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On April 24, 2023, Maritime College launched its 150th Anniversary celebration and sesquicentennial campaign, Celebrating Our Past; Investing in Our Future.

As the College celebrates this significant milestone, it will look back through the lens of honoring and remembering the people, events, and traditions that define Maritime College as an institution of higher education deeply rooted in learning at sea.

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Greetings to my fellow Alumni and the Maritime College family,

I am writing to you as I complete my first five months back on the job leading the Alumni Association of the first and foremost state maritime academy in the nation. Following in the steps of MCAA leaders who have preceded me since our founding in 1903, and despite my prior service as President 1999-2001, I know I have big shoes to fill! Thankfully, I'm supported by a team of dedicated volunteers on our Board of Directors who have hit the ground running. They've arranged a traditional calendar of MCAA events post-pandemic and have stepped up to serve numerous committee roles to ensure our greatest contribution to our Alumni and our SUNY Maritime College community. As of this writing, we've already pulled off a very successful Distinguished Alumni Honors Dinner at Tribeca 360°, raising over \$100,000 for alumni support and scholarships. Our Board remains focused on improving our services to keep you, our Alumni, connected. Reinforcing these efforts are two very familiar faces on our MCAA Staff: Maggy Williams-Giunco and Saira Yoo. Their background, experience and dedication will enable us to keep our Association running smoothly.

Providing value to you, our members, remains our top priority. Uniting our fellowship, bolstering professional connections, sowing career and business opportunities and supporting the SUNY Maritime community are among our key objectives. We're accomplishing these through our networking events, our regional Chapters, our web and social media outreach. We're now working to restore online access to our Alumni database and soon we'll be refreshing our website. We'll continue building our presence on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and elsewhere. We'll promote and support participation in Chapter gatherings as well as MCAA events. In doing so, we'll help you build friendships, discover career opportunities, launch new business ventures and actively build the future of SUNY Maritime and of new graduates soon to join us in fellowship moving forward.

Our relationship with Maritime College has never been better. We're excited to join our alma mater in celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the New York Nautical School in 1874. The charter to create a nautical school in New York was signed on April 24, 1873, by the State of New York Legislature, so that is when our Sesquicentennial officially launched. We are also proud to take part in planning events commemorating the arrival of NSMV-1, a.k.a. the new Training Ship Empire State VII.

A crucial function of your Alumni Association is our ability to raise funds to support our organizational operations and Summer Sea Term (SST) scholarships. This year, your generous donations have enabled us to award over \$492,000 in scholarships to 95 students. Our vision is to make sure everyone who wants to go on cruise gets to go and avoid financial hardship. Through our SST Annual Appeal, plus the support of many Class funds and other-directed donations, we help make sure everyone who wants to make it up that gangway can do so. Contributing to our Underway Fund, which helps pay our ongoing operating expenses, is another way you help keep our organization strong. By donating to our 501 (c) (3) tax deductible organization you can make sure we are there to support all our graduates who may need assistance in networking for job connections and reconnecting with classmates.

In closing, I'd like to thank every one of you who has kept us strong over the years. I'd like to thank our board, our office staff, Doug Hasbrouck, Admiral Alfultis, and our entire Maritime College community for your support.

In the words of my good friend Joe Gerson '47:

"Steaming ahead smartly and checking compasses frequently."

Stephen J. Carbery

Stephen J. Carbery '80
President, Maritime College Alumni Association

LETTER FROM MICHAEL ALFULTIS

*President,
SUNY Maritime College*



Dear SUNY Maritime College Community,

April 24, 2023 marked a significant milestone in our institution's history; the 150th anniversary of the establishment of Maritime College, known then as the New York Nautical School. As we embark on this historic year, the theme for our sesquicentennial is Celebrating Our Past, Investing in Our Future.

Throughout the remainder of this year and 2024, we will reflect on the history of Maritime College rooted in rich traditions and academic excellence – and highlight the achievements of our faculty, staff, students, and alumni. We will also look ahead as we prepare the next generation of highly skilled merchant mariners and maritime professionals by investing in the people, programs and scholarship initiatives that empower them for successful careers.

This anniversary celebration and unique moment in time will also serve as a philanthropic event for engaging alumni and I encourage our community of alumni, sponsors, partners, and all others to support our fundraising efforts. Your generosity has always and will continue to benefit the College by providing essential and much-needed student scholarships, enhancing undergraduate and graduate degree programs, and supporting the student life experience. The launch of the sesquicentennial campaign, Celebrating Our Past, Investing in Our Future, and the various ways you can assist in ensuring student success is noted in the pages that follow.

In keeping with the sesquicentennial theme, this issue features faculty member Professor Karen Markoe, the first female Chair of Humanities, who after an almost fifty-year career at Maritime College, retired at the end of 2022. Regarding what lies ahead for the future of the Student Government Association, Liam Reddan '23 shares his perspective of how he utilized his time as student president in 2022-2023 to support student engagement and clubs while laying the groundwork for a new president. This athletic season showcased the might of our Privateers, and I am very pleased that many of our teams participated in the Skyline Conference Championship games and our coaches were recognized by the Conference. Finally, this issue also includes the many campus activities, events and stories that showcase the College's distinctiveness.

I am deeply proud of Maritime College and our students, faculty, staff, alumni, partners and all who have contributed to its extraordinary legacy. I am also enthusiastic about what will soon be realized on campus – a new training ship, a new Student Union, a new Seamanship Center – and all that awaits in the horizon.

Many thanks to each of you for your enduring support, which has made SUNY Maritime College a leading institution of higher learning.

Please enjoy this issue of Fort Schuyler Magazine!

Stay well,

RADM Michael A. Alfultis, USMS, Ph.D.



Maritime College Ranks 4th on Best Electrical Engineering Degree Programs List

The Electrical Engineering Bachelor's Degree Program at SUNY Maritime College was ranked the #4 Best Electrical Engineering Degree Program by the team at Best Accredited Colleges in March 2023. Out of hundreds of higher education institutions across the country that were considered, Maritime College's ranking was based on data regarding financial aid awards, the quality of education, faculty, campus resources, and more. To learn more about the ranking and Best Accredited Colleges, visit their ranking page at: <https://bestaccreditedcolleges.org/degrees/bachelors-degrees-in-electrical-engineering.html#wo>. ■

Student Achievement Recognized in Star Ceremony

Students who achieved the Admiral's List or Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester were recognized on March 28, in a special Academic Recognition Ceremony. The event highlighted student academic achievement, and cadets who received honors were awarded a gold or silver star to be worn on their Service Dress Blues uniform. Civilian students received a certificate highlighting their academic laurels. ■



Engineering Students Visit TSES VII at Philly Shipyard

Associate Engineering Professor Catherine Strez took a group of cadets to Philly Shipyard in February to view the Training Ship Empire State VII. The 1/C Cadets who joined the trip were Joseph Biscardi, Thomas Brindley, Michelle Eckert, Mark Modzelewski, Brian Reilly, Stephan Roe, and Michael Sullivan. "We went to the shipyard for the purpose of working on a design lab project assigned to class," said Professor Strez. "The class is divided into two groups and each group was tasked with the design of a piece of lab equipment on board a ship. Students needed measurements and information from systems on board the training ship to fully design the lab equipment," she stated. By taking her class to the construction site of the first National Security Multi-



Mission Vessel, Professor Strez sought to help students understand the vessel construction and shipyard operation. "Through this site visit, I hoped they would see how the systems are laid out [on the ship] since nearly all of the cadets will be making their first-class cruise on this ship." Students, in fact, learned of a height restriction not appreciated from the drawings which caused a revision of the original design. "It's important that they learn that modifications are necessary from the original specification after site visits," said Professor Strez.

The group spent the day at the shipyard touring the ship, which is currently being outfitted and readied for sea trials and delivery. Among the highlights of their visit was the startup of the ship's main engine when they stopped into the engine room. ■

Historic Year of Achievements for Privateer Athletics



Among the highlights of the Privateers athletics year include:

- Men's Lacrosse completed the regular season #1 in the Skyline Conference. The team beat a nationally ranked team and has not lost a regular season Conference game in five years.
- Women's Lacrosse finished the regular season with the most wins in program history and reached the Skyline Championship for the first time.
- Baseball achieved the most wins in program history and reached the Skyline Championship.
- Men's Basketball accomplished a 10-0 home record in the Conference, finished with the highest seed in program history, and won a playoff game for the first time.
- Men's swimming had an individual qualify for the ECAC tournament for the first time.
- Women's Diving set school records.
- Sailing was ranked 11th in the country going into Nationals, their highest ranking ever.
- Women's Cross-Country tied for the best finish in program history.
- Eight out of the College's eleven Skyline competing programs finished in the top four of the Conference.
- Three of the eight teams made it to the Championship game.
- Four of the eight teams won a Skyline Conference playoff games.
- Three of the College's Head Coaches were named Conference Coach of the Year.

Congratulations to all the Privateer athletic teams, coaches and assistant coaches for accomplishing a memorable sports season! ■

The 2022-2023 athletic season resulted in one, if not the most, successful year in the history of the Maritime College athletics program. Eight out of the College's eleven Skyline Conference competing programs finished in the top four of the Conference. The Skyline Conference conducts championships in 19 sports; 10 for men and nine for women. Its mission is to embrace the NCAA Division III philosophy statement and recognize that athletic programs and student-athletes are integral parts of the educational experience; conduct athletic competitions among our members and determine conference champions; and foster the growth of leadership opportunities for our student-athletes so they may be productive members of society.



2023 Commencement Celebrations

Commencement activities began on May 4, as graduating seniors enjoyed a picnic, champagne toast and senior picture. Later that evening, seniors receiving awards were invited to a special Awards Dinner in which students were recognized for their academic excellence by School Deans, the Provost, and President Alfultis. Awards were then presented to each student as family members looked on with pride and support.

On the morning of Commencement Day, May 5, 17 ensigns were commissioned as Officers during the NROTC Commissioning Ceremony.

These newly commissioned Officers will proudly serve the country.

The Commencement Ceremony recognized the graduates of January, May, July and September 2023. Vincenzo Ventricelli served as Class Valedictorian while Captain Zeita Merchant, Commander, Sector New York, Captain of the Port, USCG offered the Keynote Speech to the graduates. In her congratulatory remarks, she said, "Through our shared experience, we are part of a rich community of service in maritime. As future leaders of our maritime industry and armed

forces, become the necessity to not only meet the challenges ahead, but to embrace change. I challenge you to get comfortable with being uncomfortable as there is no comfort in the growth zone and no growth in the comfort zone. Congratulations to the Class of 2023! Bravo Zulu on a job well done!"

Visit the Maritime College Flickr account (<https://www.flickr.com/photos/sunymaritimecollege/albums/with/72177720308138605>) to view and download Commencement photos. ■



May Commencement 2023
Valedictorian Vincenzo Ventricelli '23



Keynote Speaker Captain Zeita Merchant, Commander, Sector NY, Captain of the Port, USCG



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Seniors enjoyed a picnic, champagne toast in front of Quarters One.

SENIORS SHOWCASE MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DESIGN CAPSTONE PROJECTS IN LIBRARY

The Stephen B. Luce Library was transformed into a showroom of cleverly designed rovers on April 20, as seniors from the Mechanical Engineering Design 2 course presented their capstone projects to the College community.

Students worked in teams to research the design of a rover prototype; develop and assemble the gears and other parts using 3-D printing; ensure the mechanical connectivity would allow the rover to properly move and function; and conduct performance tests. College faculty, staff and students voted for the best design.

Seniors in the Company 10 Mate Rov team included (top, l-r) Liam Gerrity, Robert Bailey, David Galarza, and Brian Calhoun. "This was an amazing time to design and build. Although we hit many roadblocks along the way, we are very happy with the outcome," said Liam Gerrity, who completed an internship with the town of Greenburgh, in Westchester County, NY and will work as one of the town's engineers after graduation in May.

Other engineering design rover projects included the Thresher ROV project with team members (bottom, l-r) Victoria Feeney, Andreina De La Cruz, Liam Hughes, Matthew Seganti and Ken Gjoni. ■





Coast Guard Club Cadets Attend AUP Chartering Ceremony

Cadets from the SUNY Maritime College Coast Guard Club attended the Auxiliary University Program (AUP) Chartering ceremony hosted by the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point on February 8. While there, students met with several Coast Guard Officers including Captain Zeita Merchant, USCG – Commander Sector NY (pictured center). Cadets in attendance included Alessia Muccitelli, Emily Celentani, Zachary Rozenshtein, Joshua Graubard, James Wageman, Nicholas Gretchyn, and Club President and AUP CO Olivia Grabher. ■

Engineering Alumni Serve as Industry Panelists at Marine Electrical Design Senior Presentations

Two groups of Marine Electrical Engineering students presented their research projects on April 19, before an audience that included three alumni serving as industry experts. The panelists included alumni Timothy Angerame, '00, Chief Operating Officer at UtiliVisor; Michael Haeser '98, Director of District Energy Systems at Columbia University; and Richard Vohnout '00, Senior Construction Manager at The New School.

Graduating seniors are given a task to design an electrical system for a ship of their choice. Their presentations covered the governing rules, regulations and design requirements for shipboard electrical systems; sizing ship power equipment; load analysis and system layout; cable sizing; short circuit analysis, system protection and coordination; and recent technical developments in marine electrical machinery. Course instructor Sean Carswell '00 said, "Part of the purpose of the student presentations is to sell their product to my classmates, who are leaders in the industry," Said Carswell. "My classmates have a chance to see the work our students create firsthand and, hopefully, this will lead to job offers for students after they graduate." ■



Richard Vohnout '00, Senior Construction Manager at The New School; course instructor Sean Carswell '00; Timothy Angerame '00, Chief Operating Officer at UtiliVisor; and Michael Haeser '98, Director of District Energy Systems at Columbia University.



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John B. King Makes First Visit to Maritime College as SUNY Chancellor

Maritime College was pleased to welcome John B. King for his first visit to the College as the newly appointed SUNY Chancellor.

Chancellor King met with student leaders and members of faculty governance during

the visit and toured the College's spectacular campus alongside RADM Alfultis. The Regiment of Cadets assembled in formation on the quad to offer their greetings to the new Chancellor.

The Chancellor's visit to Maritime College is part of a tour of 64 campuses that make up the State University of New York system. Maritime College was the 8th SUNY campus to receive a visit from Chancellor King. ■



Commandant and Deputy Commandant Receive New Rank at Change of Command Ceremony

The Change of Command Ceremony is a time-honored tradition that formally symbolizes the transfer of total responsibility, authority, and accountability from one individual to another. Conducted before the assembled Regiment of Cadets, the ceremony as traditionally practiced is unique in the world today.

During the April 18 Change of Command Ceremony, Cadet 1/C Merritt Whiddon, Deputy Regimental Commander, acting on behalf of Cadet 1/C Richard Rowell, Regimental Commander, relinquished command to Cadet 1/C Greyson Sladic, Chief Cadet Officer.

The assembled Regiment also recognized Adam Grohman on his promotion to

Captain and Commander, Commandant of Cadets and La'Quey Smith, on her promotion to Lieutenant Commander and Deputy Commandant of Cadets. Captain Grohman and Lieutenant Commander Smith were each pinned with their new rank insignia. ■



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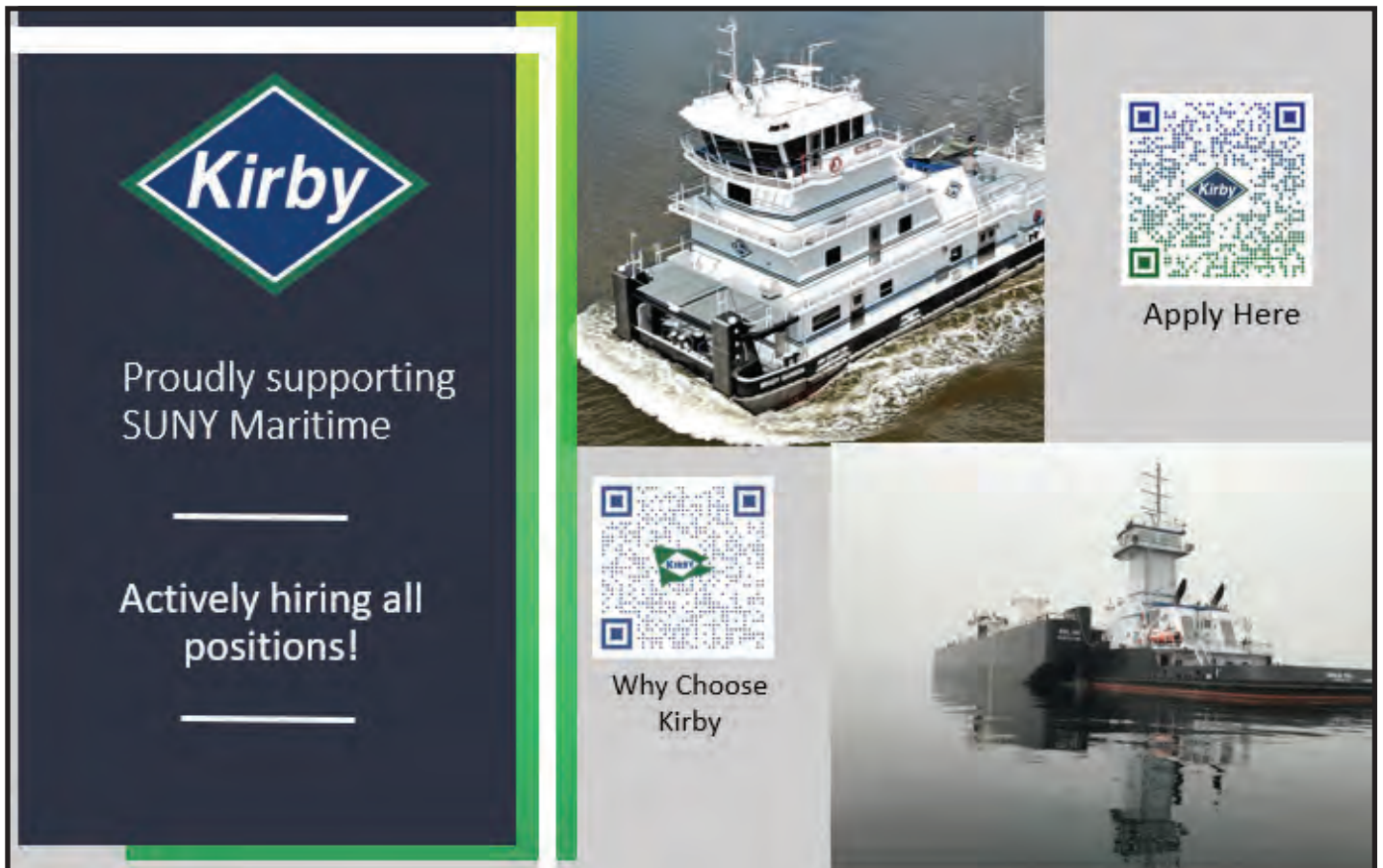
Maritime College Hosts Women Offshore Student Day 2023

Maritime College proudly hosted the Women Offshore Student Day 2023 on January 20, at the Maritime Academic Center. The annual event featured Keynote Speakers U.S. Coast Guard Captain, Commander, Sector NY Zeita Merchant (morning speaker) and U.S. Maritime Administrator Rear Admiral Ann Phillips (evening speaker). The schedule included a full day of learning and networking with sessions covering topics such as Digitization of the Maritime Industry, and Finding Your Niche in the Maritime Industry. A career fair with a headshot photo station was also available to students and attendees. RADM Alfultis offered opening remarks stating, "It is critical for us to



L-R: Marley Rakow, Maersk Line Limited; Jeremy Gauthier, CGIS; ADM Wayne Arguin, USCG; and Ally Cendeno, Founder & President of the Women Offshore Foundation;

do a better job of attracting, recruiting and retaining talented women into this great industry. Women Offshore represents the faces of talented women who make up the maritime industry, and young women from as early as high school should see themselves as being a part of the industry." Panelists included Ally Cendeno, Founder & President of the Women Offshore Foundation; Cassi Laskowski, Women Offshore Foundation; Brooke Baldassari, BP; Jason Johnson, BP; Jeremy Gauthier, CGIS; Captain Kaitlyn McHatti; Captain Lindsay Price, Women Offshore; Raina Barnes, SUNY Maritime College; Tami Francksen, Terradepth; Laila Linares, MARAD; Marley Rakow, Maersk Line Limited; and ADM Wayne Arguin, USCG. ■



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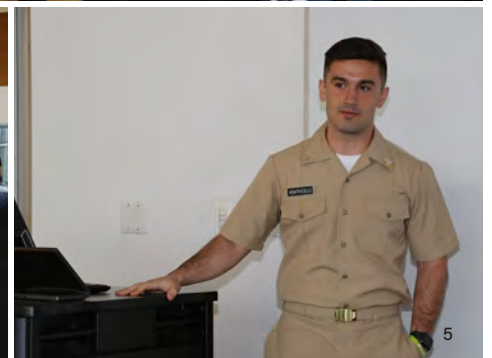
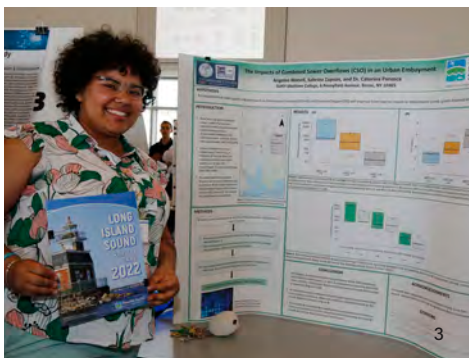
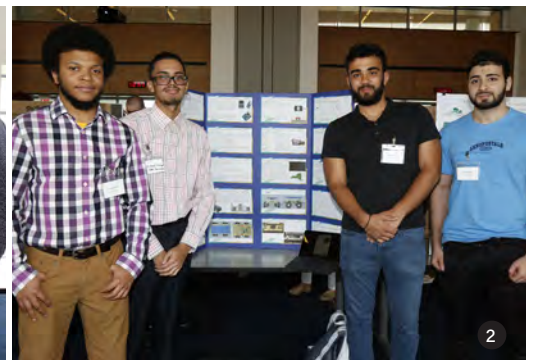
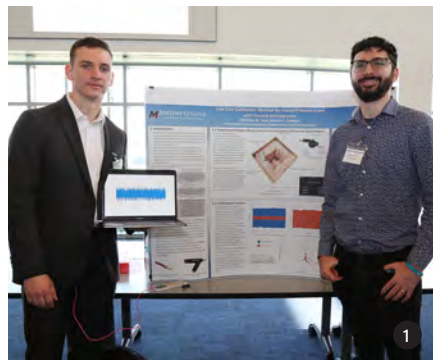
SUNY Provost Offers Keynote at Undergraduate Research Conference

Maritime College hosted the April 14 SUNY Undergraduate Research Conference (SURC). SURC brings together undergraduate student researchers and faculty mentors from across the SUNY system for a full day of multidisciplinary activities.

Among the day's activities included a luncheon with Keynote Speaker SUNY Provost Dr. Shadi Shahedipour-Sandvik, student presentations, artistic displays, poster sessions, a Career Fair, and professional development workshops for students and for faculty. During Dr. Shahedipour-Sandvik's Keynote Address, students shared their perspectives of undergraduate research.

Maritime College students presenting at the conference included:

- 1 Christian Vera '23 and Martin Lawless (Assistant Prof.) – *Low-Cost Calibration Method for Sound Pressure Level with Electret Microphones*
- 2 Donovan McRae '23, Michael Crespo '23, Memetri Gatanas '23 and Rakad Davod '23 – *PV-Powered Autonomous Vehicle*
- 3 Angelee Monell '23 – *The Impacts of Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO) in an Urban Embayment*
- 4 Jefferson Duclair '23 – *Smart Photovoltaic Charge Controller with MPPT*
- 5 Vincenzo Ventricelli '23 – *Ship Detection: An Assessment of Machine Learning Classification Algorithms* ■



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Katherine Mattikow '23 Receives Prestigious Duke of Edinburgh International Award

Katherine Mattikow '23 was the proud recipient of the Duke of Edinburgh International Award on November 9, 2022. His Royal Highness Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex attended the Washington, D.C. ceremony and personally presented the award to Mattikow, one of 22 students from across the U.S. to receive the prestigious honor. The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a global, personalized youth development program for 14-24-year-olds that complements formal classroom learning. The program focuses on setting progressive goals that build essential life skills such as resilience, confidence, creativity, leadership, civic competence and communication. Award holders must have undertaken an adventurous journey, participated in voluntary service,



made achievements in sports, developed a skill, and engaged in a residential project.

Mattikow, a student in the International Transportation and Trade undergraduate degree program, was recognized for her accomplishments in sailing, figure skating and visual arts, as well as voluntary service as an Emergency Medical Technician during the pandemic. Through the mentorship of her award assessors, she made it to the U.S. Figure Skating Showcase Nationals and the J24 North American Championship in sailing. "This has truly been a wonderful experience," said Mattikow, who was given a tour of the White House the day before the ceremony. ■

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Students, Faculty and Staff Coordinate Relief Effort for Turkey Earthquake

In early March, over 50 students, faculty and staff participated in a relief effort in response to the earthquake that devastated Turkey on February 6, 2023. The group was involved in donating, packing, organizing, labeling, loading and delivering over 4,500 urgently-needed items to the Turkish Consulate in Manhattan. Provisions included medical supplies, diapers, clothing, coats, blankets, canned goods, sneakers, boots, hygiene products and a tent, which were delivered to the Consulate in three separate trips. Cadets from the Regiment also held a competition to determine which Regimental student group collected the most relief items.

The important effort was undertaken and coordinated by the International Students Organization (ISO). Spearheading the project was ISO President, Emily Celentani, along with the ISO Officers who believed it was necessary for Maritime College to work collectively and offer aid to the people of Turkey during a time of crisis and great need. ■



L-R: BSH School Dean Dr. Rao Kowtha; Ross Yeung (ISO Vice President); John Pintard (ISO Treasurer); Humanities Prof. Dr. Mark Meiowitz; Hon. Reyhan Özgür, Consul General of Turkey; Jake Mundok; Dolunay Bayar; Tolga Okur; Joseph Ferrante; Michelle Eckert and ChiaYi Liu at Turkish Consulate on March 8.

Five Students Receive Prestigious Connie Scholarship Award

Students who took part in the Containerization & Intermodal Institute (CII) 2022 scholarship program were recognized at a special dinner event held on December 5, 2022. A prestigious Connie Award was presented to Christopher Paccione, Ashley Baker, Nathan Gilmore, Abhinandan Prasad and Robert Gillison. The Connie Award, founded by CII in 1972, has become the most prestigious honor

in the global containerization and intermodal industry awarded annually to people, companies, associations and other entities that have made significant contributions to the transportation modes. Award recipients are honored at gala events whose proceeds benefit academic scholarships given to those perceived as the next generation of industry leaders. ■



RADM Alfultis with Robert Gillison and Ashley Baker at the Connie Award ceremony.



Christopher Paccione



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“ Looking back, I recognize it was a truly satisfying experience. It has been wonderful to see more women faculty beyond the handful who started with me in the mid-seventies, and witness a new generation of students, faculty and staff coming to the College from diverse neighborhoods across New York City and around the world. ”

KAREN MARKOE

First Female Department Chair Reflects on Her Years at Maritime College

BY ODALIS MINO

Karen Markoe always knew she wanted to teach. Her yearning for teaching was apparent from as far back as grade school when she would spend time creating a class list and assigning grades to all the students.

When Markoe reached high school, she developed an interest in history and focused her efforts on becoming a history professor. She pursued an undergraduate degree in history at Hunter College, CUNY, and went on to receive a master's degree in Modern European History and doctoral degree in American History from Columbia University. Throughout her time in college and graduate school, Markoe worked to pay for her graduate education by teaching part-time at several colleges. By January 1974, she joined the Humanities Department at Maritime College as Assistant Professor; the same year in which the first

class of female cadets (four in total) arrived on campus. "I was one of only a few women faculty members, but the students were very welcoming towards me," she stated. She enjoyed the classroom; taught various subjects including Western Civilization, American History, Literature as History, Biography and Urban History, during which she took her students on excursions around Manhattan and overnight trips to Boston and Washington, D.C.

Markoe became interested in university governance and was elected to the SUNY University Faculty Senate as its president from 1987-1991. Expanding her work beyond the Maritime College campus and seeking to improve the governance of other SUNY colleges, she became acquainted with individuals and literary luminaries such as writer James Baldwin, novelist Toni Morrison, and famed journalist Charlayne Hunter-Gault. In 1992, Markoe was



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In 1992, Markoe was appointed to the position of Humanities Department Chair



With students from the Haiti Project at the waterfront.

appointed to the position of Humanities Department Chair and throughout the next 30 years, fully dedicated herself to administering the Department. She was instrumental in recruiting all of the Humanities faculty members, and is proud of the talented group of professors who taught English, history, art, music, film, and foreign languages at the College. "Hiring faculty was one of the greatest satisfactions of my career, and these group decisions were the product of

involving faculty and students. I believe students were ultimately the beneficiaries of the group's diligence," she said.

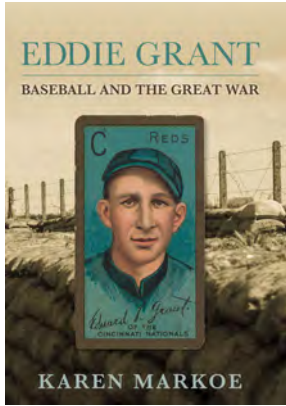
Over her decades at Maritime College, Markoe helped change the lives of students selected to participate in the prestigious Williams-Mystic Program. The undergraduate scholarship program in Mystic, CT offers semester-long courses in maritime literature, history, policy and science, and between one to three Maritime College students are selected to take part in the program each semester.

"Students return and say the experience was life-changing, and I am proud to have contributed to their success," said Markoe.

Additionally, she led the Haiti Project, an immersion program for participants to learn English, experience American culture and learn the importance of becoming strong leaders within their communities. During the summer of 2019, twenty young adults from Haiti came to Maritime College to participate in the three-week inaugural offering of the Sustainable Village Learning Community project.

Among Markoe's most significant accomplishments include the establishment of the Fort Schuyler Press, the academic press of the State University of New York Maritime College over 25 years ago, which she anticipates will continue to benefit faculty and students for years to come. Now amid the many successful





publications of the Fort Schuyler Press is her book, Eddie Grant, Baseball, and the Great War, released in 2022. Among her significant accomplishments has been the creation of the College's online master's degree program that combines maritime subjects and the humanities. The only degree program of its kind in the country, the Maritime and

Naval Studies program serves students who wish to advance their maritime career by pursuing a Master of Science.

At the end of 2022, after almost five decades of teaching, Markoe retired from Maritime College and left her beloved Fort Schuyler office. "Looking back, I recognize it was a truly satisfying experience. It has been wonderful to see more women faculty beyond the handful who started with me in the mid-seventies, and witness a new generation of students, faculty and staff coming to the College from diverse neighborhoods across New York City and around the world. I did my best to be a good, fair teacher and I hope that is how students will remember me." ■

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 1974 Joins Humanities Department
- 1980 Awarded Professor of the Year
- 1987-1991 SUNY University Faculty Senate President
- 1992-2022 First Female Department Chair, Humanities
- 1998 Established the Fort Schuyler Press
- 2019 Led the Haiti Project
- 2022 Released Book Titled, "Eddie Grant: Baseball and the Great War"



Family, friends and colleagues attended Markoe's retirement celebration to bid her farewell.



Student Government Association LIAM REDDAN Envisions a Brilliant Future for Maritime College



BY ODALIS MINO

Liam Reddan came to Maritime College in 2019. His choice was based on the premise of wanting to be a part of a purpose; something bigger than himself. “I knew I wanted to do something more. I was a hard worker and could handle the course load. Although I was nervous about INDOC, I fit right in with a great group of students who wanted to be better,” recalls Reddan. The Long Island native, who was exposed to the waters of the Long Island Sound and traveled on boats, was committed to pursuing a career in the maritime industry.

As a newly minted cadet with the Regiment of Cadets, Reddan could not have imagined at that time he would one day lead the College student body as its Student Government Association (SGA) President.

“When I first began at Maritime, I wasn’t too sure where I was headed, but over the years, I began getting involved with clubs, the soccer team, the ROTC unit and Student Government,” he said. “I never thought I would become Student Government President.” But when approached by one of his friends in SGA to suggest an activity for students, Reddan proposed three activities and managed them all. He was immediately invited to attend the upcoming SGA meeting. “I like finding solutions to problems and I found this was a chance to help formulate a plan and help find solutions.”

Among his top priorities after being elected SGA President was to reestablish student government by filling the other leadership roles with students who were equally committed to enacting change. Reddan

believed it was important to encourage and increase student involvement. Like many colleges whose students were negatively impacted by the pandemic and its social distance restrictions, Reddan sought to bring students together through simple activities on campus. “One sunny day, I suggested that the Maritime Events Planning Club bring out camp chairs and hammocks. It was great to see students hanging out and enjoying time together,” he said. His efforts in engaging students have significantly increased student involvement with clubs, sports and campus activities during the 2022-2023 academic semester.

Once the remainder of the SGA leadership positions were filled, supporting the clubs and repurposing rooms for student use was their next area of focus. “I have a great

on President N '23



team and we were able to create a billiards room for students, as well as a student job for students to work in the room." SGA's fundraising efforts led to the transformation of the Golf Club's meeting room, which now includes a golf simulator and is regularly filled with students. "That space is now more vibrant with student activity," he stated.

In his role as SGA President, Reddan is most proud to have recruited a team of leaders who shared his vision for a vibrant student life. "We've created a process of how students can start clubs, and we've been successful at fundraising and working with other associations such as the Parent's Association. I'm most proud of the student involvement. We spent time getting the word out to students about how to become involved in activities, and we saw many students respond by joining clubs and other activities."

He looks to future of the SGA with confidence and a sense of fulfillment. Having laid out the groundwork for the

incoming SGA President, he is proud of setting an example of leadership that can be followed by the next SGA President.

Reddan, who was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation at the May 2023 Commencement (and who will sit for his Unlimited Tonnage 3rd Mate U.S. Coast Guard licensure after Summer Sea Term), considers his time at Maritime College to have been a "rewarding" experience. "At times, it's tough with everything you have to prepare for, but when it's all done, there's a sense of accomplishment that is rewarding. That's exactly how I feel now."

Moving forward with his career and envisioning what is to come for Maritime College, Reddan believes students will become more involved in campus activities. And with the advent of a new training ship to arrive at the College later in the summer, he is confident students will be more knowledgeable and highly skilled to enter into the maritime industry. "We have great programs at Maritime College and we're on a good path." ■





BY DON GALE

Two Generations of Tra ONE COMMO

For these two alumni, graduation did not end their time at Maritime as Master of the Training Ship Empire State to train upcoming generations of Maritime faculty forbears together with their own acquired experience. Maritime's 150-year legacy of excellence. In so doing, they've equipped and mentored. The lives and times Captain James DeSimone and Captain Morgan DeSimone share a common thread of excellence they've upheld at Maritime College.

GROWING UP MARITIME: CAPTAIN JAMES DESIMONE '73

WHY MARITIME? WHY MARITIME COLLEGE?

Capt. Jim DeSimone '73 lived and grew up on campus with his family. Many changes took place when his father, Guy DeSimone '36, chaired the Marine Transportation Department from 1958 to 1972. Jim says, "The gym was near the Fort where the visitor parking is now. The dormitories – they were referred to as barracks – were where the athletic field is. Vander Clute Hall, the quadrangle, Riesenberg Gymnasium, Reinhart Field, Tode and Marvin Halls were all built when we lived on campus."

Had he ever considered a career path different from maritime? "Not really," says DeSimone. "Just growing up there, we always had the boats. We were around the water all the time. It just seemed like the natural thing to do."

WHAT DID YOU DO AFTER GRADUATING? HOW DID YOU BECOME TRAINING SHIP MASTER?

He sailed on a research vessel with Alcoa, eventually becoming third mate. On his father's advice, he gravitated to oil tankers, ultimately acquiring his Unlimited Master's license in 1981. Early in 1987, DeSimone was appointed by Admiral Floyd "Hoss" Miller to serve as Commandant of Cadets and Master of the Training Ship Empire State, holding those positions for 10 years.

EXPERIENCE AND MEMORIES WITH TS EMPIRE STATE

"I am definitely one of the younger people to have held that position at Maritime," says DeSimone. "The interaction with cadets is a really exciting experience you never forget." DeSimone has been aboard

TSES II, III and IV, as a cadet aboard TSES IV and as Master on TSES V and VI.

TRANSITION FROM TSES V TO TSES VI

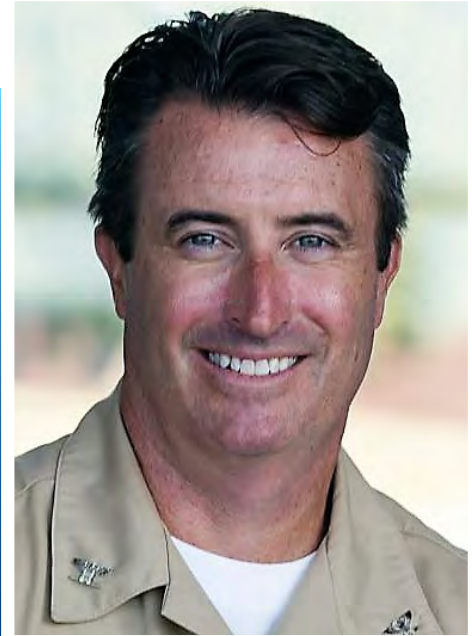
TSES VI was converted from a general cargo ship, unlike past training ships which had been either surplus Navy support vessels or troop ships. "Accordingly, there were significant regulatory requirements to comply with," DeSimone recalls. "The ship arrived New Year's Eve 1989 in dense fog. Because of budgets and



Cadet Chief Officer Andrew Engelson '96, and Capt DeSimone at SST 1995.

Training Ship Captains: ON MISSION

College. In making their mark on the world, each returned to serve generations of mariners. With knowledge and skills received from their experience and wisdom afield, they've each played a role in building Maritime's reputation as the world's finest merchant mariners for generations to come. The Captains share similarities between their careers, and celebrate the



Capt. James DeSimone '73' was the Honorary Degree recipient & keynote speaker at the 2019 Commencement. He is pictured here with RADM Michael Alfultis and SUNY Chancellor Kristina Johnson.

schedules, the superstructure wasn't painted, the overhead in the wheelhouse was missing, the library and various labs were vacant space. A multitude of things needed to be done before its first Summer Sea Term. Most were accomplished before sailing in May, but the overhead was still missing in the wheelhouse. Everything was taken care of during SST. The ship arrived pristine back at Fort Schuyler – thanks to all hands aboard!"

From 1996 to 2003, DeSimone served as Senior Vice President of Cleveland, Ohio based Great Lakes Towing Company, returning to New York as Vice President of Operations for New York Water

Taxi in 2003. In May 2004, following a tragic accident at the Staten Island Ferry, he was selected over 120 candidates as Deputy Commissioner & Chief Operating Officer of the NYC Department of Transportation Staten Island Ferry, a role he held until June 2020. During his tenure, major changes were made, including the establishment of a safety management system modeled on the International Safety Management code. New terminals and ferries were commissioned, training programs developed and put in place, a plethora of environmental and regulatory programs were implemented and other enhancements were made. For these efforts, the Staten Island Ferry was recognized as a leader in maritime safety by the U.S. Coast Guard, the National Transportation Safety Board and the Passenger Vessel Association. "We had a good team there, and I like to think the Ferry was a little better when I left than when I found it." He continues to work as an expert witness and industry consultant through Seaward Maritime LLC, his independent consultancy.

WHAT'S YOUR ADVICE TO MARITIME STUDENTS TODAY?

"The school offers tremendous opportunity. Give equal weight to everything – the academic and the professional aspects of your education – and research all that's available to you on graduation. On the deck side, there are plenty of seagoing positions inland as well as offshore."

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO YOUR FELLOW ALUMNI?

"Admiral Alfultis is doing a wonderful job, and the best you can do is support him. The school has kept up with industry changes. And, we're still open!"

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BRIGHT HORIZONS AHEAD: CAPTAIN MORGAN MCMANUS '92

WHY MARITIME? WHY MARITIME COLLEGE?

"Growing up in Rockaway Beach, NY, as a kid, I'd watch the ships coming in and out of Ambrose Channel. I was always fascinated by the ships and tugs. Later, touring Maritime College, I learned that you graduate with a license – and you only had to work half a year. I liked the idea of the time off and of making money in a career being on the water all the time. In my world, it made perfect sense."

WHAT DID YOU DO AFTER GRADUATING? HOW DID YOU BECOME TRAINING SHIP MASTER?

After sailing as an able seaman with Sunoco, switching to ship brokerage with Odin Marine in Southport, CT, sailing two years as third mate with Maritime Overseas Corporation followed by two

ship SS Cape Jacob for U.S. Military Sealift Command serving Pacific Ocean venues. Fascination with dynamic positioning and drillship technology drew him to the offshore industry 2011 through 2019 where he earned his Offshore Installation Manager (OIM) license. Having served as Watch Officer one Summer Sea Term aboard TSES VI, McManus was appointed in 2019 by RADM Alfultis as Master of the training ship.

EXPERIENCE AND MEMORIES WITH TS EMPIRE STATE

As a cadet, Morgan sailed aboard TSES V and VI. "I still think of the VI as the 'new' ship because I did my MUG cruise on the V," he says. "The VI was a different design, it had air conditioning, the bunks were new. But we missed the V because it had the horseshoe staterooms overlooking the foredeck. It was nice getting the experience on the two ships. As cadets, we all have an affinity and a love for our training ship. It becomes a sense of pride for the College to take care of it."

TRANSITION FROM TSES VI TO TSES VII

McManus cites the TSES VII's enhanced training throughput provided by the dual engine room diesel-electric power arrangement and other redundant features. "With dual bridges, we'll have more students participating in bridge watches. Instructors can have a class in a control room without interfering with engine operations. The human-machinery interface is better."

TSES VII presents challenges, too. "We're reversing how and where engineering cadets' steam and motor training are done. Before TSES VII, steam training was aboard TSES VI with most motor training ashore in the labs," he explains. Then, there are regimental protocols. "For instance, where formation takes place on the new ship compared to the old. Which

more years of ship brokerage, McManus says, "I realized I did not like being ashore. I wanted to go to sea." Joining the Masters, Mates and Pilots late 1999, he sailed until 2010. Earning his Unlimited Master's license by 2007, McManus commanded MARAD cargo

passages, ladders and spaces are First Class-privileged, officer-privileged and so on. Those become challenges for a community of 550 cadets and officers at sea. We'll need to figure out how to interact and work aboard this new platform."



WHAT'S YOUR ADVICE TO MARITIME STUDENTS TODAY?

"Never be afraid to make a mistake. Sometimes, we fear making mistakes to the point where we stop learning and improving our abilities. Learn the difference between mistakes with grave consequences and those that can help you grow. Don't be afraid of voicing an opinion that might get shot down. And don't stop learning."

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO YOUR FELLOW ALUMNI?

"I've always benefited from alumni as a cadet and when I was young in the industry. There were great alumni who mentored me, helped me out career-wise and gave great advice. I think every alumnus should take that on as a personal way of giving back. Don't limit yourself to giving money. Mentor students. Interact with them at alumni functions. Let them know you realize they're doing a hard job, but that upon graduating it will all be worth it."

McManus sees a bright future ahead. "The new Seamanship Center is on the way and the new training ship. We're celebrating our 150th anniversary. It's a great time to be part of Maritime College." ■



Capt. McManus '92 and Chief Mate Peter Vecchio '92, center, accompanied by SUNY Maritime cadets aboard TSES VI during Summer Sea Term.

Surfaceblow Endowment

Ensure that your Alumni contributions go towards furthering the Engineering programs at SUNY Maritime. Without a designation, your funds may be allocated to any SUNY program.

The Surfaceblow Endowed Engineering Fund is dedicated to the Engineering Faculty past, present, and future, with the intent of assisting with the acquisition of equipment to aid in the education of engine cadets pursuing USCG licensure.

HOW TO DONATE

On SUNY Maritime online giving form, you can designate your donation to the Surfaceblow Endowed Engineering Fund

The fund was established by Bart Eckhardt, P.E. ('79 ME) and his wife, Bonnie Johnson, and is matched by Brian Dengel ('79 OE).

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MCAA President STEVE CARBERY '80

Steering a New Course Through Seas of Change

BY DON GALE

It's safe to say that Steve Carbery '80 has broad reach and vast influence professionally and among SUNY Maritime's alumni. As Vice President of Facilities Design Construction & Real Estate for the Yale New Haven Health System, Carbery is responsible for 12 million square feet of assets, over 2,680 beds, 7,500 medical staff and nearly 30,000 employees. The view from his wheelhouse extends across facilities from Greenwich, CT to Westerly, RI, and Yale New Haven's proposed upcoming acquisition of Prospect Medical Holdings' assets have added another 1.5 million square feet to his watch.

His 37 years' experience in a field concerned with the well-being of people may be why his knowledge and skills have been tapped for an encore term as Maritime College Alumni Association President. His care for the MCAA and its fellowship is born of gifts and rewards he's realized since graduation. Joining MEBA District 2 after graduation, he saw limited sea time and transitioned to portside service in a slack merchant marine market. As an MCAA member, Steve acted on guidance from a fellow alumnus who tipped him to an open opportunity as a marine surveyor, working with Richard Burke '72 at the United States Salvage Association. Moreover, his first career position as a health care facilities manager

at Greenwich Hospital in 1986 was also born of an MCAA connection. "I always tell everybody that I got two great jobs networking through Alumni Association contacts, and I've never, ever forgotten that. I think that's part of the reason why I give a lot back to the Alumni Association because of what it's done for me," said Carbery.



(L-R): Class of 1980 at Marine Engineering Systems Lab, Tom Higgins '80, Roland Roeckle '80, Bill Austen '80, Steve Carbery '80 and Prof. Joe Breglia '80.

As assistant coach for the hockey team on which he'd played as a cadet, Carbery, along with friend and faculty advisor Steve Miller '76, appealed the MCAA for a \$3,000 donation to cover team uniforms and gear. This elicited an in-kind request from then-Association President John Antonetz '41 who asked Carbery to serve on the MCAA Board of Directors in place of a classmate who was setting out for the U.S. Navy. "I kind of got roped into it to get the money for the hockey team," said Carbery. "And I've been gladly serving ever since."

Carbery's service on the Board put him on the succession path to his first position of Association President in 1999-2001. Working his way through the capacities of Secretary, Second and First Vice President, Steve learned of the interactions and responsibilities among MCAA Board members and regional Chapters, and the Association's ties with the Parents Association, President, faculty and other connections within Maritime College.

Now he has taken the helm again. Twenty-two years since his last administration have seen development of a website, social media proliferation, changes in alumni communication and much more. His prior service on the Board plus his passion for the Association's mission makes Carbery well prepared.

Carbery strongly believes in empowering connections and together, the MCAA and the College are working to build and maintain an effective, efficient database of alumni contact information. "One of the areas we are focused on is getting online access to our database re-established for our members," explained Carbery. "Networking is near and dear to my heart, and my vision is to make sure we are an organization that provides value to graduates by providing the ability to locate their classmates and network," says Steve. "We've always connected people with jobs and we're working on ways to leverage our LinkedIn account to connect to a wider group. We've had to continually change with the times."

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Alumni hockey game in Rye, NY, (L-R): Steve Carbery '80, Bill Ducey '81, Lou Guzzo '82, Andy Rosina '83 and Jeff Hirsch '84.

He is a firm believer in having a strong committee structure. "Our Board members have committed to serve on at least one committee. We have a multitalented slate of volunteers who support the annual Distinguished Alumni Honors Dinner, two golf tournaments, the MCAA's Summer Sea Term Scholarship Fund, the Membership, Public Relations/Outreach, Magazine and Finance committees."

Carbery recalls an account that reinforces the timeless value of the camaraderie and connections nurtured and cherished within the MCAA fellowship: "I was honored in 2016 as Alumnus of the Year. Dick Bracken

'56, also a former President, put me up for that and I'll never forget him for that honor. He was a classmate of my Dad's, and I remember when he picked me up hitchhiking home in uniform one night years ago. He asked me my name, and I told him 'Carbery'. He then asked, 'You're not related to Joe Carbery '56, are you?' 'Yes, sir, that's my Dad – do you know him?'"

And so, as he has for four decades, Carbery is ready, able and proud to continue serving his fellow alumni, boldly steering the MCAA into the challenges of the future. ■



ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR
Kevin Graney '86
President of General Dynamics Electric Boat



SPECIAL RECOGNITION
Peter Vecchio, '92
Professor & Chief Mate, SUNY Maritime College

The 2023 Distinguished Alumni Honors Dinner continued the tradition of honoring achievements, networking and reinforcing alumni and College connections. Over 200 alumni and guests, including 40 cadets, gathered at the Dinner on January 26, to honor Alumnus of the Year Kevin Graney '86, President of General Dynamics Electric Boat (GDEB), and offer Special Recognition to Peter Vecchio '92, TSES VII Chief Mate and Marine Transportation Department Chair at Maritime College.

Captain Bob Fay '80's greeted guests and the SUNY Maritime College Color Guard and Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police marching band opened the event. At the tolling of Eight Bells, Joe Colella '79 and Capt. Fay commemorated alumni who had recently crossed the bar. Reverend Victor Rapp '68 offered Invocation.

MCAA President Steve Carbery '80 briefed diners on upcoming Association plans and events. SUNY Maritime President Admiral Michael Alfultis delivered campus news, briefing on the eagerly-awaited Training Ship Empire State VII.

During the dinner, Peter Vecchio '92 was introduced for the honor of Special Recognition. Accepting the honor, Vecchio stated, "I still get excited about the prospect of heading out on SST. We

continue to keep ahead of the times in maritime education." From the perspective of change witnessed both as cadet and Faculty, Vecchio underscored how the enduring values of the Maritime College and alumni community have shone through. "The things that truly matter to us – hard work, looking out for your shipmates, persistence, and getting the job done – are our school's values that will never change and will always be taught at Fort Schuyler."

Steve Carbery '80 and Ted Mason '57 introduced Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Kevin Graney '86. As GDEB President and former President at GD NASSCO, Kevin honored SUNY Maritime, crediting the school with teaching him the life skills he uses with GDEB to this day. In addition to shipbuilding, these include leadership and teamwork. He credited those on his team at Electric Boat as "the truest group of people I've ever known." He recognized all maritime professionals – sailors, insurers, entrepreneurs – for their vital service to the industry.

Accolades to the MCAA Honors Committee for making this a memorable event. **Mark your calendar for January 25, 2024 to be sure you're a part of next year's Distinguished Alumni Honors Dinner.** ■



Capt. Bob Fay '80 and Joe Colella '79 toll 8 Bells; Rev. Victor Rapp '68 offers Invocation; RADM Alfultis delivers College news.



Nearly 40 SUNY Maritime cadets attended courtesy of the generosity of alumni. The SUNY Maritime Color Guard and PANY&NJ Police marching band joined the opening ceremonies.



The MCAA Distinguished Alumni Honors Dinner provides an unmatched opportunity for networking and reconnecting.



L-R: Honoree Peter Vecchio '92, MCAA Secretary Tyler Reszoly '14, MCAA Assistant Treasurer Timothy Ireland '13 and MCAA Board member Michael Paturas '13.

L-R: Kevin Graney '86 with MCAA 2nd VP Leo Imperial '01, Peter Vecchio '92 and President Steve Carbery '80.

LETTER FROM ROBERT JOHNSTON '69

Chairman, SUNY Maritime Foundation



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Dear Maritime Alumni and Friends,

As Maritime College launches the 150th anniversary celebration of its founding in 1874, it is incumbent upon the SUNY Maritime Foundation to ensure the College's future success. To that end, I invite you to join us in supporting the Sesquicentennial Campaign for Maritime College.

Fort Schuyler's proud history as a school that opens the door of economic prosperity to many students is being seriously challenged, as tuition has increased significantly over the past decades. Working-class families struggle to afford four years of tuition, room, and board – and then three Summer Sea Terms cost the equivalent to two additional years of school! For alumni who graduated 30-50 years ago, state support covered as much as 70% of the cost of education and students and their families paid the 30% balance. Today is the opposite. Students and their families must cover 70% of their education.

To remain First and Foremost in maritime education, our College must increase scholarship funding to ease the financial burden of a Maritime College education. In addition, unrestricted funds are needed to recruit accomplished, visionary faculty who will prepare Maritime's students for the challenges of tomorrow and to respond to emerging needs and opportunities.

In the coming months I look forward to celebrating Maritime College's 150-year history, and I especially look forward to working with alumni, parents and industry friends to lay a solid financial foundation for Maritime College's future.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Johnston'.

Capt. Robert Johnston '69
Chairman, SUNY Maritime Foundation

“ In 1966 my father paid \$200 for Summer Sea Term. Twenty-five years later in 1990 when Capt. Morgan McManus, now Master of Empire State VII, was a cadet, the cost of Summer Sea Term was \$1,100. With a cost of about \$15,000 last summer it's not surprising that aspiring students need our help! ”

Capt. Robert Johnston '69



SESQUICENTENNIAL INVESTMENT *in* PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS

As Maritime College celebrates its 150th anniversary, the SUNY Maritime Foundation is launching a sesquicentennial campaign, Celebrating Our Past; Investing in Our Future, to raise funds in support of the “people and programs that will ensure that the College stays on the cutting-edge and is meeting the industry’s needs.

Reflecting on his 10-year tenure at the College, RADM Michael Alfultis noted, “Over the past decade, we have seen a combined capital investment of more than \$500 million.” These capital projects include the Empire State VII, a new academic building, a complete renovation of Olivet Pier, two turf fields, a land-based marine systems (steam) lab, and an overhaul of Vander Clute Hall. “The significant investments made by SUNY and the Federal government have

greatly enhanced our campus and learning facilities. Now we must invest in the people and programs that will ensure Maritime College continues to deliver top talent to the industry and prepares the next generation of alumni for an increasingly technological and rapidly changing world.”

Admiral Alfultis is actively recruiting alumni and friends, who are willing to pledge \$5,000 or more annually for the next three years, and work to encourage others to support one or more of the key priorities, to serve on the 150th Campaign Committee. For information on how to serve, contact Jeanne K. Murphy, *Senior Director of Development*: jmurphy@sunymaritime.edu, (347) 842-1691.

Campaign Goals and Priorities

SCHOLARSHIP

- \$750,000 to attract high-achieving students as well as provide financial support to students in need for whom a Fort Schuyler degree will open new doors to economic prosperity.
- \$150,000 for the One Hand Student Relief Fund to help students facing financial crises.

STUDENT PROGRAMS

- \$150,000 for Privateer Athletics to support pre-season training, replace the aging fleet of vans used by teams for away games, and upgrade equipment.
- \$150,000 to enhance Campus Student Activities to foster a stronger sense of community that will increase student retention.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The College’s history is steeped with beloved and dedicated faculty, many of them alumni, who taught generations of students. The College is facing a generational turnover as the pandemic has increased the rate of retirements. Simultaneously, an evolving industry and technological change necessitates new and innovative course offerings.

\$150,000 annually for each of the College’s three Schools

- School of Business, Science & Humanities
- School of Engineering
- School of Maritime Education and Training

These funds will enable the Deans to provide faculty start-up grants to entice bright, new faculty to join the College; fund professional development, such as sending faculty and students to conferences, and; fund the development of new courses, faculty research and projects, and engage industry leaders.

EMERGING NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- \$1.5M for the Sallyport Fund

The Sallyport Fund provides the resources to support new initiatives for innovative course development. An infusion of unrestricted leadership gifts in support of the Sallyport Fund will accelerate innovation on campus to best prepare our graduates for future industry needs and emerging industries such as:

- Offshore Wind
- New fuel and propulsion systems
- Digitization within the maritime industry

Overseas Shipholding Group Pledges \$90K for Women of Maritime

It has been over 50 years since Maritime College became a co-ed institution of higher learning by accepting women into the Regiment of Cadets. Despite this historic milestone, the percentage of women at the College has remained relatively stagnant, hovering around 14% for the last decade. However, with the current shortage of mariners and declining high school populations, it is more crucial than ever to purposefully recruit women cadets to help grow the industry.

Fortunately, companies such as Overseas Shipholding Group (OSG) recognize the importance of increasing the number of women in the maritime community. OSG's President and CEO, Sam Norton, has discussed the mariner shortage with RADM Alfultis and expressed an interest in building a stronger pipeline of female licensed mariners. "We



are grateful for our long-standing relationship with SUNY Maritime College because it has consistently sent well-trained, well-prepared, and professional crews to OSG. Undoubtedly, increasing the number of women in the maritime community benefits the entire industry. OSG values diversity, and we are committed to training and hiring the next generation of female merchant mariners. OSG is proud to support the vision of SUNY's Women of Maritime program," noted Norton.

During spring 2023, OSG made a three-year pledge totaling nearly \$90,000 to support women at Fort Schuyler through the official club, Women of Maritime (WOM), established following a series of informal Sunday gatherings of female cadets during the 2022 Summer Sea Term. OSG will provide two scholarships per year to commercial ship training with OSG, funding for WOM members to attend national conferences, mentoring, and providing speakers to campus events.

Another essential aspect is the cadets' vision of recruiting young women to Maritime College. WOM President Ashley Cruz Batista 1/C said, "I'm thankful and humbled to know that OSG is committed to sponsoring women at SUNY Maritime. The board and I can't wait to visit our high schools to share our stories and recruit more young women to campus. We are stronger together and ready to thrive in the industry."

Women of Maritime cadets will return to their high schools in the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Long Island to share their stories and invite interested young women to visit campus. OSG's support will allow for a series of on-site visits, including hands-on experience at the helm of the College's 41-foot utility boat, tours of the Empire State VII, simulated navigation into New York Harbor on full-mission bridge simulators, and introductions to campus life.

OSG is partnering with WOM to promote women entering the industry, and to build a pipeline to expand a dedicated and highly successful workforce. ■



A Conversation with New SUNY Maritime Foundation Board Member **Alexandra Anagnostis-Irons**

Alexandra Anagnostis-Irons, president of Total Marine Solutions, is no stranger to jumping straight into new and challenging endeavors. “It makes me crazy when things are stagnant, I like momentum,” she says. An active leader in the maritime industry and a recent addition to the SUNY Maritime Foundation board – who also happens to be the first woman and first non-Maritime College graduate on the Board – shared on the future of the College and industry, the importance of giving back and the hobbies that keep her going despite her busy schedule.

A lack of experience on and around vessels did not stop Anagnostis from leaping into her first job with Bahama Cruise Line. While pursuing her undergraduate and graduate degrees in accounting, business management, and international sales at Barry University in Miami Shores, FL, she learned about the cruise industry and was hooked. After graduation, she transitioned to the Director of Technical Purchasing with Royal Caribbean Cruise Line and built a strong connection with vendors and technical support teams. Ten years later, Anagnostis took a leap of faith and began her own company, Total Marine Solutions. “It really felt like jumping off a cliff. Thankfully, I had built the skills and confidence needed to take the leap.” Today, Total Marine Solutions provides MARPOL compliant solutions and support to the commercial, cruise, offshore and yacht industries from its headquarters in Fort Lauderdale.

On the cusp of the 150th anniversary of Maritime College, the arrival of a new Empire State VII training ship and the prioritized focus on clean initiatives within the maritime industry, Anagnostis made the next leap to board member. “The Foundation cast a wide net, looking to



bring someone in with a different view and background, someone who wanted to get into the trenches and make a difference. I’ve known and worked with many Fort Schuyler staff, students and alumni over the years, so it was an easy decision to say yes. It feels like a whole new chapter for Maritime College and for me.”

Anagnostis supports the maritime industry in a variety of roles, each of which she believes has made her a better professional and a changemaker. From serving as Chair of Broward Navy Days (which organizes Fleet Week Port Everglades), as a Director for the Coast Guard Foundation, and Executive Committee Member of Seafarers’ House at Port Everglades, to her previous roles as WISTA (Women’s International Shipping & Trading Association) USA President and WISTA International Secretary, Anagnostis believes each of these roles has taught her how to succeed by taking both a humanist and business approach to growth. She believes great change might happen in a board room, but

it’s up to the members to “dive in, be micro and get our hands into the work.” She notes that this is how significant change is made – and it’s happening right here with current SUNY Maritime students.

“Companies want to hire SUNY Maritime graduates because they have a thirst for continued learning, extensive frontline experience, and are driven individuals who want to be part of a collaborative team. I want to leave a legacy in the industry I love and be a part of positive movement forward. If your team or institution has helped you succeed, you have a responsibility to use your success and help the next generation succeed,” said Anagnostis. That drive to help others succeed is what she brings to her position on the board. “There’s a rich history at SUNY Maritime and we need to continually invest in the future of the College and students if we’re going to continue to make a difference.”

Between running a successful global business, community involvement, and fulfilling her board duties, Anagnostis still finds time for her passions: family and traveling. And in a global industry with no shortage of travel opportunities, what locations stand out most? “My husband, Patrick, was born and raised in Scotland. It is an incredibly beautiful country and we enjoy visiting as much as we can. A few years ago, we were fortunate to celebrate Easter in New Zealand and the services and churches were breathtaking.”

Anagnostis took her seat on the board in January 2023 and will serve a three-year term. To join her in supporting the next generation of SUNY Maritime students, please visit the giving page at: www.sunymaritime.edu/giving. ■

Homecoming 2022: *A Time of Reunion and Remembrance*

October 29 proved to be an ideal day for MUGs, alumni and all who gathered at Maritime College to celebrate friendship and camaraderie. New cadets in the Regiment lined up for the annual pass and review by RADM Alfurtis, members of the SUNY Maritime Alumni Association, and hundreds of alumni who returned for the Homecoming festivities.

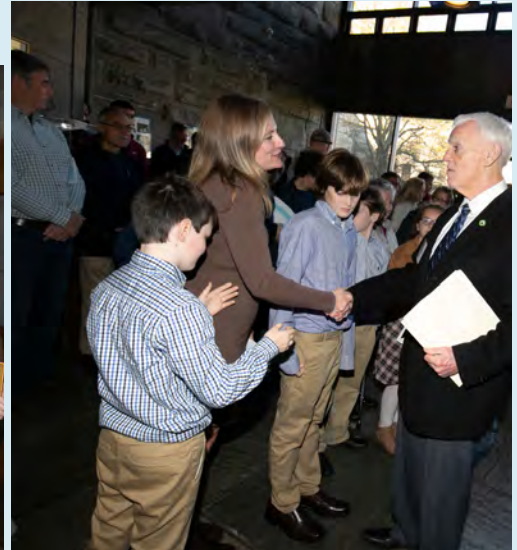
The day's events also included a moving tribute at the Maritime Industry Museum's Hall of Honor for Captain Timothy M. Murray '02, the 2022 inductee. Murray passed away suddenly in August 2020. He received his Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation and played on the lacrosse team. Murray went to work with Polar Tankers in the Pacific Northwest as a

third mate, then as a mate for the Staten Island Ferry. In 2007, he began working as a pilot with Sandy Hook Pilots Association, served as a finance committee member for the Association in 2015, and as its NY Treasurer in 2017. His professional life was dedicated to preserving the integrity of the Association. His personal life was dedicated to his wife and five children.





In a moving ceremony to Murray, remarks were offered by the Hon. John Ingram '64, Former Commissioner, Board of Commissioners of Pilots of the State of New York; RADM Michael Alfulitis; Captain John DeCruz '92, President, NY Sandy Hook Pilots Association; and Commander John P. Donovan '02, USNR. Murray's son, Brennan, commemorated his father through a touching poem, which was included in the program. Several of Murray's classmates and lacrosse teammates attended the ceremony and thoughtfully shared how their time and experiences with their friend and fellow mariner would forever impact them.



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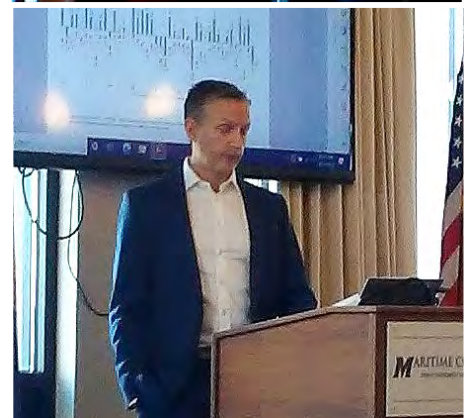
A balmy autumn sun stove off the chill of a fresh maritime breeze from Long Island Sound on Homecoming Day, Saturday, October 28, 2022. And without fail, the community of SUNY Maritime Alumni and Friends served to warm spirits even more.

With Class Years '42 and '47 observing reunions and, likely, the practice of a timely morning reveille still prevalent in the constitution of many alumni, the Lot 5 tailgater's zone was alive with activity early in the day. The Maritime College Alumni Association kiosk was abuzz with a hearty group of alumni sharing their experiences and the benefits of Association membership.

At its Annual General Meeting, MCAA President Kevin Danko '95 shared the status of Association affairs, and ongoing outreach effort through Summer Sea Term scholarship funding was discussed. Generosity of alumni was roundly thanked with nearly a half million dollars in alumni donations through the past year.

Following the Privateers' 30-to-19 win over Dean College on Reinhart Field, the revelry continued with Class reunions, tailgate tales and Homecoming 2022 closed out with refreshments at Paddy's On the Bay.

Take part in Homecoming 2023, October 27-28! Stay in touch with MCAA and SUNY Maritime College for an upcoming schedule of events.



L-R: MCAA 2nd Vice President Leo Imperial '01, Tom Higgins '80 and MCAA President-elect (2023) Steve Carbery '80 enjoy a beverage.



Sterling Pearson '82 and Jim Maloney '80, share some afternoon sunshine.

Top-bottom: At the MCAA Annual General Meeting, President Kevin Danko '95 briefs the Association on current and future plans as the MCAA and the world emerge from the COVID crisis; Sam Reilly '95 provides updates on the Association's managerial, operations and outreach financial picture; past-President John Valvo '83 shares his updates on the Summer Sea Term Scholarship program.



L-R: Looking to the future, 3/C Nick Pirrera finds exemplars in Bob Murray '21, Anthony Stefanelli '19 with his friend Felicia, Rory Higgins '21 and his Dad Jamie Higgins '89.



L-R: Robert Cook 4th '16 and his Dad, Robert Cook '80. Robert '80 is a partner in The Pilots' Association for the Bay & River Delaware and Founding Member of the Organization of Black Maritime Graduates.

Ancient Mariner Golf Outing

Clear, cool weather greeted a group of alumni for a challenging day on the links at the Pelham Bay and Split Rock Golf Courses for MCAA's annual Ancient Mariner Golf Outing on October 28, 2022 on Homecoming weekend. **Mark your calendar for this year's Ancient Mariner on Friday, October 27!**



An enthusiastic complement of golfers from event sponsor Philadelphia Ship Systems.

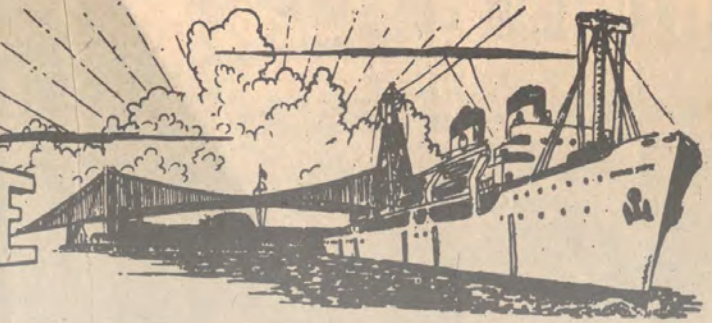


L-R: Kevin Comerford '83 and John Bradley '83. Right photo,



L-R: Steve Carbery '80, Jennifer Barnes-Hayes '80, Peter Brock '80, Joe Breglia '80 and Billy Kreppein '80

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THE NIGHT THE SHIP BROKE

BY BOB FIEBELKORN

On Friday, November 6, 1953, the most shipping quantities, dress the Armory. His Merchant War II". In his discussion he will compare it with the Merchant Service of our own country and with the rest of the world. Also he will compare the port facilities of his country with our own and with the other leading nations of the world.

The first class announced this week that work has commenced on the new 1954 yearbook. The "8" Editor-in-Chief, W. Wunsch, that they are desirous of printing a yearbook that will follow more along the lines of a magazine comparable to Life instead of one filled with copy.

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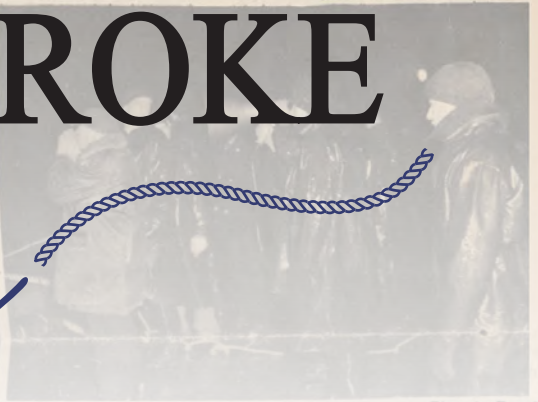


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For nearly a century and a half, SUNY Maritime's regiment culture and mariner license training program has engendered and nurtured undeniable and unmatched critical thinking and problem-solving skills. This was reinforced during one historic storm on November 6-7, 1953.

The coastal low-pressure system that merged with a Canadian high that Friday brought gusty storm winds, coastal flooding, driving rain and record snowfall to many northeastern U.S. areas. By early Saturday morning, it had also brought to New York Maritime cadets a moment of truth.

Memorialized in The Porthole campus newspaper and etched in the memories of alumni who lived through the

experience – including the future Class of '57 MUGs who were roused from slumber by the urgent "All hands!" call around 2:00 AM – the storm's 50- to 65-knot northeast winds and flood tides had already driven water across the Throggs Neck campus entrance. Meanwhile, the Training Ship Empire State II, with all power and propulsion machinery shut down, lay broadside lee to the pier, held by steel cables and chains common to "cold iron" winter mooring.

Under relentless wind pressure and heaving of the East River, her lines parted.

Clad in hastily-donned storm gear, MUGs dashed pier side to find TSES II, chains and cables still snapping, angled nearly 85 degrees from the pier as if shipping out sans skipper, mate, or crew, threatening to head for the rocks at Whitestone. Soon, just one chain held the ship fast. Cadet Ship Duty Officer Seth Hawkins '54, aboard on watch that night,

responded quickly and decisively, dropping the port side anchor to forestall further catastrophe. Clearly, Seth's quick thinking demonstrated the resolve, initiative and independent decision-making capabilities instilled by his years of License training – the same training that has so guided countless generations of mariners.

Several upper-class cadets, returning from late-night liberty forays, had bravely forded the torrent at the campus entrance and began assisting and directing the MUGs at the pier, further preventing a full break-away of the ship. Gil Williamson '57 recounts how he and a fellow cadet, under an upper-classman's direction, climbed a Jacob's ladder to aid the stricken ship, deftly watching for broken steel mooring lines as he navigated the treacherously swaying rain-soaked deck. Eventually, the ship's generator was fired up and her deck lights illuminated.

Under guidance from upper-classmen, Maritime President Vice Admiral C. T. Durgin, Commandant of Cadets and Training Ship Master Captain A.F. Olivet and Maritime Executive Officer Commander James M. Maley, MUGs passed mooring lines between ship and shore. Meanwhile, the Cadet Duty Officer ashore had placed an emergency call to McAllister Towing, and by 2:50 AM several of their tugs had made all possible speed under the conditions to the Fort. A carefully choreographed operation by men and boats had TSES II once again secured to the pier – no doubt with an added complement of extra-strong mooring lines!

"We thought the upper-classmen were gods in terms of taking over the scene," recalls Ted Mason '57 today, adding: "Vice Admiral Durgin, then President, called us together the following week to compliment our performance and indicated there was nothing in his four years at the Naval Academy that even came close. It set the framework for the next four years for the Class of '57"

And thus, the legacy and enduring value of Maritime's honored regiment and USCG license training was made manifest in that moment of truth, in a raging storm back in November 1953. ■

Acknowledgments: Steve Hertz '57, Ted Mason '57, and Gil Williamson '57 for sharing their recollections of this event. Laura Andrews, MLIS at Stephen B. Luce Library for locating records published in The Porthole Vol. VI No. 7, 13 November 1953, campus news and the New York Times November 7, 1953.



Training Ship Empire State II, circa 1953, in the waters off SUNY Maritime. Converted from the USS Hydrus, a World War II U.S. Navy attack cargo ship, TSES II served Maritime College from 1946 to 1956.



Backs turned to the merciless wind and driving snow, anxious cadets await the arrival of tugs to ease the Training Ship back to her berth.



Part of McAllister Towing's fleet circa early 1950s. The Cadet Duty Officer ashore at SUNY Maritime campus telephoned McAllister who sent several tugs to secure the TSES II when its mooring lines broke, threatening to set it adrift from the pier during a storm overnight November 6 / 7, 1953.

CLASS NOTES

Class of '57 Celebrate 65th Reunion

Sixty-five voyages around the sun left the Class of '57 with plenty of catching up to do – so fifteen classmates, many accompanied by their good wives, set out on a three-day Homecoming Weekend celebration of their 65th Reunion. Attending were Jack Burns, Tony and Claudia Criso, Bill and Eleanor Hefner, Steve and Cathie Hertz, Art and Nancy Loefstedt, George Maffey, Ted Mason, Jim McGovern, Harry and Joan Polus plus their son and daughter-in-law Paul and Tina Polus, Ed and Kathy Shepherd, Ralph and Cecilia Sirico, John and Anne Turnbull, Edward and Linda Villella, Al and Patty Ward and Gil Williamson.

On Friday evening they enjoyed dinner at the home of Edward Villella '57 and his wife Linda, who baked a cake boasting the College's legacy insignia. Early Saturday morning they shared breakfast at The Fort, followed by a photo session adding to their collection of memories. Later that day, in proper formation, the classmates marched into St. Mary's Pentagon and onward to Reinhart Field.

Following a day of festivities and reconnecting with friends old and new, '57 headed to the Larchmont Yacht Club for dinner and group photos. That evening saw the salty group carrying on their revelry at the Residence Inn lounge to share sea stories, memoirs and one more evening of fellowship before their Sunday morning farewells.

"It was a wonderful weekend and we agreed to meet every year from now on," said Ralph Sirico '57. The Class plans to meet at Newport, RI, from September 19-21.

Attending classmates also agreed to evenly split all excess Class of '57 Reunion funds with Maritime College and the Maritime College Alumni Association for student scholarships.



Edward and Linda Villella hosted a Class of '57 Reunion dinner at their Manhattan home.



L-R: Class of '57 graduates Jim McGovern, Ed Shepherd, Al Ward, Tony Criso, Ralph Sirico, Harry Polus, Jack Burns, Edward Villella, Gil Williamson, George Maffey, Ted Mason, John Turnbull, Art Loefstedt and Bill Hefner.



Saturday evening dinner at the Larchmont Yacht Club. L-R: Seated are Ed Shepherd, George Maffey, Tony Criso, Edward Villella, Ted Mason and Al Ward. Standing are Bill Hefner, Art Loefstedt, Ralph Sirico, Harry Polus, Jack Burns, John Turnbull, Steve Hertz, Gil Williamson and Jim McGovern.

CLASS NOTES

'66 The “big day” in August 2022 for Kristen Hall and Will Perry, bride and groom at center, was also an opportunity for Kristen’s father, **Bill G. “Gunner” Hall ‘66**, to reunite with engineering classmates and family members in the maritime services. At bucolic Boyden Farms, Cambridge, Vermont.



L-R, Pete Hall (USMMA ‘97), CMDR George Hall (USCGA ‘05), Mike Hall ‘75, Larry Hall (USNA ‘64), father of the bride Bill Hall ‘66, Kristen Hall Perry and Will Perry, Joe Trainor ‘66, Steve Sabo ‘66, Thomas “Mick” McGuire ‘66, Mike Cross ‘66 and Bill “Schuyler” Hall (USNA ‘88). Kristen provided two videos for Bill’s 50th Reunion in 2016. Bill, his family and shipmates represent the finest of the US Navy, US Coast Guard and the US Merchant Marine and have maintained close ties for more than 60 years.



'81 **Brett Ashley ‘81**, had his urgent need for a kidney (announced in the Fall 2021 Fort Schuyler Magazine) answered in September 2022 when he received a kidney from a 36-year-old altruistic donor. Thumbs raised in victory, Brett sported his Fort Schuyler Shipmates shirt in recovery immediately after his transplant. At a U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Change of Watch Dinner, Brett later celebrated his change of fortune with his wife, Nina.

Brett endured a three-week battle in early 2019 with an infection. With end-stage renal failure resulting from this ordeal, requiring dialysis three days per week, Brett was in dire need of a kidney donation. Through the support of fellow alumni, Brett looks forward to a renewed and long life.



'86 Eagles soar on the wings of their dreams! **Jim Yahner ‘86** of the MCAA Long Island Chapter joined a dozen Scout Troops on the weekend of March 24-26 as the Maritime College Eagle Scout Fraternity held their annual Scout Camporee hosting over 200 Scouts of all ranks.

Fort Schuyler provided a bastion for these young Scouts, undeterred by showery early-spring weather.



'88 It’s been a long and prosperous journey for **Rick Jaros ‘88** from his years aboard the USS Bergall (SSN-667) as a U.S. Navy lieutenant and nuclear qualified officer to his January 2023 appointment to Vice President and Chief Direct Response Officer with Plymouth Rock Assurance. Well-recognized brands in Rick’s résumé include Capital One, ADP, HSBC and TD Bank where, as Head of Digital, he vastly grew annual new accounts, launched several online and mobile capabilities and improved customer satisfaction. He will oversee digital marketing strategy, optimize operations and advance direct response practices in his newly-created role at Plymouth Rock.



CLASS NOTES

'91 The International Association of Classification Societies promotes maritime safety and regulation adherence through technical support, compliance verification and research and development via the design, construction and compliance rules and standards of eleven member Class Societies. **Beth Ann Rooney '91** spoke on an IACS Focus Session at the 2023 Connecticut Maritime Association Shipping Conference in March, which covered alternative fuels and technologies to meet the shipping industry's decarbonization challenges. Rooney shared from the perspective of her thirty years with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, lately since 2019 as Deputy Port Director following her role as Port Assistant Director. Her role in these positions has included overseeing policy, planning, legislative and regulatory affairs, as well as environmental sustainability, performance and efficiency.



'94 Having completed his term as President of the Connecticut Maritime Association in 2023, **Chris Aversano '94** has led with a steady hand this premier organization of global shipping-oriented businesses and professionals through the pandemic. Aversano joined a panel discussion, The Digital Maritime Infrastructure, at the 2023 CMA Shipping Conference in March. Through

his work with maritime software-as-a-service provider Q88 LLC, he has amassed experience with the impact of technology in the shipping industry and now serves as Seatrade Maritime's first Americas Regional Ambassador of the Global Maritime Club.

'08 For **DJ Toby '08** of Baldwin, NY, the "One Hand" call-to-action came from his wife, Lauren. Afflicted with a life-threatening liver disorder, her condition by January 2023 hadn't yet reached a level of urgency. As she was not a top-runner in a waiting list for a liver transplant, Toby donated 35% of his own liver to save his wife and mother of their 2-year-old son, Devon. By early February, DJ's donated liver tissue had already begun growing back. The story was televised by ABC 7 in on February 10, just before Valentine's Day. The gift of time

considered one of the most generous and most appreciated, DJ has surely filled that bill for his family. Left: DJ Toby '08 kisses his wife, Lauren, for whom he's just donated his liver tissue as their two-year-old son Devon embraces them both. *Photo capture from ABC7 / The Walt Disney Company broadcast.*



SUNY Maritime College attending the 38th Annual Shipping Expo & Conference of the Connecticut Maritime Association

Faithful alumni were on board providing friendly support, personal testimony and lively conversation to visitors stopping by to promote the value of the College's educational and training programs.



L-R: Chris Aversano '94, Joe Gross '91, Jim Yahner '86, Dean of Admissions Rohan Howell, Department Chair for Global Business and Transport Bob Edmonds, Graduate School Professor RADM USCG (ret) Francis "Stash" Pelkowski '84, Jamie McNamara '94 (MS '02) and Carl Hausheer '79.



L-R: Bob Fay '80, Stash Pelkowski '84, Paul Ehlers '99, Jim Yahner '86 and Jamie McNamara '94.

INDUSTRY ENCOUNTERERS

In October 2022, Joseph Lorino '87 was recognized by business journal NJBIZ among 2022 Leaders in Real Estate, Construction and Design. In a press release, Audrey Meyers, President and CEO of Valley Health System, lauded Joe for his leadership and guidance in ensuring that the facility's architectural, engineering and construction plans would fulfill Valley's goals.

L-R: Maggy Giunco, Executive Director of the SUNY Maritime College Alumni Association, Tom Breglia '80 joining Valley Health System Vice President of Facilities Management Joe Lorino '87, Steve Carbery '80 and Jack Conway '04 on a tour of Valley Hospital's new Paramus, NJ, campus under construction and slated to open early 2024.



On November 12, 2022 Michael Paturas '13 (who serves on the board of directors of the Maritime College Alumni Association) found himself in the company of several alumni while visiting classmate and FDNY fireman Brendan Lee '13, stationed with Engine Company 33 in the NoHo neighborhood of lower Manhattan.

L-R: Andrew Cardillo '14, Mike Paturas '13, Brendan Lee '13, Maxwell Lockwood '13 and Patrick Ramsbotham '13.

Paul Zinger '05, Matt Dohery '81, Brian Gilcher '80 encounter each other at a Laser Regatta in Florida during early March. Zinger met Gilcher at the same event in 2020 and this year saw Dohery's wife wearing a Maritime College hat. She introduced her husband, Brian, to his two fellow alumni.



CHAPTER GATHERINGS

DELAWARE VALLEY / PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

PORTS OF PHILADELPHIA MARITIME SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

Established in 1935, the Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society (POPMS) aids and assists the development of the Port of Philadelphia and its maritime community. Over \$400,000 has been raised for the POPMS Maritime Scholarship Program since 2012. Six scholarships of \$2,500 each were awarded in 2023.



Art Sulzer '74, president of the Del-Val Philadelphia MCAA Chapter, administers the POPMS Maritime Scholarship Program with three alums; two are past scholarship recipients. L-R: Capt. Robert Cook '80, past scholarship awardee Herman Woolfrey '14, Art Sulzer '74, and past scholarship awardee Ben Haas '14.



Del-Val Philadelphia 13th Annual Holiday Party

On December 20, 2022, the Del-Val Philadelphia Chapter hosted 88 attendees at their 13th Annual holiday party. Guests included alumni from SUNY Maritime and other state maritime academies, local industry leaders, USCG Academy graduates, leaders from Philadelphia's Maritime Academy Charter School, and a German shipyard visitor. Photo: Ben Haas '14, Ahdiya Robey '22, Robert Cook '80, Ian Mullins '08, Stephen Richter '81, Michael Reagoso '96, Carl Mattia '67, Charles McCammon '87, Craig Tomalo '08, George Gacser '87, Matt Sherman '13, Harry Rogers '77, Keith Hermann '96, Alberto Ramirez '07, Whitney Taylor '17, Derrick Kennedy '21.

CHAPTER GATHERINGS

MCAA Del-Val Philadelphia Chapter visits EMPIRE STATE VII at Philly Ship Yard

On March 31, 22 SUNY Maritime alumni, parents and guests from Mass and Maine Maritime Academies met at Philly Shipyard for a tour of the new Training Ship Empire State VII. Ari Unger '17 and SUNY Maritime Training Ship Captain Morgan McManus '92 led the tour, which was followed by dinner at the Navy Yard where other graduates joined the group.



L-R: Ari Unger '17, Anthony Guarascio '22, Capt. Morgan McManus '92, Ward Guilday '82, Gavan Dunleavy (Mass Maritime guest), Stephen Hudson '16, Tyler Vanchiere '16, Stephen Richter '81, Mike Malane '00, Rich Venuti (guest), Robert Degan '68, Carl Mattia '67, Art Sulzer '74, Herman Woolfrey '14, Herman Woolfrey (parent), Matt Sherman '13, Jon Zinke '75, William Carrol (parent), Ben Haas '14, Capt. Rob Cook '80, John Valvo '83.

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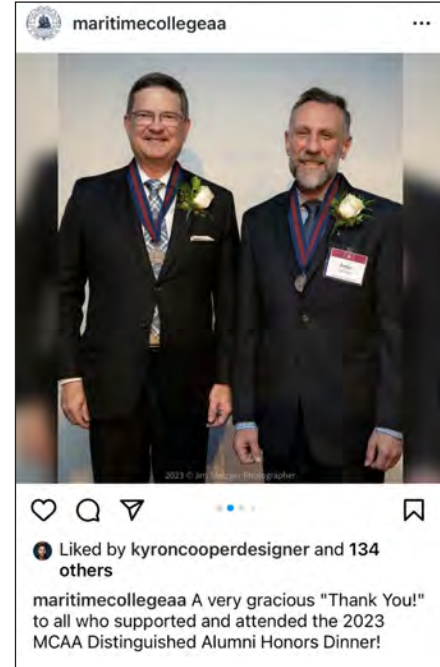
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UPCOMING EVENTS

FOR MARITIME COLLEGE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

Admiral's Dinner

September 19, 2023 - Marina Del Rey

The annual Admiral's Dinner, the College's premier event to raise support for our students. The event builds vital support for individual student scholarships and campus-wide initiatives while promotes professional networking among alumni and industry partners.

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
- Heritage Hall Induction: Karen Markoe, John Mathieson '59, and John Valvo '83
- Tailgate and Football Game with Reunion Class Parade/Regimental March On
- Alumni Post-Game Celebration at Paddy's on the Bay

14th Annual Maritime Risk Symposium

November 14-16, 2023 - Maritime College

Managing Impacts of Supply Chain Disruptors, Renewable Energy, Emerging Technology on the Maritime Transportation System.

Maritime College Alumni Association – Fall Networking and Nominations Meeting

TBA (further information via MCAA website and social)

Cast nominations for open Board Trustee and Officer seats while networking with fellow alumni and industry professionals.

Maritime College Alumni Association – Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner

January 25, 2024 – Manhattan

Join us to congratulate our MCAA Distinguished Alumni!

Maritime College Alumni Association – Spring Networking

TBA - Spring 2024

Maritime College Alumni Association – Annual Golf Classic

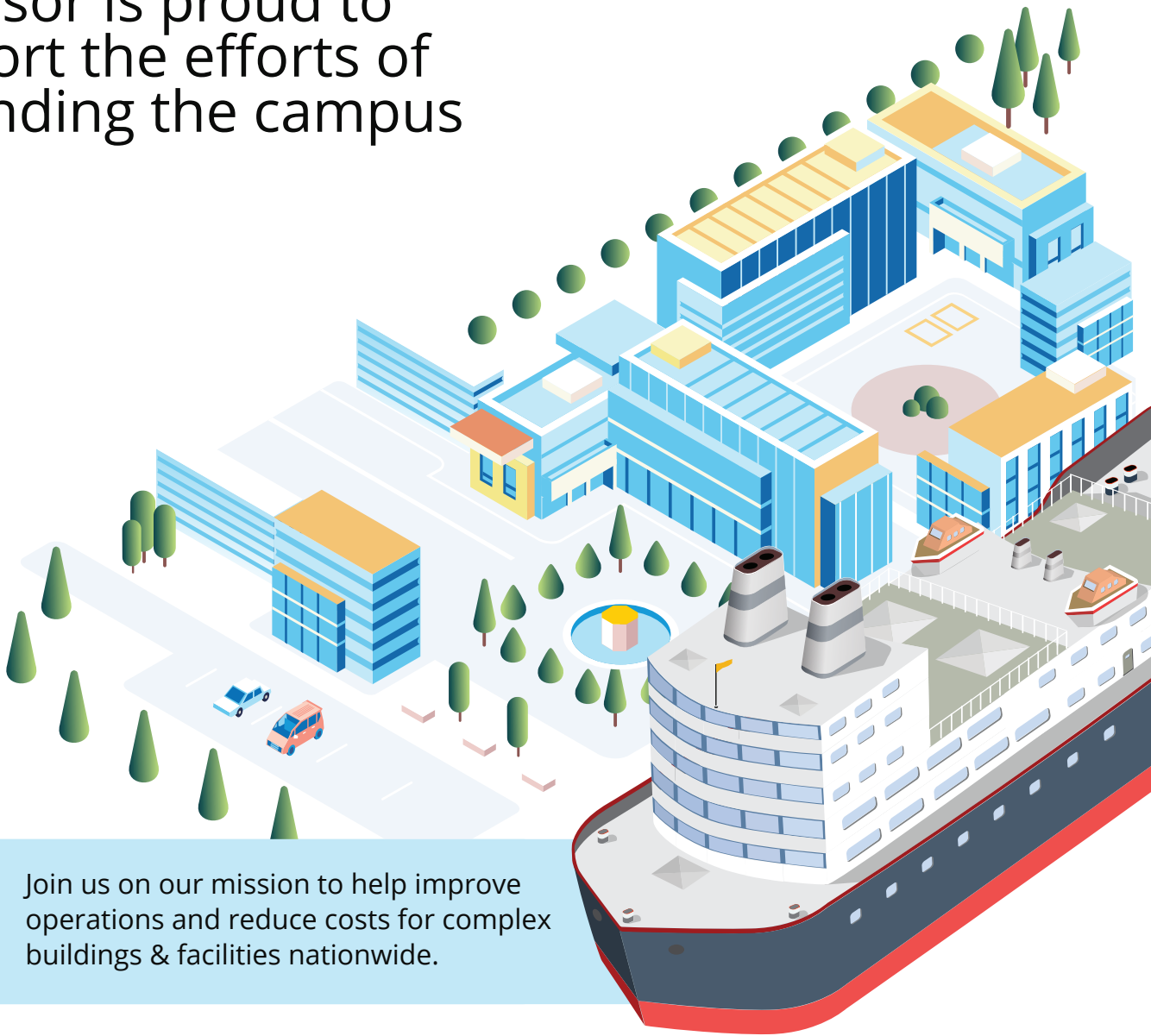
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