed to be here today to watch the ship leave. It's an end of an era."

Throughout its years at Maritime College (since 1990), the TSES VI has been utilized to train and prepare thousands of cadets for careers within the global maritime industry. It will always be known to many as the vessel that effectively served its purpose by providing generations of mariners with the hands-on training and experience that is at the core of the Maritime College mission. The College is grateful for its years of service to the students, faculty and countless others who have trained on the ship as merchant mariners.



STEPHEN B. LUCE LIBRARY AWARDED A GRANT

from the National Endowment for the Humanities

The Stephen B. Luce Library at Maritime College was awarded a Preservation Assistance Grant for Smaller Institutions from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) in late August. The grant, totaling almost \$10K, will "support vital humanities research, education, preservation and public programs," according to the NEH press release. NEH received 113 eligible applications and 65 awards were granted during the budget period.



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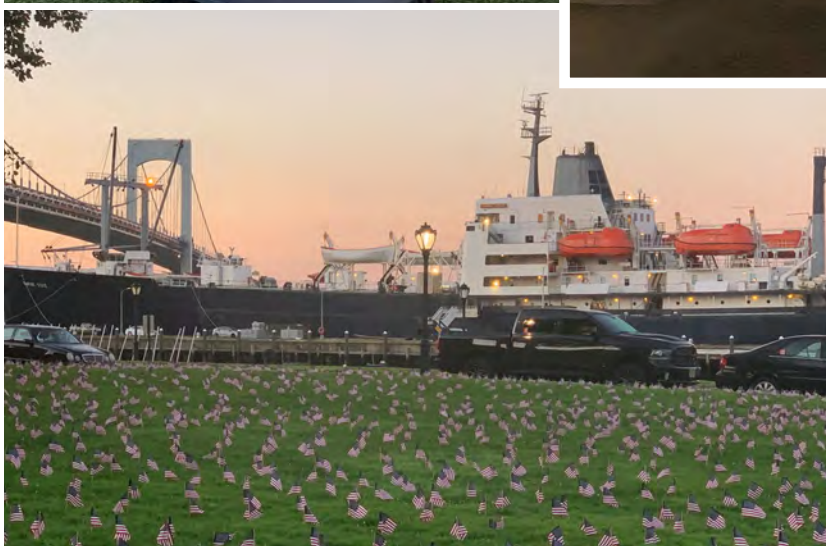
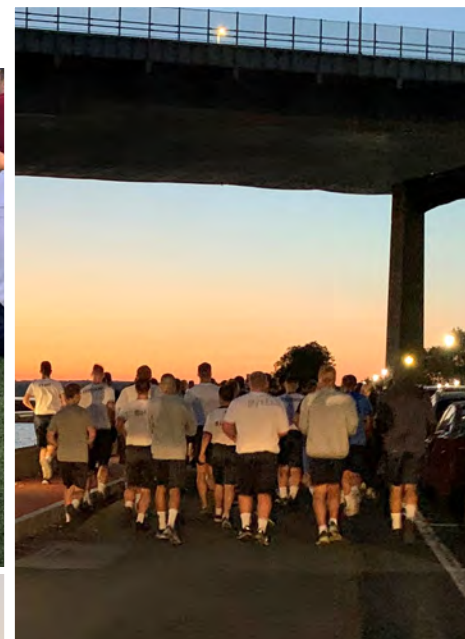
Muhammed Acikgoz, Professor of Physics in the Science Department and his colleagues had their work published during the summer. The paper titled, "Understanding the Effect of Structural Changes on Slow Magnetic Relaxation in Mononuclear Octahedral Copper Complexes," was featured on the cover of Dalton Transactions, Volume 51, Number 32. The international journal publishes high quality, original research in organic and organometallic chemistry. Professor Acikgoz's open access paper is available online at <https://t.co/hbV4NWPCvr>.



Through Morning Campus Run and Ceremony STUDENTS MEMORIALIZE 9/11

Cadets and civilian students were up early on September 9, for the annual 9/11 Memorial Campus Run. MUGs from the Color Guard placed flags on the grass in front of the quad, symbolizing the lives lost 21 years ago. During morning formation, the Regiment paid special tribute: "As cadets of Fort Schuyler, we strive to follow the example of the mariners of 9/11. Following the attacks on the World Trade Center, all forms of transportation from NYC were secured. Despite not knowing if there would be more attacks, over 800 brave mariners risked their lives to perform the largest water evacuation in history."

In the attacks, the Maritime College Community lost two of its own. To mariners, the tolling of the bell eight times signifies the changeover of the watch. A set of eight bells was rung for the two Maritime College alums lost at the World Trade Center, Mr. Richard Klares, Class of 1963, and Mr. John Swaine, Class of 1986.



Dr. Mark Meirowitz Interviews Douglas Hamilton, 5x Great-Grandson of Alexander Hamilton

SUNY Maritime College observed Constitution Day on September 20, with a webinar presentation by Douglas Hamilton, the five times great-grandson of Alexander Hamilton, one of America's most influential founding fathers. Douglas Hamilton is a descendant of Philip Schuyler, for whom Fort Schuyler at Maritime College was named and who served as a Major General in the Continental Army during the American Revolution. Philip Schuyler

was the father-in-law of Alexander Hamilton, who was married to Eliza Schuyler Hamilton. Douglas Hamilton discussed his illustrious family and the exploration of his personal family history, providing insight into Alexander Hamilton, his life and significant contribution to our nation.

Dr. Mark Meirowitz, Humanities Professor had an opportunity to interview Douglas Hamilton after the webinar.

Dr. Meirowitz: How did you first become aware of your distinguished great-grandfather?

Douglas Hamilton: As a youngster, I remember spending a week with my Hamilton grandparents. My grandmother gave me a coloring book about George Washington and the American Revolutionary War, which included a picture of George Washington and Alexander Hamilton. She explained who my 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th great grandparents were, as well as my 5th great grandfather, Alexander Hamilton. She also told me my 6th great grandfather was Philip Schuyler. This was the beginning of my understanding of genealogy and the history made by my Hamilton and Schuyler ancestors.

Dr. Meirowitz: Fort Schuyler at SUNY Maritime College is named in honor of Major General Philip Schuyler, a Revolutionary war hero. Tell me about Major General Philip Schuyler.

Douglas Hamilton: Philip Schuyler was selected by the Second Continental Congress to serve as a Major General assigned to head the Northern

Department of Washington's army. In that capacity, he had to raise an army in New York and protect the northern border from incursions by the British. During the 1779-1780 winter quarters, Schuyler's family met in Morristown and in the early months of 1780, Hamilton and Schuyler's second daughter Elizabeth met at a dinner party and fell in love. Although Hamilton was not from the high class of the Schuylers, Philip embraced Hamilton as his future son-in-law.



Dr. Meiowitz: Tell me about the relationship between Alexander Hamilton and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Douglas Hamilton: In 1790, as part of Hamilton's plan to reduce the national debt, he had ten ships built and stationed in the major ports to prevent ships from smuggling goods into the U.S. to avoid paying taxes. The ships were initially called the Revenue Cutter Service and would later become the U.S. Coast Guard. Hamilton was involved in every aspect of the Revenue Cutter Service and would be called the founder of the United States Coast Guard. The Coast Guard has always had tremendous respect for Alexander Hamilton. They are generally at his grave on his birth date and death date. They follow his directions from 1791 on how to treat the people they encounter. When officers are promoted, they often go to Hamilton's grave to have a picture taken beside his grave. In 2001, after the 9/11 attack, the Coast Guard, without being asked, cleaned the Trinity Church Cemetery (where Hamilton is buried) of all the debris. All of this is because of the respect they have for Hamilton.

Dr. Meiowitz: What artifacts of Alexander Hamilton do you possess?

Douglas Hamilton: I am fortunate to have two items that belonged to Alexander and Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton. The first is the badge of the Society of the Cincinnati given to Hamilton by George Washington after the founding of the Society in 1783. The second artifact is a mourning ring that Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton had made that holds a lock of Hamilton's hair. Elizabeth threaded a ribbon through the ring and wore it around her neck for the rest of her life (50 years) following Hamilton's death in a duel with Aaron Burr.



Dr. Meiowitz: What is the Sacred Soil Ceremony and how does this relate to Hamilton?

Douglas Hamilton: The ceremony was part of a U.S. Infantry school graduation at Ft. Benning, Ga. It involved a descendant and/or participant from a significant battle in each of America's wars. The American Revolution was our country's first war, and the Battle of Yorktown was a major battle where one of the final charges was led by Alexander Hamilton. At the ceremony, I had the privilege of representing Hamilton in the American Revolution. Each person was given dirt from the battlefield/war that he was representing. One at a time, we walked back and forth on the walkway, spreading this dirt over the walkway. This process was repeated by each of the representatives of the various wars. Once that was complete, the graduates

would walk down the walkway over the dirt from each of America's wars. This was a very moving experience.

Dr. Meiowitz: What do you think are Alexander Hamilton's contributions to America?

Douglas Hamilton: Alexander Hamilton spent seven years serving in the American Revolution; two terms as a Congressman; wrote 51 of the Federalist Papers; signed the U.S. Constitution and argued for New York to ratify it; spent five years as Treasury Secretary where he restored the credit of the U.S. and was instrumental in establishing a National Bank; organized the Revenue Cutter Service (Coast Guard); and assisted George Washington in writing Washington's Farewell Address, to name a few.

ON THE WATERFRONT



Waterfront staff and students from

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

collaborate on two projects this year

KELP Captain Joseph Sullivan has been working with Stony Brook staff, Maritime College faculty, and student researchers on a Long Island Sound Study research project to grow kelp, a native species that can help improve water quality by removing excess nitrogen from the water. The kelp is being tested to see how it can be used commercially as a fertilizer, food, or cosmetic additive. The harvest of Maritime's kelp crop, which is promoted as one of the healthiest of the dozen or so similar projects around Long Island this winter, took place during late spring/early summer.

OYSTERS For the past three years, Olivet Pier has served as an oyster nursery as part of a unique collaboration between Maritime College faculty and staff and the Billion Oyster Project. Due to the pier work in preparation for the new training ship's arrival in 2023, the oysters in "super trays" alongside the pier were removed in the early summer and added to the oyster reef being established on the Soundview Reef.



Maritime Students Help

ROCK MANHATTAN

On September 24, participants in Rocking the Boat's 14th annual fall fundraiser, Rocking Manhattan, rowed 29.5 miles in nine hours to complete a full circumnavigation around the island. Maritime College helped to keep the rowers safe. Miles Ripka 1/c and junior Jack Soodek departed campus before dawn in the college's two fast rescue boats to meet the rowers who departed One°15 Brooklyn Marina. The group traveled up the East River, across the Harlem River at the northern tip of Manhattan, and down the Hudson River, ending at One° 15 Brooklyn Marina. Almost 120 participants, 9 teams and 13 rowboats were on hand. The event raised \$531,000.



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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Ties for Second at Skyline Conference Championships

For the second consecutive season, the Men's Cross Country team finished second at the Skyline Conference Championships. The Privateers, led by All-Skyline performers Jack Lehnhardt and Jake Mundok, collected 74 total points at the Hudson Valley Sports Dome to finish in a tie with St. Joseph's LI. Ties are not broken under NCAA rules leading the Privateers and Golden Eagles to be declared co-runners-up behind Skyline champion Merchant Marine. Lehnhardt, who finished second individually last year, earned First Team All-Skyline honors for the second straight time after placing fourth overall. He was also a Second Team All-Skyline selection in 2019, giving him three all-conference nods in his career. Mundok was named Second Team All-Skyline for the second year in a row. The Privateers will return to the Hudson Valley Sports Dome for the annual ECAC Championships.



(L-R) Jack Lehnhardt and Jake Mundok with their medals at Skyline Conference Championships.

SAILING TEAM

Competes at One Championship, Prepares for Another



Privateers Sailing Team

The sailing team began its championship season on October 22, with the offshore squad competing in the annual McMillan Cup at the U.S. Naval Academy. The team put forth a solid effort at the Open ACC Tournament in New London, CT, their final regatta before the War Memorial. Overall, the crew of James Willis, Sean Fogarty, Ben Hosford, Alexander Wise, Morris Wilson, Cole Swensen, Carianna Sconzo and Wesley Pase earned 28 points in their Navy 44, good for sixth place in the 10-team field. A full series of 18 races was completed, and Maritime finished second out of 18 teams with 213 points.

The team looks ahead to the War Memorial on home waters in late October. Last year, the Privateers placed second as a team.

REBECCA ZAREVA

Named Skyline Runner of the Week

Senior Rebecca Zareva of the Women's Cross Country team was selected as the Skyline Conference Runner of the Week in late October. She recorded the seventh-fastest time in program history at the Rowan Interregional Border Battle. Zareva finished 138th overall in a field of more than 300, running 6000 meters in 25:36.2. It was the second consecutive meet in which she added her name to the all-time Top 10 list. She has posted three of the top 10 marks in program history, including two this season.



The award is Zareva's first career Skyline Runner of the Week selection, making her the second Privateer woman to win the award this season.



Skyline runner of the week Rebecca Zareva.

AIDAN GRIFFIN

Named ECFC Defensive Player of the Week

Sophomore defensive back Aidan Griffin was selected as the Eastern Collegiate Football Conference (ECFC) Defensive Player of the Week in late October. His 12 tackles and a fumble recovery in a Privateers 26-24 winning game were a career-high and second-most of any player in the Conference at that time. His fumble recovery came on the game's opening drive and set up a Maritime touchdown. It was the third straight week in which a Maritime player has earned a different ECFC weekly award.



ECFC Defensive player of the week Aidan Griffin.



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SERVICE *and Leadership*

BY ODALIS MINO

At the center of SUNY Maritime College as an institution of higher education are its Core Values: Academic Excellence; Student Centeredness; Integrity; Respect; Leadership; Applied Learning; and Relevance. Although students often view these values as uniquely separate based on their individual and collective experiences while at the College, the underlying element that bonds these Core Values is Service. Merriam-Webster defines service in various ways including: 1. The occupation or function of serving (in active service); 2. The work performed by one that serves (good service, help, benefit, or contribution to the welfare of others); and 3. The act of serving (a helpful act).



Throughout their time at Maritime College, students are surrounded with opportunities to serve in numerous ways and at various functions or activities, regardless of their class year.

Service is always in season and from cadets in the Regiment, to athletes, to Residential Housing sponsored activities, students continually seek ways to participate in the types of service activities that extend outside the walls of Fort Schuyler.

By doing so, students come to understand that service and leadership are not only connected but offer valuable lessons they can apply in their lives and future careers.

REGIMENT OF CADETS

Working Collectively to Serve Others

Known for its focus on leadership development, the Regiment is deeply committed to enriching the cadet experience directly and indirectly through service activities. Each year, cadets participate in the annual Tunnel to Towers 5K Run & Walk in New York City on the last Sunday in September. The event symbolizes NYC firefighter Stephen Siller's run to the Twin Towers from the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel on September 11, 2001, and honors the firefighters, law enforcement officers, and countless others who lost their lives that day. They run the 5K distance and break down tents and

other areas after the event. "Cadets provide support and volunteer their efforts for this event every year, and we try to instill a sense of teamwork and volunteerism from the time they arrive as MUGs," said Commander Adam Grohman, Interim Commandant of Cadets.

Members of the Regiment also support organizations and veterans by participating in parades such as the Columbus and Veteran's Day parades. Cadets organize activities and on-campus ceremonies such as the 9/11 and El Faro tributes



On September 25, MUGs ran in the annual Tunnel to Tower event.



Cadets marched at the NYC Veteran's Day Parade.

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— Commander Adam Grohman

to memorialize and honor victims and lost shipmates. "The Regiment, through its actions ensures that these traditions continue. Our goal is to never forget, and by moving these events and ceremonies forward, we maintain the tradition," stated Grohman.

During the month of November, cadets raise money by donating to Movember, a charitable organization that focuses on men's health issues. Their donation to the Foundation allows cadets to grow a moustache in November, an annual tradition well-known to and anticipated by cadets.

"It's important for cadets in the Regiment to understand that they are part of something bigger than themselves. A large part of what we do is not for ourselves, but for others. Operating a ship is a team effort, and we take a team approach in identifying, addressing and solving problems. Whether you're trying to fight a fire on a ship or curb homelessness, one person can make a difference and inspire others to do their part. Helping and serving others is what the Regiment strives for each day."



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— Theo Noble '24

ATHLETICS

Coaching Youth Sports

Each year, members of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) – a group comprised of a few athletes from each sports team – prepare for and participate in New York City’s Saturday Night Lights program. Launched in 2011, Saturday Night Lights is a partnership between the NYC Police Department and NYC’s Department of Youth and Community Development. It provides youth ages 11-18 from every borough in NYC with access to free sports and sports programs on Saturday nights. Maritime College is one of over 130 sites participating in the program and has hosted 75 students.

Athletics Director, Michael Berkun noted that SAAC members manage the program for the College and when students arrive on campus, athletes from the various teams share time playing with, coaching and teaching students about Maritime College and the maritime industry. “We’ve offered students a basketball clinic and other sports clinics, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive for our athletes and the students. They have a chance to learn about the College, eat a good meal, and spend time having fun with our athletes who are responsible for running the program,” said Berkun.

SAAC President Theo Noble, third year student in the International Transportation and Trade degree program, and member of the men’s basketball team has participated in the Saturday Night Lights program as a coach in the basketball clinic. “When the students come to Maritime, they get to see a beautiful campus that’s right by the water, and the ship – that’s something they don’t get to see often – so they’re really excited to be here,” Noble said. The Bronx native who is thrilled to play basketball for Maritime looks forward to the bonding he experiences with students. “I enjoy playing basketball with them and I like when they ask me all kinds of questions. It’s a good reminder to be grateful for what you have; sometimes we forget that.”





HOUSING & RESIDENTIAL LIFE

Helping the Homeless

Living on a college campus provides a community for students and a chance for them to independently participate in non-academic activities. Housing Director Tina MacCollum believes it is essential for residential students to positively impact others through community service activities. She, along with her Residential Life team Assistant Director of Housing Michelle Smith, Area Coordinator Alexis Grafakos, as well as Marine Transportation faculty member James Spear, coordinate the Midnight Run, a volunteer organization that dedicates itself to finding common ground between those who are housed and those who are homeless.

Once a semester, the Residential Life team plans, coordinates and prepares the items donated by faculty, staff and students by sorting and organizing blankets, clothing, and all types of toiletries for distribution. Premium sandwiches and other foods/beverages are donated by Chartwells, the College's on-campus dining caterer and included in the list of items to be delivered on the night of the run. MacCollum agrees upon a distribution date with the Midnight Run office and the College is presented a list of delivery locations throughout the streets of Manhattan. "As housing director, I engage with students on student housing issues, but this experience allows me to engage with students in a different way where we're all working together to help others," said MacCollum.

Maritime College vans filled with student volunteers, food and donations travel into the city with MacCollum and her team. "We usually bring four vans and students are active in delivering the food. It's about an exchange of conversation and a human experience, which allows students to have that exchange with each individual they meet," stated MacCollum. During their runs, students have been known to encounter veterans who share time conversing about their military

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experiences, which students appreciate. "The students not only enjoy meeting and engaging with other people, but more importantly, they understand civic duty. They learn that they have a civic duty to help others in times of need," said MacCollum. Students who participate in the Midnight Run are also exposed to a variety of individuals from different cultures. "This type of experience raises an awareness about the privileges one has and the importance of giving back to the community. I'm happy to be here to pay forward the things I have learned and teach students about helping others. They will soon be part of a global community and they can take these lessons with them when they leave this College."



STUDENT AFFAIRS

Making a Difference

Each semester, the office of Student Affairs ensures there are opportunities for all students associated with any campus club to engage in activities that foster service within and outside of the local and greater community. Among the voluntary activities Student Affairs makes available to students include:

- Organizing food drives for the College Food Pantry
- Visiting seniors at local nursing homes
- Participating in cancer walks
- Giving blood at campus blood drives

One activity that attracts students to volunteerism and service is campus shoreline cleanup. This action-oriented sustainability opportunity provides students with a direct



means to aiding the restoration of the shores that line the Maritime College campus. On several occasions throughout the year, students have gathered and worked as an organized group to remove the debris from the shoreline. In doing so, they directly contribute to the health of the marine ecosystem.

The highlight event of the fall 2022 semester was the student fashion show, which was organized by the Cultural Club. This fundraising event, which has not been held since 2018, allowed students to model their own outfits or work with local designers who supplied an array of fashion-forward styles for students to model down the runway.



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— Brendan McCormick '25

Brendan McCormick '25, 3/C Marine Environmental Science, Deck License, is President of the Cultural Club and Chairman of the Food Pantry Committee. He became Club President through his organization of a food drive for the College Food Pantry in his MUG year. As a member of the Club, he worked closely with Pat Norman of Student Affairs to hold the food drive, which eventually evolved into assisting with other club events and ultimately, becoming Club President.

McCormick believes events like the fashion show boost student confidence. “This was a chance to work with a designer to create an outfit,” he stated. There was also a makeup artist on hand who assisted students in getting runway ready. Admission and raffle tickets were sold to incentivize faculty, staff and students to attend the show and win prizes. Funds raised from ticket and raffle sales is used for student trips and other group activities that allow all clubs to connect and spend time together. “It’s important to learn how to work collectively to serve the community, and the goal are to enrich the campus, make the College a better place, and make the experience here worthwhile.”





BY DON GALE

Service to one's country is worthy of the highest level of acclaim. And SUNY Maritime College alumnus RADM John Okon '91 has well earned his honors. That he continues to exude a spirit of enthusiastic service three decades into his naval career bespeaks the legacy of his alma mater to which he unabashedly attests. Yet, he never envisioned his current career path until years after he graduated Maritime. His initial passion was broadcast meteorology. "I wanted to be the next Al Roker," says RADM Okon.

Neither a naval nor a merchant marine career were on Okon's radar as a student. What attracted this young man from Camillus, New York to SUNY Maritime was a dual degree offering in meteorology and oceanography. In addition to a brother in the Navy and one in the Coast Guard, John's older brother, Stanley Okon '88, entered

his first-class year at Maritime as John graduated INDOC in 1987.

Okon admits that he could have applied more disciplined work and study principles through high school. Motivated by his academic goal and the curriculum's rigor, he realized the value of these attributes growing on him as he diligently bore into his studies in his MUG year. His own savings plus loan proceeds covered costs for his first year at Maritime. A scholarship through the U.S. Navy ROTC program covering the remaining three years became his reward once he got down to business with studying and discovered he could earn very commendable grades.

Wholeheartedly embracing Maritime's STEM curriculum, Okon also developed and grew his leadership skills ascending the ranks of the Regiment. He served as Cadet Third Officer on his First Class

Cruise, as Platoon Leader First Class Year and as Battalion Commander of around 100 cadets in ROTC.

Through his meteorological and oceanographic studies, the Maritime culture and, most especially, his three summer sea cruises, Okon describes his biggest transformation at SUNY Maritime: "I fell in love with the ocean." His scholarship obligating him to four years' naval service after graduation, he still envisioned becoming a broadcast meteorologist on completion of service. But during that tour, serving as first lieutenant aboard USS Ticonderoga (CG 47) and, later, as meteorologist and oceanographer on USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), Okon discovered his next love.

"I fell in love with the Navy. I found this community that really blends the things I'm most passionate about – meteorology, oceanography and going to sea. And the character of the people that are in it is amazing. Strong, character-based leaders, highly competent. So here I am – no

intention of ever joining the Navy coming out of high school or staying in the Navy from Maritime. But I've found a community that I'm very passionate about, that fits well with who I am and what I'm trying to do in the world."

Okon refined his career path, switching from surface warfare to naval oceanography, in 1995. His ensuing years as a surface warfare officer and oceanographer saw more academic study. In 2003, he earned a Master of Science degree in Meteorology and Physical Oceanography at Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. He further attained a Master of Arts in National

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Grow yourself;
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RADM Okon, center, served as guest speaker for the August 2019 Indoctrination Ceremony. At dinner the prior evening, he is flanked to his right by two Class of '23 MUGs, to his left by Capt. Morgan McManus '92 and Gabriella Franco '20.



John and wife Valerie Okon '92 met at Maritime College and have been married over 25 years.

Security and Strategic Studies at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island in 2007.

Okon cites his crowning achievement at Naval Postgraduate School as the presentation of his thesis on the north wall effect to the American Meteorological Society in 2003. He discussed the interactions of cold polar air in the northern Atlantic with the northern edge of the warm waters of the Gulf Stream which rapidly generates treacherous rogue waves. The north wall effect endangers Mariners and naval operations within the Cherry Point and Virginia Capes Operating Areas along the U.S. East Coast.

Following SUNY Maritime and Naval Postgraduate School, Naval War College proved a dramatic contrast for Okon. "It was probably the most broadening experience that I've had because it got out of heavy STEM and got into softer, theoretical social studies," he says. "It stretched my brain when it came to things like joint military operations, how the branches of our government work together to deliver national security through the legislative and executive branches, and the Department of Defense.

It's fair to say that Okon's career has found him as much as he's found it. And this upstate New York native enthusiastically gives back to his communities and pays it forward in his outreach on behalf of the U.S. Navy and

encouraging young folks to find their own talents and leadership capacities. He considers this part of his national service, too. "It's on us, as senior leaders, to get out in the community and educate America why we have a navy and a merchant marine, what we're doing on their behalf away from the shores of the continental U.S., where our enemies wish to upend the liberal world order and replace it with their own authoritarian rule." Through visits to school-age children on up to heads of commerce in local Rotary Clubs, he links the Navy's activities to Americans' personal freedom, security and prosperity.

Okon feels a particular sense of duty to his home community in upstate New York. "Like The Dome, this is a community that instilled in me values of integrity, selfless service, hard work – the talent equalizer – and they poured into me leadership and guidance and competence as a young man. It's really important for me to make sure I don't forget where I come from, both from West Genesee High as well as Maritime College."



CAPT Sean Memmen '92, left, at his 2018 retirement ceremony at Washington Navy Yard, accompanied by his friend RADM Okon.

While he credits his academic institutions with stellar leadership training, John doesn't hesitate to proclaim, by example, that true leadership is born from within. "As a kid, I didn't study in high school. I did just enough to get by," he admits. "It wasn't until I took ownership of my own development that I started to apply myself. I started to focus on living a life that matters. Maritime was a big part of my

coming to the realization that I can be something much bigger than myself.”

RADM Okon cites two Maritime College exemplars instrumental to his skills, character and leadership development. “First was the President. (Floyd) “Hoss” Miller (SUNY MC ‘53), retired two-star Navy Admiral. Hoss was hard. He was demanding. But to his core, he really cared about his people, about the mission of Maritime, cared and demanded that we have the most competent, character-based leaders going into the sea services, whether in the Coast Guard, Merchant Marine or in the Navy.

“The other is Bo’sun (Professor James) McKoy. Bo’sun gave of himself to folks like myself and my fellow classmates. He was probably the most demanding person that I’ve ever been around.” John recalls Professor McKoy’s infamous timed knot-tying tests: “If the allotted time was ten seconds, and you did it in 10.2 seconds – you’d fail! Because those two-tenths of a second could mean whether you save a life – or someone dies. Or, if you’re a little late and off mark, it’s how you get out of the channel, run into things and damage piers.” John adds that he visited Professor McKoy in hospital just before he passed over the bar June 2018, and let him know that his legacy lives on.

RADM OKON’S ADVICE TO CADETS

“Be relevant. Be present. Your legacy won’t be what you’ve bought; it’s what you’ve built. It’s not what you got; it’s what you gave. What I’ll be remembered for is not any ribbon that’s on my chest, or any command pin that I’ve held. It’ll be the success of the sailors and civilians I’ve had the opportunity to lead and develop, and who are now starting to pay it forward to that next generation.

“Choices create your character; character creates your course. Those choices that you make in life define who you are, and your character will define your course in life. So, if you make good choices and have good character, you’ll lead a good life. Find your passion and accept the lifestyle. Life at sea is hard – but if you’re passionate about it, accept that lifestyle.

“Be a long-time reader. Constantly grow yourself through learning and through character development. Life balance is really important. Mental, spiritual, physical. Be very selective who you marry.” John met his wife, Valerie ‘92 at SUNY Maritime.

RADM OKON’S MESSAGE TO ALUMNI

“We need to continue to be a tight band of brothers and sisters. As Domers, we’re family. We need to hold true to our history and our heritage. But we also need to evolve the applied learning and the applied leadership that we have at Maritime. And we need to be supportive of that evolution. That’s part of our history, maintaining the strength of the school and of the Alumni.”

From the hard-won experience of thirty-two years of growth, leadership and service, RADM John Okon ‘91 offers these words of wisdom: “Know yourself; know others. Grow yourself; grow others. Self-assessment, and really getting to know the people that you lead, to connect with them. Continually growing yourself through life-long learning and relevance. And building the lives of those that are under our charge.”

In sum, he says, “I break it down to KYKO, GYGO. And Sailors I’ve served with know that saying. When I say ‘KYKO’, they respond, ‘GYGO!’”

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CAPT. TIMOTHY FERRIE '78

A VISION FOR LEADERSHIP, A HEART FOR SERVICE

BY DON GALE



Many of us have found our career paths experimentally. For Captain Timothy Ferrie '78 of the Port of New York and New Jersey Sandy Hook Pilots Association, his occupation was all but predetermined.

Fourth generation among his family in the piloting business, Captain Tim has for 42 years safely guided ships of all sizes into and out of New York Harbor. Following in the footsteps of his older brother, Bill, back through his great-grandfather who partnered on the pilot schooner J. F. Loubat in 1895, Tim supports an organization founded in 1694, as does his nephew, Tom, a Class of 1998 graduate.

"It's all I've ever wanted to do from the time I was a young boy," says Tim of his career choice. As a Pilot Apprentice, Tim's father and a second Apprentice would row the Pilot to the ship in a yole, a small rowboat similar to a surfboat or a miniaturized Monomoy boat such as used in our annual Monomoy Races, before Pilots used powered launches. Summering at the Jersey Shore as a boy, Tim learned from his father the intricacies of rowing and of feathering the oars on a yole.

Graduating SUNY Maritime College in 1978, with studies in Business Management and Marine

Transportation, Tim served two years in the International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots (MM&P) aboard tankers and container ships. He began his seven-and-a-half-year Apprenticeship with the Sandy Hook Pilots Association in April 1980, following with seven more years as a Deputy Pilot. Providentially, the day

an overcast sky, Tim piloted the hospital ship USNS Comfort into New York Harbor to begin her stint handling patient overflow for New York's hospitals at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"That had to be the proudest moment of my career," says Capt. Ferrie.

during his First Class spring semester as well as through his First Class cruise. In addition to intramural sports, Ferrie served as Cadet Representative on the Athletic Board for four years, helping to manage athletic budgets.

While Capt. Ferrie found those activities interesting and fun through college, he appreciates them more deeply today. He says of his experience, "I look back at my years at SUNY Maritime. I think of how it helped shape me to be a leader and to be able to take responsibility. You acquire leadership qualities at the school, whether you realize it or not, by the time you're First Class."

Capt. Ferrie has carried his practice of leadership and service into his hometown and professional communities ever since.

Living in Point Pleasant Borough in New Jersey, Capt. Ferrie is involved with the Chambers of Commerce of both the Borough and Point Pleasant Beach. In his three terms through nine years on the Borough Council, he has adopted several roles of leadership and service, including as Borough Council President. He was instrumental in establishing both the Point Pleasant Borough Community Park at the center of Town, and the Riverfront Park on the Manasquan River, as well as implementing a dredging project. He also took on a role as Assistant Scoutmaster when his son, Patrick, joined the Boy Scouts.

Capt. Ferrie humbly and enthusiastically reflects on his community service: "It was an interesting time. My kids were young, I wanted to be involved, and I had the opportunity and I did it." He also



he returned from the Trenton, NJ, State House, Full Branch Pilot license in hand, duty fell to him in the Pilots' rotation to steer the Queen Elizabeth II from Pier 88 out to sea.

That auspicious event was echoed on May 20 last year. Captain Ferrie deftly guided CMA CGM's 16,000 TEU container ship Marco Polo – at 1,300 feet long and 175 feet in beam, the largest vessel ever to call on U.S. East Coast ports – up the channel and under the Bayonne Bridge to dock at Port Elizabeth.

Yet Capt. Ferrie's pinnacle as a Pilot happened right at the outset of one of our country's darkest hours. Early morning on March 30, 2020, under

Clearly, as a Pilot leading ships safely into and out of port, Captain Ferrie provides a vital service to shipping, to supply chain stakeholders and to regional and national commerce and investment. On that gloomy March morning in 2020 it could be argued that he served his country as well. Yet his four-week-on, two-week-off Pilot rotation is but part of his legacy and practice of leadership and service. Through the rigors of the SUNY Maritime Regiment, Ferrie still invested considerable time and effort in many positions of student government. Being involved as Class Representative on the Student Council, he eventually became Student Council Vice President. In the Regiment he held positions of peer leadership as a Regimental Commander



Capt. Tim Ferrie built his leadership qualities early on at SUNY Maritime. Here, he pilots CMA CGM's 16,000 TEU container ship Marco Polo from the Atlantic to Port Elizabeth on May 20, 2022.

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— Captain Tim Ferrie '78

credits the value of his service and leadership experiences at SUNY Maritime and their influence on his later roles: “It helped build me as an individual. I realized it more when I was involved in public service here in Town, the kind of training I had as a cadet, and how that was coming back to help me as a community leader and how to deal with people trying to come to consensus on things.”

Ferrie’s background as a Maritime grad and his experience as a Pilot are passionately united in his work with the Marine Society of the City of New York. Its membership comprised of current and former seafarers, The Marine Society promotes maritime knowledge, funds education of mariners and provides financial assistance for distressed, indigent mariners and their widows and orphans.

On the Society’s Standing Committee since 1994, Ferrie has served as President for the past 15 years. With the Society, he’s intimately involved with outreach for funding scholarships for students in maritime related studies, including four cadets currently attending SUNY Maritime. Together with financial assistance, Society Scholarship Committee Chair Captain George Sandberg accompanies Ferrie in mentoring these cadets at the college. Coupled with financial aid, Ferrie truly believes in the difference realized in a student’s life when they know an experienced leader is in their corner, willing and able to share their experience and wisdom, and assist them through college and move onward to a lucrative maritime career.

Given Capt. Ferrie's legacy as a SUNY Maritime alumnus, coupled with his leadership and service through four decades, it's properly fitting that this year, he was elected Vice President of the Sandy Hook Pilots Association. He says, "It's an honor for me to have been selected by my peers in the piloting business to represent them, and it's an honor and a privilege to serve my Association in that capacity."

An exemplar of leadership, both personally ingrained and nurtured by SUNY Maritime, Capt. Ferrie offers these parting words of wisdom from his work with the New York Marine Society proctoring the annual Monomoy Races between Maritime College and the Merchant Marine Academy: "I remind the cadets and midshipmen – I would speak to both boats as President of the Marine Society – and say: 'You're pulling hard on your oars today for your respective college or school. But in a very short time, you're going to be in the same boat together rowing hard in the maritime industry. And if you don't pull together – you're not going anywhere.'"

From Captain Ferrie, both servant and leader, these are words we can all take to heart.



Captain Tim Ferrie '78 and Captain Jim DeSimone '73 officiating at the Monomoy Races.


A recruitment advertisement for Georgia Ports. It features three inset photos: a woman working at a computer, a man in a safety vest standing next to a white truck with '22045' and 'J062' on it, and a man in a yellow safety vest sitting at a control station. The main text reads 'JOIN OUR TEAM' in large white letters on a blue background, followed by 'Savannah • Brunswick' in white on a green background. Below this is the Georgia Ports logo and a QR code with the text 'SCAN THIS QR CODE'. At the bottom, it says 'Explore the possibilities at gaports.com/jobs' and includes a disclaimer: 'All positions must meet the criteria for and obtain a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC). Valid state driver's license required.'

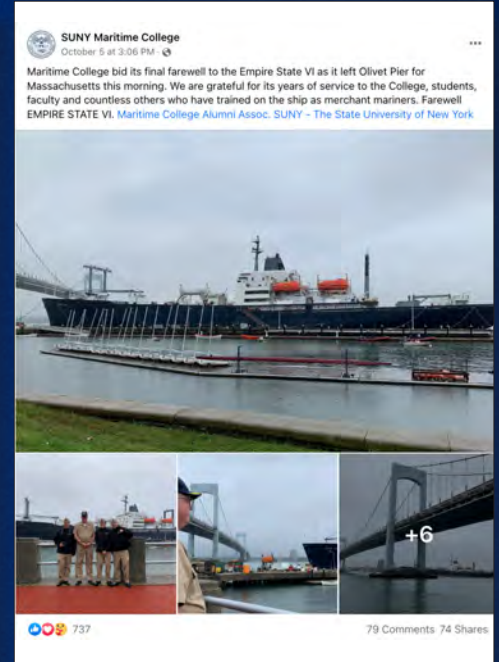
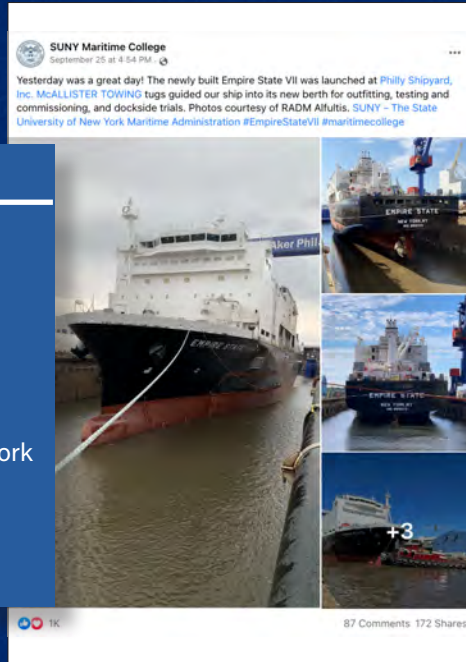
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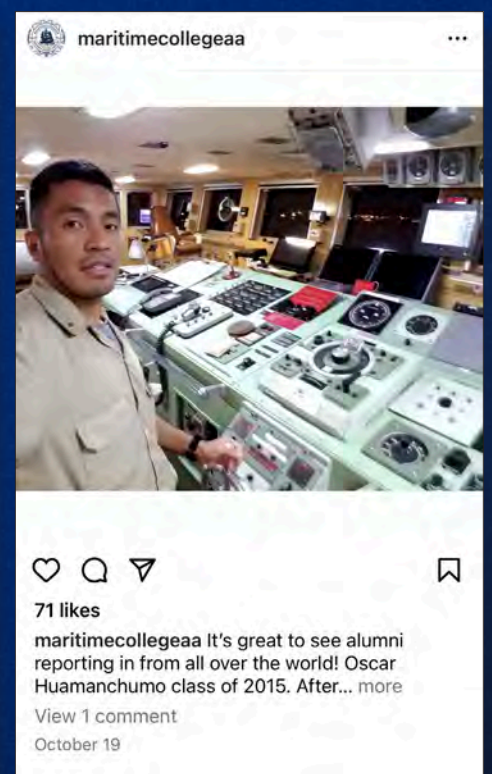
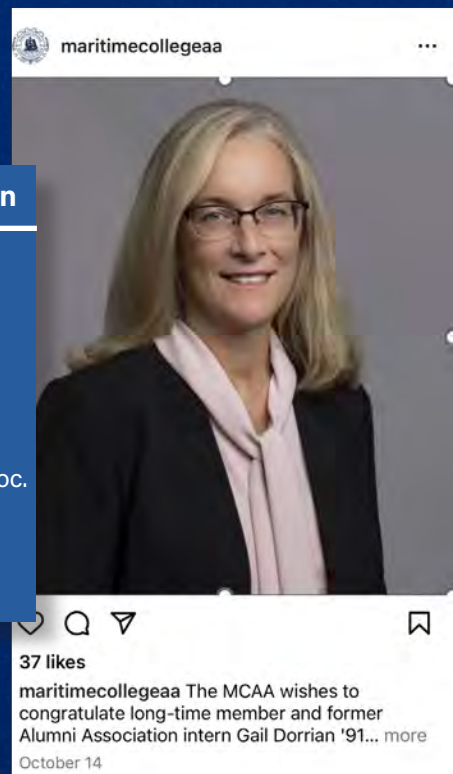
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2022 ADMIRAL'S DINNER Raises Over *\$700K* for Student Scholarships

Once again, Maritime College and the SUNY Maritime Foundation honored remarkable individuals and organizations at the Admiral's Dinner. On Tuesday, September 20, over 500 Maritime College alumni and friends gathered at Marina del Rey in the Bronx to raise scholarship funds for Maritime students and celebrate industry leaders Kevin Collins '96, Partner at MCA Associates; Boriana Farrar, VP and Chief Legal Officer at Patriot Contract Services LLC; and WISTA USA (Women's International Shipping & Trading Association).

The SUNY Maritime Foundation's annual event, set against the breathtaking backdrop of the New York City skyline overlooking the East River, focused on

the importance of supporting students that need financial assistance to attend and graduate from Fort Schuyler. The event raised over \$700,000 in new scholarship funds for incoming Maritime students – a record high since 2017!

Admiral Alfuldis reminded the guests that “too many students face high hurdles on their journey to graduation and we know that the highest hurdle is often affording the cost of attendance.” Patrick Connolly '25 and William Bischofberger '24, who receive scholarship support from the Admiral's Dinner scholarship fund, addressed the audience directly to explain the hardships they and their families confront to meet the cost of attendance. If it were not for the scholarship support they receive,

they would not be able to pay the tuition, room, board, fees, books and other necessary costs.

This year was unique in that the event celebrated its first “satellite” event in Houston, TX, hosted by Stolt Tankers USA, Inc. Attendees enjoyed cocktails and bites while networking with their local industry cohort. The event also included a live-feed of the NY dinner, including exclusive interviews and virtual auction. The Foundation is excited to expand this principal fundraising event to even more cities in the coming years.

Special thanks to the Admiral's Dinner Committee and those generous sponsors for their hard work and outstanding support.



(L-R) Kevin Collins '96, Partner at MCA Associates; Boriana Farrar, VP and Chief Legal Officer at Patriot Contract Services LLC; RADM Michael Alfuldis; Christina Liviakis Gianopulos, President of WISTA USA; and Jillian Tobias, Vice President of WISTA USA.



(L-R) Cadet Jacob Pascarella, Captain Howard Wyche '79, Capt. Robert Fay '80, and Captain Robert Cook '80



(L-R) Chris Brennan '74, Pietro Lorino '26, Voula Lorino, Joseph Lorino '87, John Donnelly '25, and Aisling Donnelly '25



Admiral Alfultis introduces Patrick Connolly '25 and William Bishoffberger '24 as student speakers at the dinner



Guests enjoy networking and mingling at Marina Del Rey



SUNY Maritime Foundation Board Members (L-R) Mike Chalos '70, Joe Maurelli '63, Bill Gallo '70, and Capt. Bob Johnston '63



(L-R) Annmarie Bhola '97, Don Moore '00, Rich Vohnout '00, Tim Angerame '00



(L-R) Capt. Robert Fay '80, Craig Olsen, Jim McNamara '64, Jennifer Barnes Hayes '80, and Owen Palmiotti '07



(L-R) Cadet Mikhel Cedeno 1/C, Cadet Michelle Eckert 1/C, Cadet Aisling Donnelly 2/C, Cadet John Donnelly 4/C, Cadet Pietro Lorino 4/C, Cadet Stephen Iadanza 1/C



(L-R) Tom Breglia '80, Jack Conway '04, Brian Burke '04, and Peter Angerame '04



(L-R) Joe Byrne '89; Raina Josberger; Anya Josberger '23, and Don Josberger '89

CHAPTER GATHERINGS

DELAWARE VALLEY / PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

TS EMPIRE STATE VI Meet at Philadelphia Navy Yard

Maritime grads all know the cry of “One Hand” means that a fellow graduate or classmate is in need. The shout was raised last summer when, with barely two weeks’ notice, a visit by TS EMPIRE STATE VI to Philadelphia was shifted to the Navy Yard. A reception planned for over 200 Cadets, Officers Alumni, parents and guests was disastrously headed for the rocks. Del Val Philadelphia was not about to let her go without a hearty

welcome. Del Val Philadelphia works closely with the Port of Philadelphia Maritime Society (POPMS) and other academy chapters to coordinate port social activities and the Maritime Day annual scholarship fund drive. An urgent One Hand outreach to these groups garnered an overwhelming show of support. Financial support poured in from the POPMS, the MCAA, SUNY Maritime College Foundation and the Pilots Association for the

Bay and River Delaware. Philadelphia Barge Company, Maritime Charter School and Northeast Ship Repair also stepped up to provide pier-side logistics support. With fabulous weather and a robust turnout, the event included a visit to see EMPIRE STATE VII under construction, a tour of TSES VI and legendary food including Philly cheese steaks and soft pretzels, all capped off with fireworks supplied by the city.



Clockwise from top left: TSES VI Capt. McManus chats with alumni River Pilots Rob Cook '80 and Kevin Barrow '95; SUNY Maritime Foundation Vice Chair John Bree '78 addresses the gathering; TSES VI is flanked by a convocation of alumni and cadets; a hearty show of support from the SUNY Maritime Parents Association Corps.

DELAWARE VALLEY / PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

12th Annual Fall Golf Outing and Crab Feast – September 2022



In September, the Chapter held its 12th Golf Outing and Crab Feast at historic Fort Mifflin on the Delaware River. Basking in the bright autumn sunshine, folks were already looking forward to the All-Academy Holiday party on December 20th.

(L-R) Jonathan Proscia '13, Todd Brown '96, Tyler Vanchiere '16, Stephen Hudson '17, Nick Warmouth '96, Bill Hough '83, Charlie McCammon '87, Bob Degen '68, Uwe Schulz '65 and Ian Mullins '08.

HOUSTON CHAPTER

The Houston Alumni Chapter held a Wednesday night Maritime Happy Hour in September 2022 at the Southern Yankee Crafthouse in Houston, TX, midway through the three-day Breakbulk Americas Exposition. It drew over 70 attendees including 13 Fort Schuyler cadets, several of whom were offered job leads and business cards for follow-up on graduation. Says Carl Hausheer '79, Area Sales Manager for StormGeo and Chapter Ambassador for the MCAA, "The rewarding thing about these events is seeing the way we support each other. For recent graduates starting out these gatherings provide the opportunity to meet people who can help advance their careers. For older graduates it's an opportunity to meet and discuss the challenges they face. I've seen job interviews at the bar and many lively discussions about the challenges the industry faces."



Clockwise, from top left: Summer Cruise roommates Kirk Schroeder '10, Mike Flood '11 and Joe Graham '11; Doug Martin '83, Matt Paulonis '88 and Quyen Lam '99; Carl Hausheer '79 gives a StormGeo sponsor speech; Smit International Salvage sponsor speech by Doug Martin '83. Also present, Leo Bonser '92 with a US OCEAN sponsor speech.


LONG ISLAND / NYC CHAPTER MEET STUDENT CHAPTER OF AFE

Annual Meeting – October 2022



AFE Chapter members gather at Paddies on the Bay.


On October 18, the Student Chapter of AFE (Association for Facilities Engineers) hosted their annual meeting with the Local LI and NYC Chapter membership. Priya Domadia '18 discussed her career at Blackrock and the opportunities available to facilities engineering students in the industry. The group toured the new Marine Engineering Systems lab and enjoyed dinner at Paddies on the Bay. AFE has regularly supported the College, inviting students to Association events, and assisting in planning powerplant and other industry visits. AFE provides a \$5,000 scholarship to at least one student annually. The Chapter was recognized as the National Student Chapter in 2021.



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Class of '65 Summer Sea Term Scholarships Honorees

With costs of Summer Sea Term threatening to exclude many cadets from an educational and professionally enriching experience, the Class of '65 has maintained an SST Scholarship Fund. Four Scholarship awards are granted annually to four cadets. Four awards were named in honor of four Class members for the Class of '65 SST Scholarship Fund for 2022.

Norman G. Wennagel,

Professor of Engineering, SUNY Maritime College



With a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering and a master's degree in Mechanical Engineering, Prof. Wennagel richly educated the engineering students of SUNY Maritime. A knowledgeable, humorous friend and mentor, he planned

schedules for Summer Sea Term and led the Marine Engineering Department through the 1965 graduation year. He was an avid pilot and fluent in French, encouraging students to read the works of French marine engineer Sadi Carnot. Retiring from teaching in the 1980s, Professor Wennagel was inducted into the SUNY Maritime Engineering Hall of Fame in 2002. He was laid to rest in 2012 at age 91.

John Holster '65, Marine Transportation



Being a founding member of SUNY Maritime's lacrosse team wasn't enough; John was active with the Propeller Club, Newman Club, International Relations Committee, French Club and the Century Club. Shipping out on graduation, he activated his naval reserve commission in 1966, serving until 1969. Thus began

twenty years' service with the International Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots. Ascending from 3rd Mate to Sailing Master of LASH, Seabee, RO/ROs, and tankers, he finally sailed as Master of the fleet oiler USNS SeaLift Antarctic. Earning an MBA at Golden State University, John founded Master Marine Company, Inc. in 1988, a marine and industrial cleaning and water blasting service, in Norfolk, Virginia. After a long battle with Alzheimer's disease, John passed away February 2021.

Eugene Francis McAvoy '65, Marine Transportation



Active with the tennis team, fencing team, Propeller Club, Steamship Historical Society, and French Club, Gene's ultimate plan was to ship out. After four years shipping out with the United States Lines on breakbulk freighters, Gene returned to SUNY Maritime to teach Rules of the Road in

the Marine Transportation Department. He also crewed the TS Empire State IV on summer sea term cruises and later delivered the Empire State V from the West Coast to her new berth at SUNY Maritime. His career brought him aboard tankers and LNG carriers including a Hess Oil shuttle between St. Croix, US Virgin Islands and Perth Amboy, New Jersey. Retiring to his Long Island, New York, home, he supported his local St. James Fire Department. Gene crossed the bar in 2016.

Brian R. O'Donnell '65, Nuclear Science



The second of ten children and a quiet, low profile young man, Brian was a focused student at SUNY Maritime. He went on to study at NYU Graduate School, University of Hartford and Arizona State University. Briefly sailing as a 3rd Engineer, Brian later took positions with GE's Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory,

followed by positions with Arizona Power Service and the Southwest Gas Corporation. On retiring from the energy industry, Brian settled with his wife, Rita, and two sons in Scottsdale, Arizona. He stepped up his voluntary work with The Society of St. Vincent de Paul to a full-time position, eventually traveling nationally and globally on charitable outreach. He later lost a battle with a tumor, and the Class of '65 sadly lost a good man.

CLASS NOTES

Class of '67 Reunion at Key West, Florida

Few activities bespeak the solidarity and timeless values of the SUNY Maritime community as do Class reunions. So, the Class of '67 saw fit last May for a five-day gathering at the Key West Marriott Beachside Hotel to share smiles, hugs, sea stories and enduring friendships 59 years following, and 1,400 miles from their first meet-up at a stone fort on Long Island Sound. This account is provided to inform and inspire alumni classes and groups who might wish to consider the benefits and rewards of a similar multi-day get-together.

Activities included a four-hour Meet & Greet on the beach patio, a sunset cruise on a 60-foot catamaran proudly flying the SUNY Maritime banner, a cocktail party on the veranda overlooking Key West and a dinner dance closing with an acapella – somewhat slurred – version of “The Bells of St Mary’s” resounding through the ballroom. Daytime activities included a golf outing, a Ladies’ Trolley Tour and deep-sea fishing. A hospitality suite, replete with beverages and snacks, was set aside as a meeting place for classmates and their wives to pop in and visit at any time.

With “can do” determination – ‘67 graduated early to support the Vietnam sealift – classmates, some of whom were unable to attend, generously stepped up to the plate with contributions to support the Maritime ‘67 Reunion Committee, who benefited by the diligence of the “dial and smile” team as well as the care and effort of a highly organized wife or two.

To get away from it all – as the Beach Boys sing anthemically in “Kokomo” – and to get into it all; to catch up and to look ahead, in the camaraderie of longtime friends – these were the fulfilled objectives of those five days in May of ‘22. The Reunion even gave the Class of ‘67 chance to catch up celebrating the recent marriage of Andy and Donna Allocco, their reception having been put off by the pandemic. From the donning of their custom-print reunion shirts at the Night One Meet & Greet, to the solemn observance of the memories of those who have crossed the bar, to the final dive-bar libations and reminiscence – all classmates found the camaraderie unmatched and undeniable. This Reunion underscored and reinforced the pride abounding both in the Class of ‘67 and in SUNY Maritime.



55 years! The fellowship lives on. L-R: John Hagedorn, Jim Brennan, Al Aymer, Pete DiCapua, Jerry Ford, John Egan, Jim Warren, George Ferranti.



Never too late to celebrate! Newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Andy and Donna Allocco.



'67 Sailors delighting in a fiery red sunset sky are, (L-R) Ed Robinson, Dave Cooke (back to camera), Tom Connors, Earl Stuart (back to camera), Richard Plant, Anita & Al Aymer.



On the beach at Key West. Front row, L-R: J. Warren, J. Hagedorn, C. Youngren, G. Ford, J. Brennan, A. Allocco, J. Ward, R. Liddell, P. DiCapua, R. Saleeby, R. Plant, J. George. Back row: M. Gaskin, P. Mason, R. Kriete, G. Ferrante, D. Cooke, L. Yanazzo, T. Connors, J. Sargente, E. Robinson, R. Mellusi, J. Egan, D. Bordron (hidden), E. Cropper, E. Stuart, A. Aymer



Enjoying hearty food, cold drinks and fresh sea breezes. Front Row Joe & Chris Ward, Bob and Katie Liddell. Rear Row Bonnie and Ralph Mellusi, Conrad and Linda Youngren.

'58 Class of '58 Deckies Ed Breese, Tom Hancock and Dom Fortunato, long relieved of deck duty but still salty from their cadet days together, enjoy a formal evening aboard Celebrity Equinox on an eight-night Caribbean cruise. For two decades, Sarasota's Marina Jack Restaurant hosted an annual February luncheon for the Class of '58. As a "mini-reunion" it met with great success and acclaim, hosting as many as 33 classmates and their wives. At a recent gathering, RADM Alfultis paid a visit as he was making the rounds among Floridian Alumni groups. Fresh from a check-in with Fort Lauderdale Alumni, the Admiral filled in the Class of '58 on growth plans for the Fort and the then-proposed T/S Empire State VII.



'77 A bucolic setting overlooking the Chester River on Maryland's Eastern Shore finds Bill Schoenster '77, his wife Julia and his far-flung family enjoying a treasured day together. Annapolis residents Bill and Julia visited their son Chris, far left, at his home in Chestertown, MD. Completing the outing are Bill's daughter Allison and son-in-law Paul, last two on the right, who have been working for nearly four years at the U.S. Embassy in Italy and who enjoyed an all-too-rare two-week visit back home



'75 After nearly 45 years of professional service to the maritime industry, Don Moore '75 retired on June 30, 2022 from his role as Global Claims Director, Shipowner's Claims Bureau (SCB), Inc., managers of the American Steamship Owners Mutual Protection & Indemnity Association, Inc. (The American P&I Club) and Eagle Ocean Marine (EOM). Lower left: Don with his son Don Moore '00 at the Club's 2022 Annual Dinner. Don also received a citation from Nassau County, NY, for his 50 years' service with Valley Stream Fire Department. Lower right (l-r): daughter-in-law Nikole, son Patrick, Don Moore '75, wife Joan, daughter-in law-Helen, and son Don '00.



CLASS NOTES

'79 Perseverance paid off for Joe Cavallo '79 as he managed to score a ticket to witness the commissioning of the USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28) on July 30, 2022, at her namesake city. Retired CFA, Joe served 15 years as a merchant mariner, attended graduate school and practiced tax and finance. He is seen here in 1979 beside the TS Empire State V, and again 43 years later astern the Fort Lauderdale.



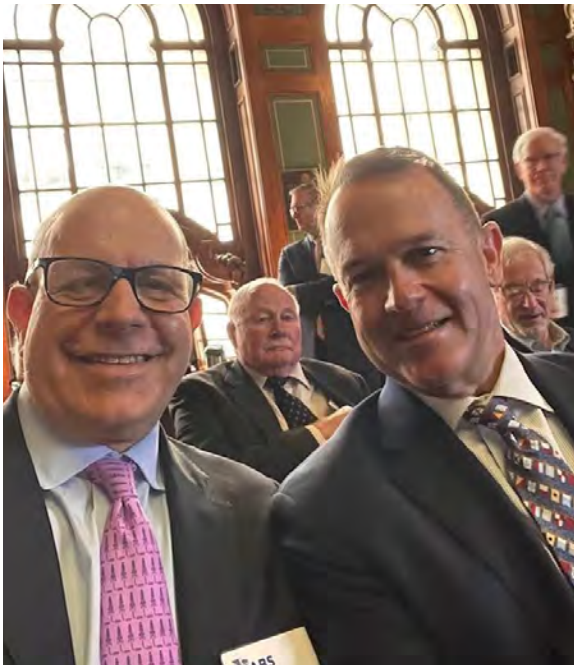
'93 Congratulations to Stephen Kretzmer '93 on his promotion to President of The Fulcrum Group, building efficiency consultants in New York City. Stephen will continue to bring leadership and technical excellence to Fulcrum's most prestigious client engagements. He will lead Fulcrum's Project and Engineering team, mentoring the firm's next generation of professionals, and enhancing his team's reach into new and existing client relationships. He will have broad oversight of the company's ongoing client service operations, with a particular emphasis on work in the tri-state region.



'23 Naval Studies graduate student Peter Hames presented a lecture on the importance of the T2 tanker at the Houston Maritime Center in September. The presentation, "The T2 Tankers that Helped Win World War II," focused on the design, construction and contribution of T2s, best known for supplying vital fuel to U.S. Navy vessels during WWII and later. Hames, who sailed on a T2, acknowledged Professor John Rocco and Senior Lecturer Ira Breskin for assisting with the project. Seventy attendees participated in person and online. Hames' presentation can be seen at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QzC7CP3g-gY&t=45s>



INDUSTRY ENCOUNTERERS



INDOC roommates John Dabbar '82 and Frank Cuccio '82 reunited at the Annual American Bureau of Shipping Meeting in Houston.



Just some SUNY Maritime Engineers running Mass Maritime's training ship, TS Kennedy, for Texas A&M, Cal Maritime and USMMA Kings Point cadets: Terence Cooper '14, Milton Korn '79, Kevin Barry '19 and Nicholas Failla '21.



A couple of '79 veterans at the SeaTrade Cruise Global 2022 Conference at the Miami Beach Convention Center. Milton Korn and Frank Kennedy have remained friends ever since they first met in their IDO Group in August 1975.



Edward Pollard '09 recently started working shoreside in Atlanta for G2 Ocean, joint venture of two of the world's largest open hatch ship-owning companies, in their Operations Department. G2 was fortunate enough to secure Maritime's own Professor Jeffrey Weiss '78, one of Ed's teachers some 15 years ago, in hosting an exclusive seminar on Laytime, Demurrage and Despatch.

WHERE IN THE WORLD



Clear skies, fair winds and upper 60s temperatures on October 14, 2022 graced the voyage of S/Y Red Fox, owned by Greg Tuthill '86 (standing in the companionway). Accompanied by Dick Bracken '56, here manning the rig, and Ted Mason '57, posting lookout and not shown, Greg sailed Red Fox from her Nyack Boat Club home port in Nyack, NY for a planning meeting of upcoming College and Alumni Association events. Dick and Greg are Club Members, and Dick has served many past years as Race Committee Chair. Both Dick and Ted have served as Presidents of MCAA. Greg, a past MCAA Board Member, is planning to run for First Vice President.



On a vacation visit in August 2022 to Cutchogue, NY, the neighborhood of his youth, Chris Dempsey '92 chanced to hook up with former neighbor and influencer Captain Alfred Magill '62. Driving through the Fleets Neck neighborhood, Chris saw Alfred standing outside his home. Not having seen him in 25 years, Chris stopped, jumped out of his car and greeted him warmly. The two exchanged sea stories for about an hour, just as Alfred had shared his with Chris during his youth back in the '70s. Alfred, who made a career of sea service with Farrell Lines, Lykes Lines, and Waterman Steamship Corporation, inspired Chris to attend SUNY Maritime. Chris has since sailed with Bouchard, Sun Oil and Marine Transport Lines and now lives in Connecticut.



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Walter Hatton '55

Alan Trachtman '64

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Willard Blowers '57

Warren Torns '66

JOSEPH D. LONGOBARDI



Joseph D. Longobardi died peacefully in his home on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at the age of 97. He was a veteran of World War II, and for three decades a member of the faculty at the State University of New York Maritime College.

Joseph was born on March 8, 1925, in Yonkers, New York. He attended Yonkers public schools and soon after graduation shipped out for basic training at Fort Reilly, Kansas. He served in the 14th Armored Division of the U.S. Army from 1943 to

1946, providing support to combat troops in France, Germany and Belgium, maintaining heavy equipment to ensure its quick return to the front lines.

Joseph pursued degrees at Manhattan College and New York University. In the 1950s, he worked as an engineer at Aberdeen Proving Ground and Norden Laboratories, after which he joined the faculty of SUNY Maritime, where he was later appointed Professor of Physics. In 1978 he was named chairman of the college's Science Department. His more than 30-year academic career, in which he taught and mentored scores of young merchant mariners, and developed a nuclear engineering curriculum to enhance their training, ended with his retirement in 1990.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

FOR MARITIME COLLEGE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

Maritime College Alumni Association - Distinguished Alumni Honors Dinner

January 26, 2023 - Manhattan

- Join us to congratulate this year's Honorees, including
- Kevin Graney '86 - Distinguished Alumnus of the Year
 - Peter Vecchio - Distinguished Special Recognition

Maritime College Alumni Association - New Alumni Night

TBA - Bronx, NY

A chance for alumni to meet and mingle with upcoming graduates and pass on insight and inspiration on the various career paths available with their Maritime College education.

Spring 2023 Career Fair

TBA

In-person Career Fair will be taking place on campus

TBA

Employer presentations will be taking place during the academic semester.

Graduating Senior Awards Reception

May 4, 2023

The College recognizes many of its outstanding seniors of the Class of 2023.

May Commencement

May 5, 2023

Recognize members of the Class of 2023 and welcome them to the ranks of Maritime alumni.

Maritime College Alumni Association - Spring Networking

TBA - Manhattan

Meet with fellow alumni, industry professionals, and friends at this premier networking event.

Maritime College Alumni Association - Annual Golf Classic

TBA

We will return to Old Westbury Golf and Country Club for the Annual Golf Classic! Don't miss the chance to catch up with old friends or make new ones on the links.

Admiral's Dinner

September 19, 2023 (Tentative)

The annual Admiral's Dinner is the College's premier event to raise support for our students. The event builds vital support for individual student scholarships and campus-wide initiatives, including establishing lecture series, renovating and updating labs and other facilities, and achieving the goals of the College's strategic plan.

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Maritime College Alumni Association - Ancient Mariner Golf Outing

October 27, 2023

Maritime College Alumni Association Ancient Mariner Golf Outing at Pelham Bay & Split Rock Golf Courses, Bronx, NY

October 28, 2023

- Maritime College Alumni Association Annual Membership Meeting
- Class Reunion events, Pass-in-Review
- Tailgate and Football Game with Reunion Class Parade/Regimental March On
- Alumni Post-Game Celebration at Paddy's on the Bay

Maritime College Alumni Association - Fall Networking and Nominations Meeting

TBA- Manhattan

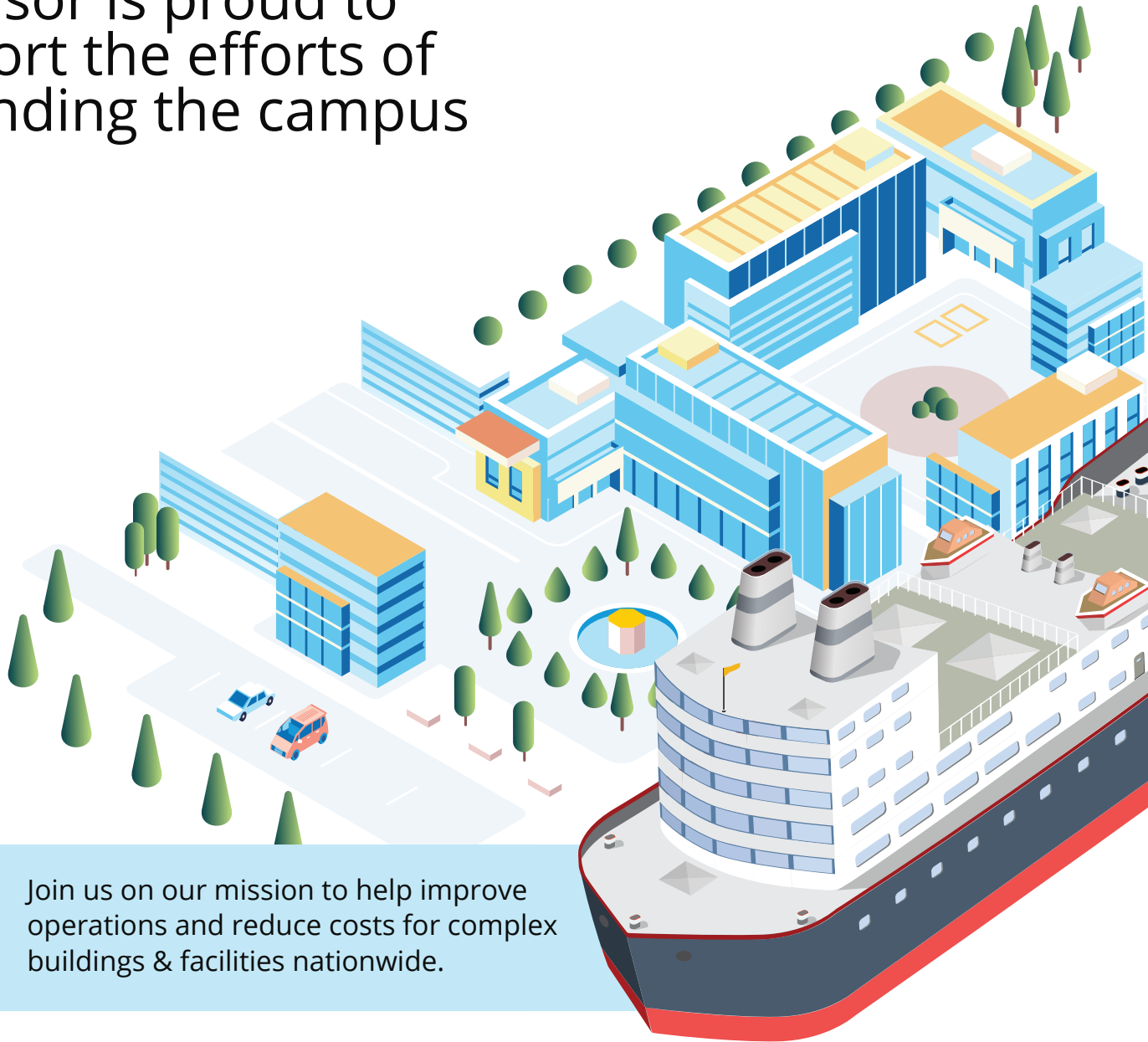
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