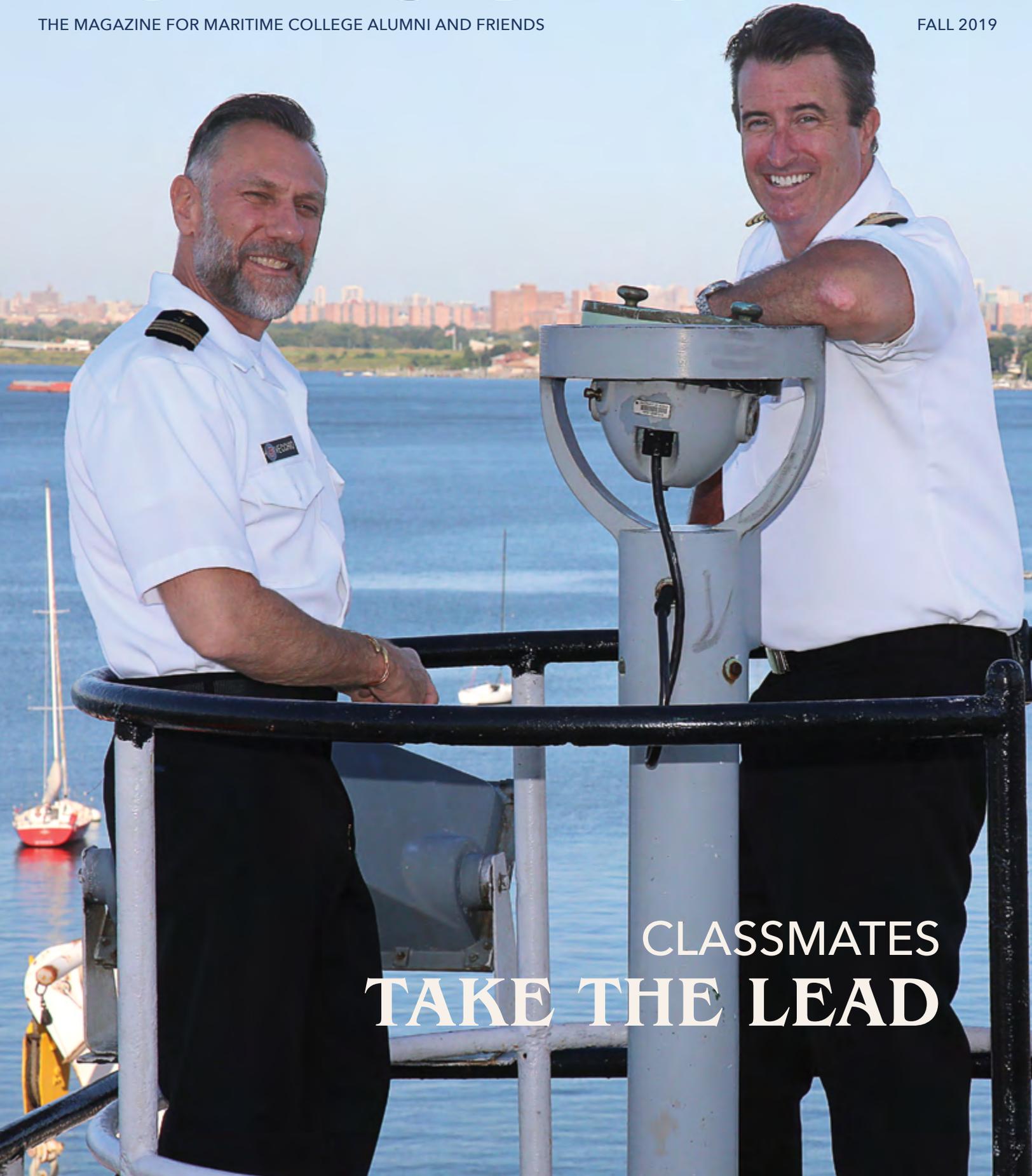


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LETTER FROM
JENNIFER BARNES-HAYES '80

President, Maritime College
Alumni Association

Dear Fellow Alumni,

As I considered what I would like to write to you, I thought of famous seafarers of the past, their lives, their challenges and their passions.

When we graduated, whether we chose to sail or not, we became part of this "ship" called the Maritime College Alumni Association. And seafaring lore and duty runs deep through our veins.

As I call on you to continue, or begin, your support of our Association and the College with your time, your talent and your gifts, I am reminded of an entreaty by John Paul Jones, who began his career in the Merchant Navy:

Sign on, young man (and woman), and sail with me. The stature of our own homeland is no more than the measure of ourselves. Our job is to keep the torch of freedom burning for all. To this solemn purpose we call on the young, the brave, the strong and the free. Heed my Call, Come to the sea. Come Sail with me.

This quote speaks to the stature of our school as measured against the stature of our graduates - ourselves. Our job is to keep the College and Association strong and vital. Our ability to be successful will be successfully sailing together.

And so, I invite you: Come sail with me.

Thank you to those who have given, and to those who will begin to give.

<http://www.fsmaa.org/membership/joinrenew-online/>

Let's celebrate our distinguished alumni together at the Awards Dinner in Manhattan on Thursday, January 30, 2020.

Ex Animo,

Jennifer Barnes-Hayes, Class of 1980
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Jennifer in Egypt June 25, 2019

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LETTER FROM
RADM MICHAEL ALFULTIS

President, SUNY Maritime College

Dear Maritime Alumni and Friends,

On a daily basis, Maritime College students, alumni and faculty collaborate with key stakeholders in the maritime industry and beyond. The stories in this issue of "Fort Schuyler" demonstrate the many ways in which our activities and outreach resonate worldwide.

Students are at the heart of the College. In Campus Highlights, you will learn about our vital summer internship and cadet shipping programs and the four cadets who joined the USNS Burlington in May. Also, about our thriving athletics program and the new records set by the baseball, football women's lacrosse, men's soccer, swimming, men's lacrosse and cross country teams.

Alumni, and connection to industry, embody the values of SUNY Maritime College. Both inside the classroom and outside, students learn firsthand how to apply what they learn toward career success. They follow the example of alumni before them, such as profiled inaugural Dr. Joseph G. McNeill '48 Distinguished Engineering Speaker, James Starace '81, Chief Engineer of the Port Authority of NY/NJ. We also highlight several Class of '92 graduates, including Captain Morgan McManus, recently appointed Master of the T/S Empire State VI, and Chief Mate Pete Vecchio, recently named chair of the College's Marine Transportation department. We feature the decades-long assembly of the USS St. Marys replica by Roger Brown '49 and Roland Parent '68. Their steadfastness demonstrates the commitment to a unique project that exemplifies our graduates, whose strong personal passions accompany lifelong professional achievement.

Faculty at the College unite the rigors of daily learning and industry relevance, as shown in our feature on the fast-growing Centers of Excellence. We proudly point to departmental expertise in the areas of liquefied natural gas (LNG) and Offshore Wind Energy. You will hear more about upcoming conferences that will take place in each of the areas.

Community is at the core of SUNY Maritime College. The Alumni Association and the Foundation provide uplifting updates about the ways in which their activities bolster the College in every way.

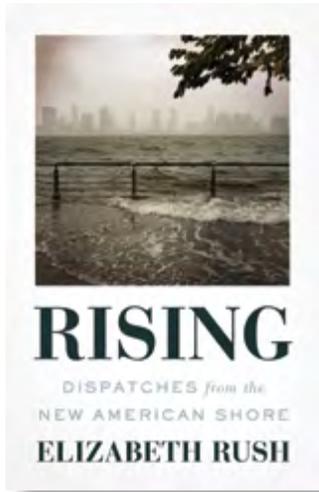
I hope you enjoy this issue of "Fort Schuyler" as much as we have enjoyed preparing it. I look forward to seeing you at Homecoming on October 19, or whenever you find yourself in the area.

Warm regards,

RADM Michael A. Alfultis, Ph.D.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

RISING, a Book Written by Pulitzer Prize Finalist Elizabeth Rush, Selected for Community Read Program



Incoming members of the class of 2023 were assigned to read the book, "Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore," as part of their Freshman Lead 101 and English 101 courses. Written by Pulitzer Prize Finalist Elizabeth Rush, the book was selected as the required reading material for the 2019-20 academic year Community Read program; a program designed to foster and inspire team learning. "Rising" is

penned as a series of short stories that explore how humans adapt to changes enacted upon them by forces seemingly beyond their control, from ecological transformation to political revolution.

Rush is the recipient of numerous fellowships and grants including the Howard Foundation Fellowship awarded by Brown University, the Society for Environmental Journalism Grant, the Metcalf Institute Climate Change Adaptation Fellowship, and the Science in Society Award from the National Association of Science Writers. Today she teaches creative nonfiction courses at Brown University that carry the environmental sciences and digital technologies into the humanities classroom.



Elizabeth Rush

"Rising" was part of the Library Lecture Series/Community Read event held on October 3, at the Maritime Academic Center where Rush presented her work, spoke with students and signed their books. Over the summer, a Where Are You Reading? social media contest took place in which students posted selfies of them reading the book in a variety of locations and settings. ■

Cadet Shipping Program Offers a Unique Experience at Sea

This past summer, the U.S. Navy Military Sealift Command selected four Maritime College cadets to work onboard the USNS Burlington for 20 days. Cadets John Nolan, Jordan Emery, Hunter Kahler and Christian Neuman were assigned to the USNS Burlington, a Spearhead-class expeditionary 338-foot-long aluminum catamaran designed to be fast, flexible and maneuverable. The ship left Norfolk, VA on May 5, and in spectacular fashion arrived at Maritime College to share in the 5-borough celebration of Fleet Week NYC in late May.

The cadets were chosen for this experience as part of the Cadet Shipping Program where motivated 2/C cadets are placed on commercial or



(L-R): Christian Neuman '21, Jordan Emery '21, John Nolan '21, and Hunter Kahler '21 aboard the USNS Burlington.

government ships instead of sailing on the Empire State.

Cadet Neuman thoroughly enjoyed the experience he gained through the cadet shipping program and aspires to one day become a Captain. "I always knew I wanted to be on the water. This experience let me interact with the crew, and I was watching and learning in real time," he stated. Cadet Emery, who comes from a long line of mariners, sought to be involved with the shipping industry. "There are some aspects of shipping that just can't be taught in a classroom. You learn by being on a ship," Emery stated. The cadets returned to Maritime College in late July after a fulfilling experience at sea and will continue their coursework until their expected graduation in 2021. ■

Chancellor Johnson Attends Commencement to Present Multiple Awards

Overcast skies could not dampen the spirits of the 247 graduates who were awarded degrees on Friday, May 3, 2019. Maritime College was abuzz with excitement and family members looked on with pride as students were presented their diplomas.

In attendance was SUNY Chancellor, Dr. Kristina M. Johnson who congratulated the graduates and presented the Chancellor's Award in Student Excellence to Joseph Butterworth, '19. She also recognized Keynote Speaker, Captain James C. DeSimone '73, Chief Operations Officer of the Staten Island Ferry with an honorary Doctoral of Science degree. Upon his acceptance,

DeSimone told graduating students, "You have been raised in a world of ever changing technology and Maritime College has provided you with a great



(L-R): RADM Michael Alfultis, Captain James DeSimone '73 and Dr. Kristina Johnson.

education, broad based technical skills and human skills. This type of education provides you with the basics to leave here today and embark on a personally fulfilling and professionally successful career."

Chancellor Johnson also awarded two Maritime College faculty members with the Chancellor's Awards during the commencement ceremony. Dr. Cornelia McCarthy of the Global Business & Transportation Department was the recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service. Dr. Mark Meiorowitz of the Humanities Department was the recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities. ■

Facilities Engineering Capstone Projects Solve Industry Dilemmas

This spring, student teams participated in four projects for the Facilities Engineering capstone program. Capstone projects allow students to apply their cumulative engineering education to a real-life dilemma. Analogous to small engineering firms, students represent the firm's project team, the firm, or project sponsor,

to which students are assigned represents the "client" and the professor represents the engineering firm owner or supervisor. The professor's role as supervisor and mentor resembles the real-life situation/work relationship students may experience in the workforce.

Projects are solicited from various engineering firms, operating facilities, and/or equipment manufacturers and contractors operating within the NY tristate area. The point of contact at the firms are usually Maritime College alumni. In spring 2019, students participated in the following projects:

- "Thermal Storage Efficacy and Alteration Options," project sponsor: Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Harrison, NY
- "Photovoltaic System Design & Installation," project sponsor: Regeneron / Genesys Engineering P.C., Sleepy Hollow, NY
- "Heating System Upgrade & Install - Steam vs. Hydronic," project sponsor:

Northwell Health/New Concept Engineering

- "Building Management System (BMS) Upgrade & Energy Conservation Measures," project sponsor: Creedmoor Psychiatric Center/NY OMH Ameresco

Working in teams is required for students who must follow a logical progression through the problem, often leading to several viable solutions. Students then make the best and final recommendation that suits their "client's" situation and requirements.

At the end of the semester, solution development and recommendations are orally presented to an audience of faculty, college administrators, the project sponsors, and other interested alumni. The capstone project provides an outstanding experience through alumni participation and involvement, project significance and urgency, and active critique by attendees at oral presentations. ■



Team LCJV Designs - Thermal Storage Efficacy & Alternations - Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

(L-R): Jim Neider (MSKCC), Kevin Comerford '83 (MSKCC), Connor Villar, Lillo Rubino, Joe Woodard and Vincent Simeone.

James Starace '81 Serves as Inaugural Speaker at the Dr. Joseph G. McNeill '48 Lecture Series



To a room full of aspiring engineers and faculty members, James Starace '81, Chief Engineer at the Port Authority of New York, gave the inaugural Dr. Joseph G. McNeill '48 Distinguished Engineering Lecture. A veteran engineer, Starace was appointed in August 2015 to oversee the Port Authority's critical transportation projects.

He has responsibility for the Engineering Department's design, structural integrity, construction, and quality assurance services to support the Port Authority's Capital and Operating programs. The programs involve major projects at the Port Authority facilities, which include airports; tunnels, bridges, and terminals; ports; and the PATH rail system.

Mr. Starace's lecture spanned topics that included his work overseeing projects such as the lifting of the Goethals Bridge and rebuilding LaGuardia Airport. He explained that his main objective as Chief engineer is to keep all of the assets of the Port Authority safe and in a state of good repair for its customers. He also pointed out his fortune in having a reliable team and the newest technology. He offered 10 ingredients to be successful: Self-motivation; integrity; responsibility; continued growth; creativity; communication; optimism; teamwork; flexibility; and confidence.

Mr. Starace holds a Bachelor of Engineering Degree from SUNY Maritime College, a Master of Engineering Degree from Stevens Institute of Technology and is a licensed Professional Engineer in New York and New Jersey. His Port Authority career spans 33 years.

Established through an endowment in 2018 by the McNeill-Tanella family, The Dr. Joseph G. McNeill '48 Distinguished Engineering Speaker Series honors Dr. McNeill and his lifelong commitment to students and to teaching excellence, which was demonstrated throughout his outstanding 35-year career.

The Dr. Joseph G. McNeill '48 Distinguished Engineering Speaker Series addresses wide-ranging and consequential topics in engineering and its role in society, with the intention of stimulating the imagination of students and faculty and leading to positive impact on teaching, program development, career choices, and research. ■

Athletics Students and Coaches #MOVEtogether for a Winning Season

With the 2019- 2020 athletic season too early to call at the time this publication went to print, we can only hope that it is as successful as was the 2018-2019 season.

Athletic teams scored a sensational 2018-2019 season. Bringing home post-season glory were the baseball, football, men's lacrosse and men's soccer teams. For the first time in school history, the women's lacrosse team made the post-season playoffs. Men's cross country and men's swimming teams finished second in their respective conference championships.

These victories are attributed to the over 400 student athletes taking part in 16 varsity sports, their dedication to the program, level of competitiveness, practice and preparation. Among the staff to be recognized as winners themselves this season include:



Football assistant coach **David Benoit**, who was named ECFC assistant coach of the year

Women's lacrosse coach **Alyssa Guido**, who was named Skyline Conference coach of the year in her first year as head coach



Men's soccer coach **Daniel Gwyther**, who was named Skyline Conference coach of the year

Men's lacrosse coach **Justin Manjares**, who was named Skyline Conference coach of the year during an undefeated season of play in conference. This was the first time in school history the team was crowned Skyline Conference champion



MISSION: The Maritime College Athletics Program will enhance our student's educational experience through steadfast development of leadership and interpersonal skills through teamwork and competition.

VISION: #MOVEtogether



The underpinnings of the Athletics department's success has been the institution of its new mission and vision statements, popularized as the moniker, #MOVEtogether. MOVE describes the athletic program's Mission First approach. The department operates as One Program whereby students are encouraged to Value the Experience. An expectation level is then set for Effort, Energy, Enthusiasm.

An athletic advisory board was also developed and charged with growing and improving the program. The board approved reinstating the hall of fame, and the first inductees will be honored during Homecoming 2019. The advisory board and hall of fame are excellent opportunities for alumni to reconnect with the College and feel a renewed pride in the athletic program.

Alumni support is critical in the ongoing development of Maritime's athletic program and in the coming year, every effort will be placed on enhancing and upgrading athletic facilities to allow student athletes to compete at the highest levels. The goal is to offer a great experience for student athletes that will motivate them to practice consistently, attend games, and eventually return as alumni to cheer on and support new students. ■

Love of Legos Leads to Engineering Internship at

Senior Ian Folan has always been intrigued about learning how different machines operate and chose to major in Mechanical Engineering. He participated in an internship and spent the summer at IBM in Poughkeepsie, NY working in the Metrology Lab. His tasks included measuring parts, ensuring suppliers build parts to specification, and writing programs onto a 3D laser scanner. He also helped develop an inspection booth to analyze the consistency of products and design parts for measurement tools.

A required component of all non-license degree programs, internships provide the important hands-on, experiential learning experience essential to a Maritime College education. Ian credits the Machine Design course for helping him



Ian Folan '20 at the IBM office in Poughkeepsie where he interned in the Metrology Lab.

understand the mechanics of designing parts and preparing him for the internship. At IBM, he not only discovered the value of operating in a technical role, he gained new skills on how to approach work from a business perspective. His internship experience allowed him to work one-on-one with mechanical engineers who operate world class machinery, in turn laying the groundwork for his senior year at Maritime. Ian – who since childhood enjoyed designing and building Legos and worked with motors and cars as he grew older – recognizes that in only three years, his education at Maritime College has armed him with the knowledge and experience he will need to succeed in his future career. His advice for other students pursuing internships is: "Get involved on campus and don't be afraid to put yourself out there!" ■

ORIENTATION & INDOCTRINATION: Acclimating to Campus Life at Maritime

Team building and leadership are important components of the Maritime College culture and experience. Entering students are introduced to these important concepts through both Orientation and Indoctrination, which take place prior to the fall semester. They are vastly different methods of engaging new students to life at Maritime College. Each serves its distinct purpose and involves select groups of incoming students.

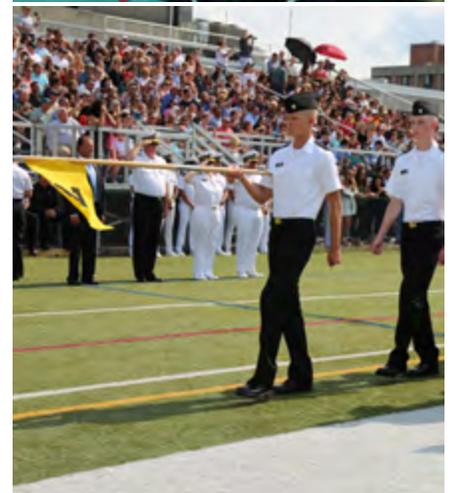
All new students, regardless of their program, participate in orientation. Students receive information about all aspects of college life at Maritime including academics, student support and services, financial aid and other important instruction needed to successfully begin the academic year. It is an opportunity for new students to review their course schedules, change their majors and meet and bond with other new classmates. This year, as part of Orientation, a new, two-day Freshman



Civilian Team Building experience was held to help new students adjust to campus life.

Indoctrination (INDOC), which occurs in August, is specific to the Regiment and License Programs. Only those students seeking a regimental experience participate in INDOC. Throughout INDOC, new Cadets are exposed to the rules, regulations, history and traditions of the Regiment of Cadets. This ten-day program involves participating in a regimented daily schedule incorporating physical training, shipboard training, marching and other competitive activities in preparation for life onboard a vessel.

Orientation and Indoctrination are a vital part of transition to college life and like college campuses across the country, Maritime College offers students the programs necessary to succeed in the classroom and in the Regiment. ■



2019 Summer Sea Term

The Summer Sea Term began on May 6 and ended on August 9 after the TS Empire State VI sailed 105 days at sea with a total of 638 cadets onboard.

Making stops in New Orleans, LA; Charleston, NC; Manhattan, NY; Baltimore, MD; and Reykjavik, Iceland, cadets spent their days at sea rotating between classroom instruction, repair and maintenance of the ship and watch standing. Deck cadets were faced with tackling duties ranging from basic deck maintenance, to navigating and maneuvering the ship in close quarters. Engine cadets assisted with the repair of the boiler and other vital machinery. Miller Condrack '20 (pictured at right) completed her senior cruise and stated, "As Chief Navigator, the role brought many challenges, but also taught me to be patient with my peers and myself. The ship offers a conducive learning environment that encourages students to push boundaries and go beyond their comfort zones."

Stops at New Orleans, Manhattan and Baltimore, offered alumni a chance to gather, network and reminisce. More than just educational training, the summer cruise provided one of the most unique experiences for cadets, staff and alumni. ■



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CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

POSITION MARITIME COLLEGE FOR THE FUTURE

BY PAULINE BARTEL

Looking to the future, Maritime College has established two new, innovative academic entities: the Center of Excellence for Offshore Energy and the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Center of Excellence. Their focus is building a clean energy workforce for the jobs and careers that represent a new wave in industries related to offshore wind energy and liquefied natural gas technology. The Centers

were launched with nearly \$500,000 in grants from New York State's Clean Climate Career initiative.

Both programs will develop and provide certifications and micro-credentials for students and working professionals. The Centers will offer research and outreach opportunities for Maritime faculty and students, along with national conferences for

industry colleagues who wish to spur advancement and modernization of the maritime industry.

These two centers are the latest additions to the College's growing number of centers of excellence which currently include teaching, maritime innovation and digital scholarship. "The Centers of Excellence were created to demonstrate the College's growing ability to act

nimbly, innovatively and proactively to industry demands," said SUNY Maritime College President, Rear Adm. Michael A. Alfultis, Ph.D. "It's our goal and our role to get out in front of the maritime industry's 21st century needs."

The Center of Excellence for Offshore Energy will deliver campus and online training programs for wind operations, dynamic positioning and offshore vessel operations. The Center is coordinated by Dr. Shmuel Yahalom, Distinguished Professor of Global Business and Transportation, and Captain Eric Johansson, MS '00, Distinguished Professor of Marine Transportation.

Capt. Johansson elaborated on the Center's unique strengths: "With the anticipated growth in offshore renewable energy production, Maritime College is committed to being at the forefront of meeting the growing and evolving clean-energy industry and workforce needs."

Capt. Johansson currently serves on three technical working groups connected with the City and the State. He collaborates with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and Farmingdale State College on workforce development training, with NYSERDA about port development for the staging of the wind farm process and with the NYS Department of State on issues that impact the marine industry. Additionally, Mayor de Blasio appointed Capt. Johansson to serve on the NYC Waterfront Management Advisory Board in preparation for expanding New York's maritime future.

Professor of Professional Mariner Training Ayman Alakkawi serves as director of the Liquefied Natural Gas Center of Excellence, which will offer

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– RADM Michael Alfultis

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR OFFSHORE ENERGY

OFFSHORE WIND POWER CONFERENCE

Industry leaders, faculty and students gathered at Maritime College's Maritime Academic Center on September 26, 2019 for the Offshore Wind Power Conference. Hosted by the Center of Excellence for Offshore Energy, Maritime College and the Maritime Industry Museum at Fort Schuyler, the event was sponsored by the New York Economic Development Corporation.

"Wind power energy support industries are estimated to bring over \$1.2 billion in new economic activity to New York's waterfront and beyond," said Capt. Eric Johansson, Distinguished Professor of Marine

Transportation and executive director of the Maritime Industry Museum.

Attendees participated in sessions about ocean wind power generation technology. A major emphasis was the support infrastructure and skilled workforce needed to install and maintain regional wind power generation projects.

Keynote speaker Dr. Alana Duerr, director of Offshore Wind North America at DNV GL, shared insights about maritime industry support of ocean wind energy development and future sustainment. Conference panelists included Lars Thaaning Pedersen, CEO of Vineyard Wind, and key executives from Equinor, EDF Renewables and Ørsted.



campus and online certificate training courses for current students and professionals working with the fuel. Initial courses are awaiting Coast Guard approval and are expected to begin this year.

“With new global emissions standards looming, the marine shipping industry is increasingly looking at liquefied natural gas as an alternative to high-sulfur fuel,” said Professor Alakkawi. “This evolution in LNG technology is providing a historic opportunity for American shipyards and the supporting industrial base to design, build and

outfit some of the most technically advanced and environmentally friendly vessels. In establishing this Center of Excellence, Maritime will be able to lead the innovation.”

Professor Alakkawi will build partnerships within the LNG industry through Center outreach and activities. Collaboration with industry, he believes, encourages technological innovation and educational investment. He envisions Maritime students training onboard LNG bunkering facilities and LNG-powered ships, partnering with LNG experts on

industry research and participating in construction and retrofitting projects.

Fostering academic partnerships is another aspect of the Center’s work and Professor Alakkawi recently joined the Society of Gas as a Marine Fuel as an academic member. He is also planning for the Liquefied Natural Gas Center of Excellence to host its second LNG conference in 2020. The first LNG conference at Maritime was held in November 2017 to wide acclaim from participants, including students, faculty, alumni and industry leaders in the field. ■

LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

LNG PROJECT



Ayman Alakkawi, professor of professional mariner training and director of the Liquefied Natural Gas Center

of Excellence, is proud of the partnership he has established with Northstar Midstream, a Texas-based company that recently constructed the first small-scale LNG ship-bunkering facility in the United States. Professor Alakkawi works with Northstar’s SVP of Operations Captain Thomas Sullivan ‘81 on a project related to LNG bunkering.

“We’ve been talking with the LNG Center of Excellence about the pros and cons of the different

types of marine delivery methods,” Sullivan said.

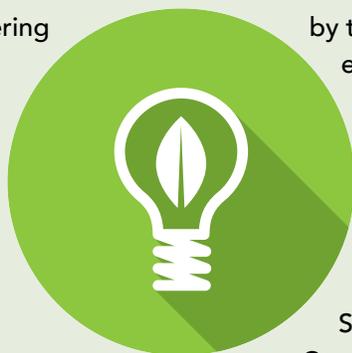
Professional relationships with LNG companies are reciprocal, according to Professor Alakkawi. He turned to LNG experts as he and his team developed courses for the program, tapping into industry expertise about the current market, future prospects and new regulations. This

ensures that courses delivered by the Center meet expected regulatory and training requirements.

“As Northstar continues to grow in the LNG field,” Sullivan said, “the

Center of Excellence and

Northstar plan to continue this partnership, trading advice, input and guidance.”



“With the anticipated growth in offshore renewable energy production, Maritime College is committed to being at the forefront of meeting the growing and evolving clean-energy industry and workforce needs.”

– Capt. Eric Johansson, MS ‘00



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BY BRIDGET BENDO '96 and
PAULINE BARTEL

A MODEL

25 YEARS IN THE MAKING

When Richard C. Brown Oct. '47 was in high school during World War II, he found a book that he couldn't put down: "The History of American Sailing Ships" by Howard Chapelle published in 1935. The book included plans for a 10-foot dinghy. Brown proceeded to find enough lumber required for the build, which he brought to his Bronxville High School shop class and set to work executing the plans. He succeeded in creating the 10-foot dinghy and enjoyed

many hours on this craft over a few summers on the Long Island Sound. Sailing on the dinghy sparked Brown's interest in being on the water, while crafting the dinghy fulfilled Brown's need for a creative outlet and allowed his artistic talent to be developed.

The New York Maritime Academy was a natural fit for Brown, who graduated from the 27-month license program with a Third Mate's license in October 1947. He fondly remembers Captain

Olivet and his two cruises in the summers of 1946 and 1947 aboard the Empire State II, which included the ports of Cuba, Peru, Portugal, France, Venezuela, Gibraltar, Florida, and two trips through the Panama Canal. After graduating from the license program, Brown attended Carlton College in Minnesota for his degree. During this time, his love of the water brought him to participate in the 635-nautical-mile Newport-to-Bermuda yacht race of 1950.

Brown's plans for continued sailing were cut short by a call to serve as a naval officer in the Korean War, as were all of his classmates. His subsequent career in products marketing research led him to live in Manhattan, Philadelphia, Vancouver, North Carolina and Connecticut. He and his wife, Joan, enjoyed exploring the different cities and countryside with their children, Mark and Christina.

In addition to his business career, Brown knew that he couldn't neglect his artistic calling. He decided to pair his talent with his nautical interest and select ships that he felt were beautiful and important, in order to create models. In 1994, Brown started working on an ambitious project: a 6-foot long by 3-foot wide model of USS St. Marys, a sloop-of-war that served as the first training ship of the New York Nautical School (now SUNY Maritime College) from 1874 to 1907. The model is a one-quarter inch scale, meaning 4-feet to the inch. He took his time and dedicated countless hours to researching the ship, her blueprints, photographs, data and looking up exact specifications to create an historically accurate replica.

When Brown was about 95 percent finished, he realized he needed assistance in finishing the rigging. Completing this model would require fine eyesight and a steady hand by a knowledgeable modeling expert for

the painstaking process of rigging the many sails. He reached out to Capt. Jim McNamara '64 and Capt. Eric Johansson MS '00 of the Maritime Industry Museum at Fort Schuyler, in the hopes they would know an alumnus who could finish the model decades in the making. They knew just the person to call.

When Roland Parent '68 saw "the exquisite craftsmanship that Richard had put into the glorious model of the USS St. Marys" and recognized the high level of skill it took to get to the stage so close to completion, he could not refuse to assist. As an unbelievable coincidence, Parent's granddaughter's math teacher in Connecticut was Richard Brown's daughter! They arranged for the model to be shipped from Brown, who now resides in St. Louis, Missouri, to Parent, whose ship-modeling workshop is in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Parent took great care to complete the model professionally and is proud of the result.

At Homecoming on Saturday, October 19, 2019, these two men – Richard C. Brown '47 and Roland Parent '68 – will unveil the USS St. Marys at the Fort Schuyler Museum.

Receiving the model of the USS St. Marys fulfills a 25-year dream for the Maritime Industry Museum at Fort Schuyler, according to Capt. Eric Johansson MS '00, Distinguished Professor of Marine Transportation and the Museum's executive director. "We've never had a model of the St. Marys in the museum and we've always wanted one," Capt. Johansson said. "This model is beautiful."

Vice chair of the Museum's board and Professor of Humanities John Rocco agreed and added, "Maritime College is the oldest maritime academy in the country. We started on the St. Marys when it was a training ship in 1874."

Richard C. Brown Oct. '47

Products Marketing Researcher, Sailor, Nautical artist, Contributor to the Maritime Industry Museum at Fort Schuyler



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An excerpt from Brown's yearbook submission foretells his interest in models: "Richard C. Brown '47, is the artist and Editor-in-Chief of Eight Bells, "Dick" painted remarkable marine pictures and played intramural football, but his chief interest is sailing ships, and is rumored that he will be skipper of a Brown-built schooner soon after graduation. "Dick" is one of the stalwarts of the NYSMA Yacht club."

Distinguished Naval service, 1951-1953: Brown served in the US Navy during the Korean War as a junior lieutenant in the Naval Reserves. He served aboard the Landing Ship Tank USS LST 799, engaged in combat mine-sweeping operations off the coast of North Korea. The ship operated helicopters to rescue pilots shot down while bombing bridges to interrupt supply transportation from Russia and China. Richard moved up to Executive Officer of the USS LST 799.



(L) Roland Parent '68
class picture
(R) Parent with the USS
St. Marys.



Professor Rocco serves as Graduate Program Coordinator of the Master of Science in Maritime and Naval Studies, the College's newest degree program. Designed to connect Maritime's students with the rich archives housed in the Stephen B. Luce Library and artifacts in the Museum, this master's degree offers a multidisciplinary program that students customize to fit their personal and professional goals.

"Most of our students are either connected to the maritime industry or are active duty Coast Guard or Navy personnel," Professor Rocco said. "Our degree can be completed online or on campus. That enables us to have a national and international student base."

Course offerings include maritime and naval history, art, literature, transportation and environmental policy along with a broad range of electives. The degree program complements Maritime's International Trade and Management graduate program.

Students pursuing the degree in Maritime and Naval Studies have the opportunity to work with the

"Ship models are the ancient statues of the maritime art world . . . When you make great ships, you always make a model at the same time. It's what is done ceremonially to celebrate a great ship's life"

– Prof. John Rocco,
Humanities

Maritime Industry Museum at Fort Schuyler through internships and coursework relating directly to museum studies. The Museum is the largest working maritime museum in New York City. Professor Rocco teaches Maritime Digital Archives/Maritime Digital Humanities, a course in which students learn how to use archives to study maritime history and culture and how to preserve archives through digitization and curation. Professor of Humanities David Allen, who also serves as a Museum board member, teaches Problems in Contemporary Maritime Museums whereby students visit maritime museums to understand the challenges such museums face. Students also learn how maritime museums augment educational offerings and enhance learning.

Professors Rocco and Allen work directly with the Museum to plan conferences, and Professor Allen oversees a Museum club for undergraduates.

"I think the connection between the Museum and the entire College is very close, and the Museum's connection to the Maritime and Naval Studies program is vital in terms of how we view and how our students use the Museum," Professor Rocco said.

Professor Rocco was thrilled that the USS St. Marys has a home at the Museum. The model joins that of Maritime's second training ship, The Newport.

"Ship models are the ancient statues of the maritime art world," Professor Rocco said. "They are pieces of art that are used to study the ships. When you make great ships, you always make a model at the same time. It's what is done ceremonially to celebrate a great ship's life. For us to have the model of St. Marys is a huge piece to the puzzle of the Museum. It's something we were always missing." ■

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CLASS OF 1992
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BY BRIDGET BENDO '96 and PAULINE BARTEL



'92 Yearbook photo
Morgan McManus

The Third-Class deck cadet on the 0000 – 0400 bow watch was surprised to hear footsteps and a voice in the darkness: “See anything on the horizon?” The cadet was even more stunned to realize that the voice belonged to the Captain of the Training Ship, Capt. Morgan McManus '92.

The same occurred with the engine cadet who was asked why she turned a valve.

Another cadet was so busy painting the ship, he nearly rolled paint onto the Captain himself.

It is clear to all on board Summer Sea Term (SST) 2019 that Capt. McManus is a hands-on leader who leads from the front, setting the pace and the direction with the unstated offering of “Follow me” instead of ordering from the bridge “Do this.”

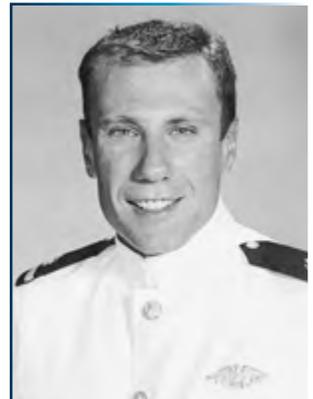
Capt. McManus agrees with the assessment of his leadership style and shares that he is not the type to sit in the office. He enjoys walking around in order to see first-hand what’s going on. “The role of captain has evolved into one of mentor and coach, as well as the facilitator of communication. If I’m accessible, I’ll be better able to execute that role,” Capt. McManus said.

Having been Master of the SS Cape Jacob, the sister ship to the T/S Empire State VI, Capt. McManus is uniquely qualified to take over the helm of the College’s training ship. He was on board as a cadet during the maiden voyage of the TSES VI in 1990. He has been involved with newbuild drillship construction recently for Noble and Rowan. It seems that Capt. McManus has been preparing for his new role throughout his entire career.

Now looking ahead, he is enthusiastic about the new training ship that will be constructed and intends to be involved from strike steel until acceptance of the vessel after completion of successful sea trials and beyond. Capt. McManus talks passionately about the National Security Multi-Mission Vessel design, with a training bridge beneath the navigation bridge and a split engine room that will allow control to cross over between the two control rooms. Simulators will also be on board. Such arrangements will triple the amount of hands-on experience for the cadets.

As for the cadets, Capt. McManus observes a major difference between their generation and his own – that is, their reliance on technology – both socially and academically. As such, some cadets are at first anxious to arrive on bridge watch with the Captain, only to find that the radars are turned off. Capt. McManus will say, “It’s good visibility out there today. Look out the window.” Capt. McManus’ actions serve to underscore the purpose of the training ship experience. “Fail here,” he encourages. “Be wrong here. This is the place to make mistakes. You can try and fail here without major consequences.”

Capt. McManus is only one member of the Class of 1992 who is leading the T/S Empire State VI. He feels fortunate to work with his classmate Chief Mate Peter Vecchio. “It’s great timing, and I’m overjoyed that Pete was made Chair of the College’s Marine Transportation department,” Capt. McManus said. “We sailed as cadets together on the maiden voyage of the TSES VI in 1990. I’ve sailed as Watchstander with Pete as Second Mate on SST 2009.



'92 Yearbook photo
Peter Vecchio

Bringing with me lessons learned from my mentors Capt. Steve Wersé '79 and Capt. Joe Klenczar and with great respect for Capt. Rick Smith '81 and Capt. Jim DeSimone '73 before me, I’m honored and I’m ready. And if I can play a part in getting the new ship constructed and underway and the College pointed toward the future of our industry, I will feel fulfilled.”

Pete Vecchio '92 is focused on elevating Marine Transportation license and degree programs to the next level. At the helm of the Marine Transportation Program, his dual challenge is updating Maritime’s offerings as the regulatory environment evolves and keeping his eyes on the future as the industry and its technology change. Two issues on Professor Vecchio’s radar are dynamic positioning and autonomous vessels and how those technologies will impact jobs and training in the industry.

“The job of the mariner is always going to be there,” he said. “The industry is always going to need somebody to operate, maintain and manage commercial vessels. The industry is large, and it’s only getting bigger.”

2019 SST CADETS CARRY FORTH CLASS OF '92 LEGACY



Children of three graduates from the Class of 1992 and the nephew of another graduate (whose mother is from the Class of 1985) were cadets aboard the T/S Empire State VI during Summer Sea Term 2019:

- 2/C Paul Weaver, son of USMC Colonel Paul Weaver '92, who was Chief Mate Vecchio's Maritime College roommate and best man at his wedding.
- 1/C Cadet Salvatore Menoyo, son of Sal Menoyo '92
- 3/C Cadet Gabriel Menoyo, son of Sal Menoyo '92
- 1/C Cadet Chris Austell, nephew of Ken Khonken '92 (and son of Cindy Khonken-Austell '85)
- 1/C Cadet Haleigh Sammons, Chief Safety Rate, daughter of Victor Sammons '92

(L-R): Paul Weaver '22, Salvatore Menoyo '23, Gabriel Menoyo '20, Captain McManus, Chief Mate Vecchio, Chris Austell '23 and Haleigh Sammons '23.

To ensure continuing industry relevance for Maritime students, Professor Vecchio partners with departmental advisory boards that include successful alumni in maritime-connected professions. "We rely on them to feed back to us what's important and what we need to do to make a better product to deliver to the industry," he said.

Professor Vecchio earned his M.S. degree in Transportation Management (with thesis) as a Grad-License student at Maritime in 1992 and joined the faculty in 1997. He is the Assistant Presiding Officer of the Faculty. An award-winning coach of the Swimming and Diving Teams, Professor Vecchio is also the recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service. He currently holds a USCG Unlimited master license.

Professor Vecchio joined the training ship for the second half of SST 2019 and served as Chief Mate for his 1992 classmate.

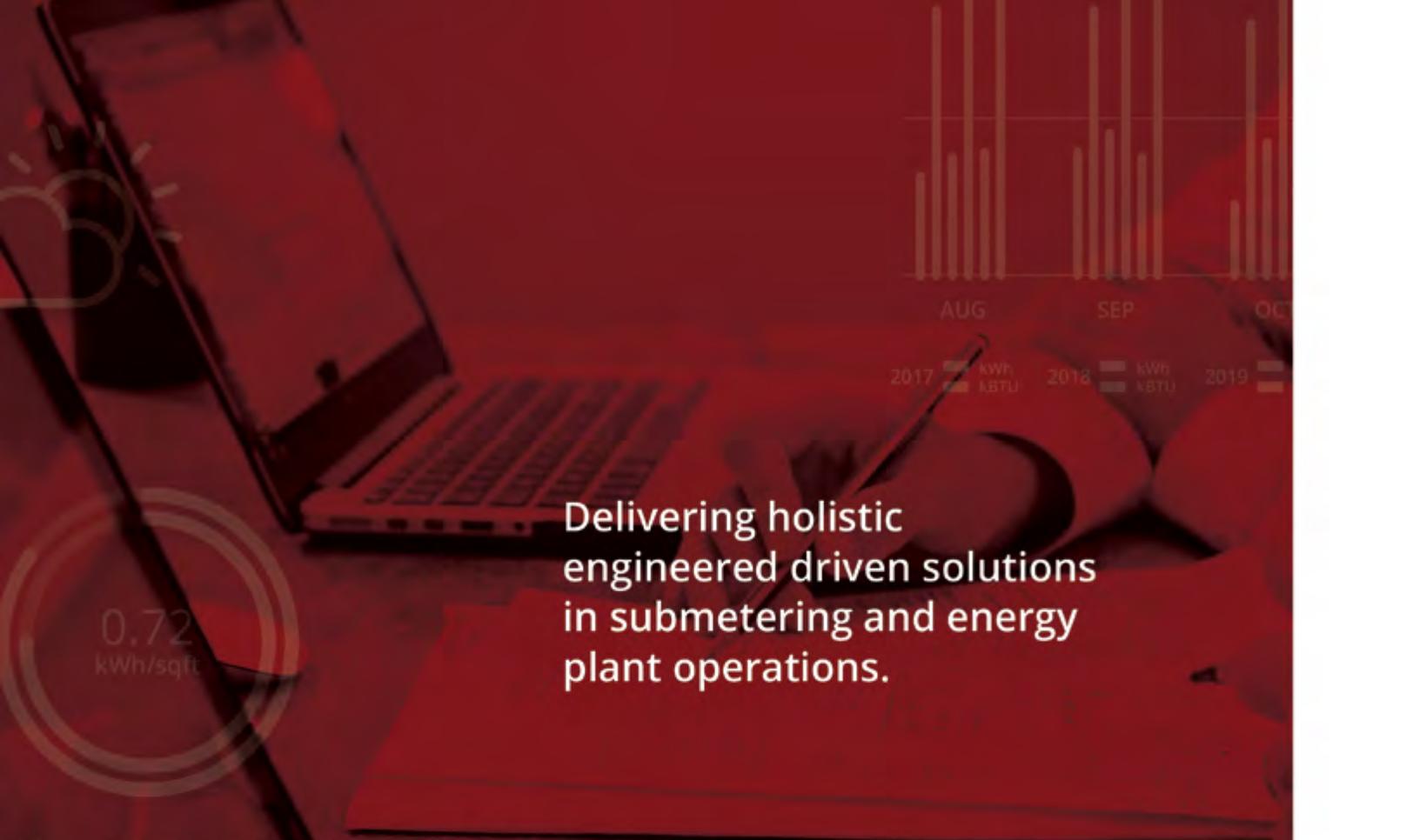
"I am so excited to be able to work with Morgan," he said. "We were friends when we went to school. We hung out together. He's a great guy. He has just the right personality and fit for Maritime."

"I want our students to know that we are both committed to making the training and the degree programs at

Maritime College the most relevant in the industry," Professor Vecchio said. "We share the objective of providing a sound educational program so future mariners are well trained, well qualified and more than able to meet the industry's needs. Capt. McManus and I are always looking toward the future." ■



Capt. McManus and Chief Mate Vecchio offer guidance to 3/C Christopher Saisa on the bridge of the T/S Empire State VI.



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CHAPTER GATHERINGS



LONG ISLAND CHAPTER MARITIME DAY | May 22, 2019, Long Island, NY

The Long Island Chapter held an evening of fun and entertainment at Small Craft Brewing Company in Amityville, NY.



LONG ISLAND CHAPTER | August 10, 2019, Long Island, NY

Jill Davenport '13 hosted 35+ Alumni at Ralph's Marina in Mount Sinai, LI on Saturday, August 10. This second annual event was held at the waterfront on a beautiful summer night that had alumni of all ages enjoying each others company. Some took their boats to the marina and stayed over while at the mooring.

JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER | May 16-17, 2019,
Jacksonville Beach, FL

Inspired by the visit of Admiral Alfultis to the Jacksonville Chapter at Culhanes Irish Pub on the evening of May 16, golfers took to the field of battle the following morning at the Jacksonville Beach Golf Course against their counterparts from Kings Point. Thankfully, Fort Schuyler withstood stiff competition and won this event for the ninth straight time by a narrow margin.

Golfers included: Peter Baci '69, Don Roman '70, Mike Smooke '11, Scott Fernandez '82, Adam Hammer '96, John Redman '89, Fritz Jean '13, as well as industry friends of alumni Greg Whitney, Nick Cesario and Joel Geran.



NEW JERSEY CHAPTER | June 8, 2019, Lake Como, NJ

Alumni and their wives gather at Bar Anticipation in N.J. Alumni included Charlie Hoffman '60, Christopher Begley '82, Michael Mustillo '95, Gregory Maynard '85, Kevin Quigley '82, Brian Bernhard '82, and Jamie McNamara MS '02.



HOUSTON CHAPTER | February 21, 2019, Houston, Texas

The Houston Chapter made an appearance at the Houston Maritime Museum, with these and other friends participating in the fun (not in order): Michael Flood '12, Pete Searles '79, Paul Wilson '69, Clint Watson '09, Douglas Watson '08, Matt Paulonis '88, Bill Hayden '82.

NEW ALUMNI NIGHT

MICHAEL'S WATERFRONT DINING, BRONX | May 14, 2019

MCAA enjoyed hosting another year's successful New Alumni Night on March 14, 2019 at Michael's Waterfront Dining in the Bronx. Students selected tables with industries of interest to them. Alumni shared their stories and advice as they served as mentors to the students preparing to graduate.

This year's New Alumni Night was sponsored by Chris Nystrom '92 of WSP USA/ Parsons Brinkerhoff, where he is Vice President, Director of Generation, Energy.



Students Isabella Kent, Ciara Murphy, Hannah Leese and Krista Deleva.



Jim Yahner '86 with students Kyle Comerford, Anthony Taylor, Zachary Rooney, and Nicholas Baratta.



John Dejewski '06 with students Joe Nolan, Nick Gunther & Matt Crowley.

SPRING NETWORKING



BOURBON STREET BAR, NYC | May 14, 2019

The MCAA Networking events were filled with alumni spanning a 60-year class range and received the support of generous alumni sponsors. See you at the next event!

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ADMIRAL'S DINNER & SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT

April 30, 2019 was an evening filled with celebration and recognition as almost 700 guests composed of maritime industry leaders, alumni and supporters of Maritime College's mission gathered at the Marina Del Rey to contribute to student success and pay tribute to the Dinner's Honoree Companies, Hornblower and Fresh Meadow Mechanical Corp. The Dinner is one of Maritime's most significant networking and funding events in which 100

percent of proceeds are applied towards scholarships and support for current and future students. The event also featured Joseph Hughes, Chairman and CEO of The American Club, as Master of Ceremonies.

Hornblower was founded by CEO Terry MacRae in 1980. Recognized as a national dining cruise, tourism and ferry service company, Hornblower's state-of-the-art vessels have sailed past famed landmarks throughout North America and delivered incredible experiences to millions of tourists, locals and commuters across the country. "We are delighted to honor Hornblower along with Founder and CEO, Terry MacRae for providing outstanding cruising, event and ferry service. Hornblower provides significant opportunities for individuals seeking employment on the water, and we greatly value their partnership with Maritime College," stated Admiral Alfultis.



(L-R): John Valvo '83, VP of Fresh Meadow Power, Russell Thompson, VP of Fresh Meadow Chiller Services, RADM Michael Alfultis, President of SUNY Maritime College, Terry MacRae, Founder and CEO of Hornblower, and Michael Russo, COO of Fresh Meadow Mechanical Corp.

Fresh Meadow is a privately held company specializing in mechanical construction projects. Among its points of pride is its work on NYC iconic building such as AOL Time Warner and the National September 11 Memorial & Museum. "Fresh Meadow, Mike Russo, John Valvo and Russell Thompson have been dedicated supporters of Maritime College for many years and we are very pleased to be honoring them tonight," stated Admiral Alfultis. In addition to being recognized for his leadership with Fresh Meadow, John Valvo '83 was thrilled to win the bid for the Admiral's Cover during the scholarship auction that evening. ■



(L-R): Joseph Menta '93; Christopher Schulken '84; Kay Lee; David Morse; Cassie Dudar; John Cummings and Theresa Macaluso.



(L-R): Courtney Salatto '19, James Heron '91; Mrs. Heron, Chris Carobene '90 and Capt. James DeSimone '73.



Guests in the NYC Ferry Honoree table celebrate with Admiral Alfultis and Mrs. Kim Alfultis. (L-R): Bill Buckley, Joshua Knoller, Terry MacRae, Admiral Alfultis, Richard Paine '04, Dennis Robesch '06, Mrs. Kim Alfultis, Christian Lam '17.



James Knutson of the American Club participates in scholarship auction.



Guests at the Thomas Breglia's table: (L-R) Seated: Chris O'Connor '18; Vincent Breglia '17; Chris Brennan '74; Standing: Douglas McKay '80; Thomas Breglia '80; Joseph Lorino '87; Christine Breglia; Patricia Wagner.

BY SAIRA YOO, DIRECTOR OF MCAA

Rescheduled from the original date due to extreme weather conditions, the 31st Annual Golf Classic went off without a hitch on July 8. Despite the rainfall in the early part of the day, skies cleared up and golfers enjoyed 18 holes at the stunning grounds of Old Westbury Golf & Country Club in Old Westbury, NY.

Participants were greeted in the morning by the Welcoming Committee and presented with swag bags full of gifts, all made possible by our generous event sponsors. The evening was met with an exceptional cocktail hour and progressive dinner, followed by dessert in the banquet room.

This year's raffle prize table was full of sports and concert tickets, electronics, jewelry, massage therapies and golf foursomes donated by alumni and friends. The silent auction offered Yankees vs. Red Sox tickets donated by John Valvo '83, and a private yacht trip on the Delaware River donated by John Reynolds '65. Just for fun, in honor of the new TSES Captain, we included a "Captain Morgan basket of cheer."

During dessert service, MCAA President Jennifer Barnes-Hayes '80 addressed the crowd and presented a video of 2019 SST winners expressing their gratitude for the scholarships they had received due to your generosity. The winner of the hefty, much-anticipated 50/50 raffle was announced - Jim Brennan '67.

A very special thanks to our key sponsors:

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- Golf Balls - Wilmington Tug (Dave Walters '71)
- Golf Towels - WSP (Chris Nystrom '92)
- Shoe Bag - utiliVisor (The Angerame Family)

On behalf of the Maritime College Alumni Association, I sincerely thank all participants, sponsors, auction prize donors, staff and volunteers for making yet another enjoyable and successful event!

Mark your calendar for next year's Golf Classic: Monday, June 8, 2020! ■



(L-R): Tom Marinos (Minerva Bunkering); Liam Huvane (Odin Marine); Brian Robinson (Penfield Marine); John Llewellynn (Transparsea Fuels).



The supportive foursome hopes for a hole-in-one.



(L-R): Tom Burbank (Atlantic Westchester), Cathy Hoffman (Atlantic Westchester), Vinny Ward '01 (Noresco), Eric Lorenzen '99 (MSKCC).



Dave Walters '71 (third from left) with salty industry friends.

31ST ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

at Old Westbury Golf & Country Club



The Board was well-represented at this year's event. Here we see: Kevin Danko '95, Board Member; Maggy Giunco, Past Director; Dave Walters '71, Golf Committee and Event Sponsor; Chris Nystrom '92, Board Member and Golf Committee and Event Sponsor; Kevin Comerford '83, Board Member and Golf Committee; Victor Corso '83, Board Member; Annmarie Bhola '98, Assistant Treasurer; Jennifer Barnes-Hayes '80, President; Mike Brown '82, 1st Vice President; Ted Mason '57, Board Member; Jim Yahner '86, LI Chapter President and Golf Committee; Saira Yoo, Director; John Valvo '83, Treasurer and Event Sponsor; Dan Gillete '97, Past President.

Jennifer Barnes-Hayes '80, Peter Searles '79, Peter Sullivan and George Willet '79.



Mike Brown '82 and Dan Wickstrom '83 head inside to survey the silent auction goodies.

Photos by Laura Keenan Verdino



Board Members Kevin Danko '95 and Ted Mason '57 enjoy a spin in the golf cart.



All friendships are resumed by the end of the day.

CLASS NOTES



'58 Bill Caldwell '58 honoring the U.S. Merchant Marine in the Westport, CT Memorial Day parade. They built a float depicting the sinking of the Liberty ship, SS Stephen Hopkins, on September 27, 1942. After a battle with two German merchant ships, the Steir and the Tennenfels, the Hopkins sank. The 19 survivors gathered in one lifeboat, with little food and water, and engaged in a 2,200 mile, 31-day journey to Brazil. Fifteen men survived.

'79 Russel VonFrank '79 was installed as Chief of Nissequogue Fire Department for the second year. Russel and his wife Lisa Carroll.



'81 Capt. Richard H. Russell '81 was the 2019 Bronze Anchor Award recipient "In gratitude for faithful service to the Seafarers Center." It was presented at the Kentucky Derby themed Houston Seafarers Maritime Gala on May 4, 2019. With him is his wife Judy and daughter Melinda.



'83 John Maguire '83, an instructor on the TS Empire State VI with John Bradley '83, former FSMAA President onboard the ship.



'84 Congratulations to Joseph Caroli '84 joined Quanterion Solutions Incorporated in Utica, NY as senior program manager. Caroli previously held a distinguished career at the Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate in Rome, NY. There he managed the AFRL High Performance Systems Branch, leading 22 scientists and engineers and 15 in-house contractors. Caroli received his bachelor's degree in nuclear science and engineering and went on to complete a master's degree in computer and information science from SUNY Polytechnic Institute and certification in cyber-warfare from the Naval Post Graduate School.



RADM Alfultis joins Joseph Stark '90 and Ronald Rasmus '60 in Cleveland to mark Great Lakes Towing's 120th anniversary.



THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

Charles F. Abel, Abdulateef Al-Mulhim, Scott Adolfi, Zdenko Beg, Robert Borowski, Gene Christiansen, Olga Ciecierski-Noonan, Kevin Coates, Joseph Colella, Dennis Cooney, Brian Dengel, Lisa Downing, Bart Eckhardt, William Farrell, Robert Fey, Larry Gioia, Eddy Gray, Mark Infranco, Hank Jennings, Pete Johansen, David Jones, Bill Keats, John Keenan, Frank Kennedy, Bob Kimbell, Jerry Lichtblau, Christopher Marino, Brian McDermott, Nathaniel Miullo, Susan (Janis) Moore, Mark Nemergut, Thomas Padberg, Pete Peers, Jim Rankin, Thomas Rich, Mark Safarian, Pete Searles, Gregory Smith, David Sparkuhl, Thomas Sproat, Kevin Stimpfl, Ben Strizzi, Lee Ann Tyler-Traut, and Matt Verrando

BY LEE ANN TRAUT '79

Our warm-up reunion in Baltimore at The Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS) was a huge success! We had 50 classmates with a total of 80 folks attending. All four of the female graduates were together again – the first time since graduation day (pictured left: Lee Ann Traut, Olga Ciecierski-Noonan, Lisa Downing, Susan (Janis) Moore)!

So funny seeing people – trying to recognize them – and then once the

smile and laughs are recognized we are chatting away as if no time at all had passed. Howard Wyche even led us in the “what time is it?” cheer. Thanks to

Mark Woessner and Steve Werse for organizing the event and securing MITAGS. The Class is looking forward to Homecoming in October. ■



CLASS NOTES

'93 Todd Stevens '93, pictured here with his wife Amy and their twins Ryan and Regan, was promoted to Commander, US Navy. The ceremony was held on July 13 at NAS, Lakehurst, NJ hosted by NCHB-8. He is currently serving with NAVELSG as the Regimental LNO for the Training and Evaluation unit.



'98 Scott Stickel '98, NJ State Trooper of the Canine Response and Training Unit, along with Michael Sitarik of the Atlantic City International Airport Station, successfully used CPR and an AED to revive an 88-year-old man who stopped breathing at the Atlantic City International Airport.



'99 Michael Nukk '99 recently accepted a position as Head of Marine – North America at AIG. He is based in NYC and lives on the Jersey Shore with his wife, Maggie and their two sons. The family moved back to the U.S. from London where he worked for Liberty Syndicate at Lloyd's of London.



'09 Michael Paolillo '09 was promoted to the role of Vice President, Manager, of FM Global Cargo. He recently celebrated ten years at FM. Mike lives in Denville, NJ with his wife Toni and their daughter Emmy.



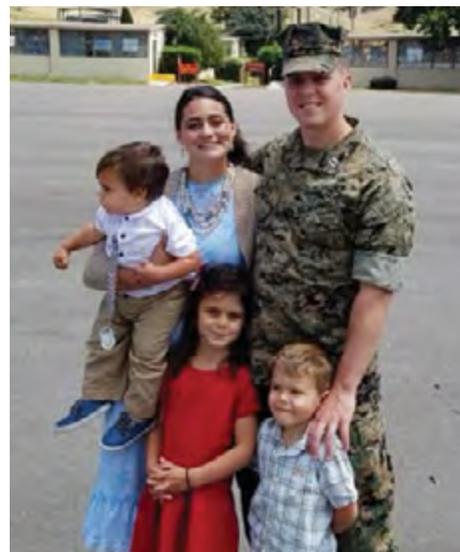
Friends gather on June 9, 2019 to celebrate Tom Munster's birthday. Pictured here are: Tim Bunt '82, Billy Flash '82, Tom Munster '83, Vic Corso '83, Kevin Yorke '82, Liz (Walsh) Munster '84



Charlotte Pittman '98 recently retired from the U.S. Coast Guard after 23 years of service as a rescue helicopter pilot. In June 2019, she passed her final checkride to start her new career flying commercial passenger jets for Skywest Airlines. As Skywest contracts with Delta, United, American, and Alaska, she'll be flying for any of those airlines. As for her hobbies, Charlotte just accomplished a dream as her crew team won the San Diego Crew Classic.



'11 Captain Benjamin Mabee '11, USMC, recently assumed Company Commander role of Tango Battery 5/11 (5th Battalion, 11th Marines) at Camp Pendleton, CA. Shayna (Michaels) Mabee '11 and their kids - Julia, David and Gideon – "know that Tango will do great things with Cdr. Mabee at the helm."



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CLASS NOTES



Sandy Hook Pilots bring home the Empire State VI on August 9, 2019. TSES Mate Efstratios Voukidis '16, Dominic Vitolo '96, John DeCruz '92, TSES Capt Morgan McManus '92, Luke Carrick '15, Joseph Reinbold '15.

The Dooleys Welcomed New Baby Girl

On May 14, 2019, Austin Dooley '96 and his wife Magda welcomed Madelyn Ava Dooley who joins her 11-year-old twin sisters Emma and Megan. The family, including grandparents Austin '68 and Paula Dooley are overjoyed with the new addition. Austin Dooley '96 works as Trading Manager for Stolt-Tankers and is based in Rotterdam.



On July 27, three alumni participated in the commissioning of the Navy's newest Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer, USS Paul Ignatius (DDG 117), at Port Everglades, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.



(L-R): Robert Flint '66, Director of Operations Port Everglades; Peter K. Hsu '65, Ship Commissioning Artist; and Anna Silva '98, Operations Supervisor Port Everglades. Below: Artwork by Peter K. Hsu '65



Robb Thomas '93 Married Jenn Thomas on June 22, 2019 in Indiana



Robb Thomas '93 married Jenn Thomas at his parents' home on Koontz Lake in Indiana. They are flanked in this picture by his nephews Eric and Bobby Blankenmyer.

CLASS NOTES



James O'Leary '01 Married Christina on May 18, 2019 in Brooklyn, NY

James O'Leary '01 tied the knot with Christina in Coney Island. Many alumni were in attendance to celebrate.

Here we see: Laurence Holden '00, Trevor Baroni '00, Joe Wigmore '00, Ralph Devitto '01, Rich Vohnout '00, Groom James O'Leary, '01, Bride Christina O'Leary, Ryan Modruson '01, Nick Belfer '00, Neil Campbell '98, Eric Lorenzen '98, Vincent Ward '01, Martin Lyons '01, Eric Barton '01.

Both James and Christina work for Con Edison; he is a Facilities Manager, while she is a Project Manager.

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WHERE IN THE WORLD

CROATIA

Last February Raymond Donnelly '06 and Joseph Sapuppo '11 in Rijeka, Croatia were on reserve duty together supporting the USS Mount Whitney during a 45-day availability at the Victor Lenac shipyard. Raymond is a Captain for MSC and Joseph is an engineer for SUPSHIPs in San Diego.



VARIOUS PORTS

MV "Liberty Promise" on her circumnavigation from the coastal United States, to Livorno, Beirut, Alexandria, Suez Canal, Jebel Ali, Abu Dhabi, Dammam, Shuaiba, Karachi, Inchon, Ulsan, Pusan, Panama Canal. On their return in Beaumont, TX harbor in June are 2/M Ashton Poist '17, 2 A/E Trevor James, and C/M Bridget Cooney '15.



ENGLAND

In May, alumni found each other at the IMO sub-committee meetings for Human Element, Training, & Watchkeeping (HTW-5) in London. l-r: Capt. Bob Fay '80, International Registries Inc. (L-R): Marshall Islands Delegation; RADM Stash Pelkowski, USCG (Ret) '84, U.S. Delegation; Melanie Saramago '05, International Maritime Lecturers Assn (IMLA); Capt. John Hafner '86, IRI, Marshall Islands Delegation; and Capt. Jerry Parnell '87, American Maritime Officers, U.S. Delegation.



RED SEA

Transiting the Red Sea on board the M/V Maersk Columbus in June are Chief Mate Marwan Elsamny '12, 2/M Gregory Danaher '10, 3/M Stephen Tantrel '18, 3/A Engineer Seth Kaye '13.



Editor's note: We are pleased to highlight Schuyler graduates meeting around the globe. As you take your selfies and share them with your friends on Facebook and Instagram, please send them to the Fort Schuyler at director@fsmma.org or communications@sunymaritime.edu

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FOUNDATION NEWS

"I'll do anything to assist the Foundation in helping the College."

Michael Chalos '70

Member, SUNY Maritime Foundation Board

Major Advancement for Fort Schuyler in the All Maritime Academy Alumni Challenge!

Record support from Maritime College alumni contributed to a strong 2nd place finish in the 2019 All Maritime Academy Alumni Challenge. "Fort Schuyler alumni competed successfully last May against Maine, California and Mass Maritime to raise much-needed support for the College," said SUNY Maritime Foundation Chairman Bob Johnston '69. "I am thrilled with the jump to 2nd place from last year's 4th place finish," he added.



Highlights of Maritime College's performance in the Challenge this year included:

- \$93,000 raised, including a substantial match initiative from Schuyler Lines/ Dome Chartering in Annapolis, MD
- 1st time gifts from 113 alumni, versus 61 gifts received in 2018
- A 4.6 percent giving rate by alumni, exceeded only by Maine Maritime
- 365 total unique donors, versus a total of 222 unique gifts in 2018 (65% increase)

Final results of the Challenge put SUNY Maritime College second, after Maine Maritime and ahead of California Maritime and Massachusetts Maritime.

Increased alumni participation in the All Maritime Academy Alumni Challenge was a welcome achievement: "The dramatic improvement in this year's All-Maritime Academy Alumni Challenge is a great indication of increasing alumni support for the course we have set for the College!" shared RADM Michael A. Alfultis.

SUNY MARITIME FOUNDATION

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WAYS TO SUPPORT THE COLLEGE

Leonard Weiss Oct. '46, agreed that his education and experiences at Maritime contributed greatly to his later successes in business.

"I decided that I would include the College in my estate planning because my time there enriched my life - at sea, traveling, learning how to get along with others and the strict discipline. Attending Maritime contributed so much to what I have been able to achieve throughout my life."



Len Weiss Oct. '46 with his daughter Freddi Kadden at the 2019 Admiral's Dinner.

Just like Len, your support of SUNY Maritime College can help you recognize the important role Fort Schuyler played in your life and to help you meet your financial and charitable goals, while creating a successful future for the College.

Making a planned gift is a decision that you can make in your own financial planning process, and it is something that is easy to do. Some options for Planned Giving include:

1. Bequests

These are the most common planned gifts and the simplest way to remember SUNY Maritime College in your estate plan. Leave a gift in your will.

2. Charitable Gift Annuities and Charitable Remainder Trusts

A charitable gift annuity allows you to receive fixed payments for the rest of your life while simultaneously making a gift to the College.

3. Life Insurance

Name SUNY Maritime College as a beneficiary of a policy or transfer ownership of a whole life policy to the College.

4. Retirement Assets

The easiest way to leave the balance of a retirement account to Maritime after your lifetime is to list SUNY Maritime College on your beneficiary form, provided by your plan administrator.

For more information about Planned Giving, please contact Aimee Bernstein, Executive Director, SUNY Maritime Foundation by email at abernstein@sunymaritime.edu, or by phone at 718.409.5475. ■



Interview with

MICHAEL CHALOS '70

Member, SUNY Maritime Foundation

What propelled you to join the SUNY Maritime Foundation Board?

I always felt that SUNY Maritime College was very good to me and served me very well. When Bob Johnston '69 called me to say he was starting the Foundation, I decided it was the right time for me to give back. Admiral Mike has been a great catalyst for renewal at the College.

How did your career take off after you graduated from Maritime?

I graduated from the College in 1970 and went to work with McAllister, the New York tugboat company. After one year I decided to attend Fordham Law School at night and that decision changed everything.

And your career in the field of maritime law?

In 1989 came the famous Exxon Valdez oil spill. The Exxon Valdez captain was a Maritime grad and a school mate of mine who I played lacrosse with. He was charged criminally by the State of Alaska and was fired by Exxon. He reached out to me for help and of course I took the case. It was the first prosecution of a seafarer. He was acquitted of all charges except for a misdemeanor charge of negligent discharge of oil. And after that, I had my career direction.

I was involved on the ground floor of environmental regulations and their enforcement. I was the senior partner of my own firm for over 35 years. I recently worked for about 5 years with a firm called K&L Gates as a partner. It's a huge firm with nearly 2000 lawyers worldwide. In March of 2019 I took the position Of Counsel at my son's firm, Chalos & Co, doing the same type of maritime legal work that I have been doing for 40 years.

I believe in the power of education. And I'm a big believer that a parent's obligation is to give their children the best education possible. Those two factors combine to make my devotion to SUNY Maritime College a priority for me.

Is that why you're promoting the College's Sailboat Donation Program?

I'll do anything to assist the Foundation in helping the College. The boat program tries to fill cadet training needs. I love talking with students. Occasionally I lecture.

What's on the horizon for the Foundation?

We're ready to bring on other people who can help contribute to the College's wellbeing. We will be inviting people to meet the Admiral and to discuss how they can best connect with the Foundation and its goals. ■



ADMIRAL ABOARD IGN

Admiral Alfultis, Foundation board members, alumni, parents and other College supporters hosted summer receptions, breakfasts and lunches both on land and on board T/S Empire State VI throughout North America this summer.

“Our ship is the College’s best ambassador,” said SUNY Maritime Foundation’s Executive Director Aimee Bernstein, “and visitors who come on board to meet with RADM Alfultis and Summer Sea Term (SST) students come away enthusiastic and eager to get involved.”

President Alfultis spoke at gatherings in New Orleans, Manhattan, Houston and Baltimore among other cities, where he shared his vision for a modernized Maritime that builds upon the College’s rich heritage and traditions. With an eye toward graduating students who can provide value from day one after graduation, the College places a high priority on understanding industry trends and needs.

“Also vitally important is building a baseline of financial support, which will allow the College to keep programs and classroom learning relevant today and in line with the workplace changes on the horizon,” explained Bernstein.

In Manhattan, on board the Empire State, Foundation board member Dick Angerame ‘73 hosted a breakfast for facilities and power engineering

Top (L-R): Chief Mate Matt Mahanna ‘94, Mary Beth Adelson ‘94, Capt. Morgan McManus ‘92, Brian McClintock ‘93 and Colleen Durkin ‘94.

(L-R): Peter DiCapua ‘67, Raymond Saleeby ‘67 and James Brennan ‘67

Middle: TS Empire State docked in NYC Pier 88.

Bottom (L-R): Andrew Cohen ‘13, Michael Paci ‘04, Donald Benesch ‘98, Patrick Hannafey ‘14, Joseph Vitiello ‘19 and David Wasniewski ‘97.

ALFULTIS AND FOUNDATION EVENTS COLLABORATION

industry leaders. Jim DeSimone '73, hosted alumni and friends at a luncheon. Foundation Board member John Bree '78 welcomed alumni and friends to breakfast in Houston.

In New Orleans, Layne and Gary Gambel, Cadet Sarah Gamble's parents, and active in the field of admiralty law, hosted an evening event overlooking Jackson Square. Other gatherings, including in Baltimore, Long Island and Jacksonville, signaled the growing significance of the College's and the Admiral's and Foundation board members' efforts to connect with alumni, understand industry needs and unveil a vision for the future of the College.

"In fact," said Bernstein, "we are grateful to our Foundation Board and others for hosting these events - and we want to do more of them."

The summer events grew exponentially after Admiral Alfultis and his wife, Kim, began hosting such dinners at their home four years ago. "It was obvious to Kim and to me that alumni were hungry for opportunities to talk with us candidly in a relaxed setting," said Admiral Alfultis. "So we keep adding summer dinners at home and we thank the Foundation board members for also serving as hosts. These events enable us to meet and talk with a greater number of supporters in a wide range of industries." ■



SubCom generously hosted Empire State VI while in Baltimore. (L-R): John Rath '90; James Herron '91; Brian Young '90; Chris Carobene '90; Andrew Van Der Stuyf '89.



Middle (L-R): Susan Dropp, John Dropp '63 and RADM Alfultis. Roger Brow '85, Patricia Toth '86, Capt. Hanft '85, and Louis Toth '85.

Bottom (L-R): Captain McManus '92 and RADM Alfultis addressing the guests.

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October 18-19, 2019

- Maritime College Alumni Association Ancient Mariner Golf at Pelham Bay & Split Rock Golf Courses, Bronx, NY (Friday, October 18)
- Class reunion events, Pass-in-Review
- Heritage Hall Induction: Bethann Rooney '91 and Captain Steven E. Werse '79
- Unveiling of the USS St. Marys at the Museum
- Maritime College Alumni Association Annual Membership Meeting
- Tailgate and Football Game with Reunion Class Parade/Regimental March On
- Alumni Post-Game Celebration at Paddy's on the Bay

Maritime Risk Symposium: Understanding and Managing Risks to the Maritime Transportation System

November 13-15, 2019 - Maritime College

For academics, operators and local/state/federal authorities involved in the maritime transportation system.

National Philanthropy Day

November 15, 2019

Please consider supporting Maritime College on this day. Even a small gift can make a big difference!

Maritime College Alumni Association Fall Networking and Nominations meeting

November 26, 2019 - Manhattan

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

Maritime Academies Reception at WorkBoat Show

December 4, 2019 - New Orleans, LA

Plan on attending the Workboat Show? Visit your alma mater at booth #3705 and join colleagues from Maine and Massachusetts Maritime Academies at an alumni/friends reception.

Admiral's Council Reception

January 15, 2020 - Maritime College

Exclusive event for members of the Admiral's Council

Maritime College Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner

January 30, 2020 - Manhattan

Join us to congratulate the 2020 Distinguished Alumni Awards Honorees.

Maritime College Alumni Association Annual Membership Meeting

January 30, 2020

All members of the MCAA are invited to join in the discussion about alumni association happenings and to present newly elected officers and board members.

SUNY Maritime Foundation Board Meeting

January 31, 2020

Winter Commencement

January 31, 2020 - Maritime College

Join us to welcome the Class of 2020 to the ranks of proud Maritime College alumni.

Maritime College Alumni Association New Alumni Night

March 2020 - Bronx, NY

Meet and mingle with upcoming graduates to offer insight and inspiration on the variety of career paths available.

Dr. Joseph G. McNeill '48 Distinguished Engineering Lecture

March 10, 2020 - Maritime College

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Towing Forum Conference

March 18, 2020 - Maritime College

Spring Career Fair

March 19, 2020 - Maritime College

Visit your alma mater to recruit students and alumni for internships and full-time positions within your company.

Connecticut Maritime Association Shipping Conference

March 31 - April 2, 2020 - Stamford, CT

Network with colleagues in the business of shipping and visit the SUNY Maritime College booth.

Admiral's Dinner

April 28, 2020 - Marina Del Rey, Throggs Neck

Meet, mingle, and network with fellow alumni and friends at the annual Admiral's Dinner; the College's premier event to raise support for students.

Spring Commencement

May 1, 2020 - Maritime College

Join us to welcome the Class of 2020 to the ranks of proud Maritime College alumni.

Empire State Departs for Summer Sea Term

May 4, 2020

Maritime College Alumni Association - Spring Networking

May 14, 2020 - Manhattan

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

Maritime College Alumni Association 32nd Annual Golf Classic

June 8, 2020 - Old Westbury Golf and Country Club

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