



August 1st, 2017

Dear Member of the Class of 2021:

We are looking forward to your arrival on 16 August. On that day, you will be reporting to the Maritime College as a member of the Class of 2021. Your arrival day has been designed to ensure a smooth and memorable transition to Maritime College life as a cadet. In order to keep you informed of what to expect on this important day, I have attached a detailed description of our New Student Arrival Day program for you and your family. Please do not hesitate to contact my assistant, Ms. Joann Sprague should you have any questions; Ms. Sprague can be reached by email (jsprague@sunymaritime.edu), or phone (718 409-7352).

It will be a pleasure to welcome you aboard on your first day as a member of the Maritime College Community. You are about to embark on a challenging Indoctrination Program which extends from 16 August to 26 August. During this period please note that you will be restricted to the college grounds, therefore I would request that you complete any personal business before your arrival. Pre-approved late arrivals to Indoctrination must be checked in no later than 3:00 pm on Wednesday, 16 August. If unable to be here at this time, candidates should plan to participate in a later Indoctrination Program.

The Maritime College Regiment of Cadets is unique. The combination of the structure of the Regiment, the challenging academic programs, the professional development required for graduation, and the Merchant Marine license place demands on our cadets not found at other colleges. The purpose of this upcoming Indoctrination Program is to prepare you for this very structured routine and for life in the Regiment of Cadets.

We invite all parents and friends to attend Indoctrination Graduation, which will take place on Saturday, 26 August 2016 at 10:00 am on the Reinhart Athletic Field. Due to the comprehensive nature of the Indoctrination schedule, it should be noted that you will not be allowed visitors or phone contact until 26 August. In case of emergency my office may be contacted at 718-409-7352.

Congratulations on your decision to attend the nation's first and foremost Maritime College. We are honored to be a part of your journey and growth as a future leader of our country.

Welcome Aboard!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Smith'.

Captain Richard S. Smith
Commandant of Cadets
Master, Training Ship *EMPIRE STATE*