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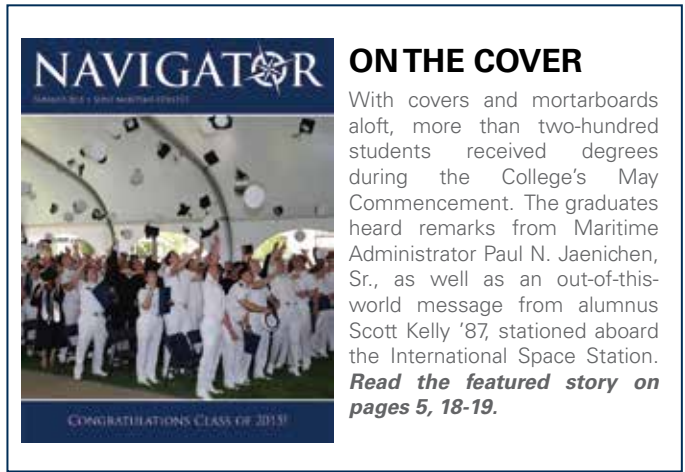
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### ON THE COVER

With covers and mortarboards aloft, more than two-hundred students received degrees during the College's May Commencement. The graduates heard remarks from Maritime Administrator Paul N. Jaenichen, Sr., as well as an out-of-this-world message from alumnus Scott Kelly '87, stationed aboard the International Space Station. **Read the featured story on pages 5, 18-19.**

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni and Friends:

It is hard to believe that a year has passed since I assumed the presidency of SUNY Maritime College. Many positive events have occurred since last July that put the College on the path to an even brighter future.

Throughout the past year, the College celebrated its 140th anniversary. The milestone year observed and celebrated the deep traditions that have made this institution First and Foremost in the education of successive generations of leaders within the maritime industry.

The campus welcomed the Class of 2018 in August 2014 for Indoctrination. This being my MUG year as well, I joined the 325 cadets each morning for physical training. In doing so, I developed a strong bond with the first class of my presidency; a bond that I hope will last until their graduation, and perhaps a lifetime.

I was pleased to see so many alumni, parents and friends on campus for Homecoming weekend last fall. The Class of 1964 celebrated its 50th anniversary with more than 60 members in attendance. They were joined by the classes of 1949, 1954, and 1959, whose members celebrated their 65th, 60th and 55th anniversaries. The College also inducted three distinguished alumni as the newest members of Heritage Hall: Captain Robert K. Cook III '80, Dr. Arthur H. Sulzer '74, and Captain Howard Wyche '79.

In November, I was honored to be inaugurated as the 11th president of SUNY Maritime College, and to have SUNY Chancellor Zimpher, alumni, industry leaders, faculty, staff and students participate in my investiture.

The annual Admiral's Scholarship Dinner was an overwhelming success again this year, raising nearly \$650,000 for student scholarships. The dinner honored Paul "Chip" Jaenichen, Sr., Administrator of the U.S. Maritime Administration; Marshall Ainley, President of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association; Paul Doell, National President of the American Maritime Officers; and Don Marcus, International President of the International Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots for their long friendship and support of the College.

May Commencement was special for the more than 200 graduates. It also was a bittersweet moment for me, as I watched this first class of seniors graduate. They are a very special group of students who I will always remember. In addition to an address from Maritime Administrator Jaenichen, the class received encouragement from Class of 1987 alumnus, Scott Kelly, from the International Space Station, where he is on a year-long mission. It is not likely that this year's graduates will soon forget their commencement speakers.

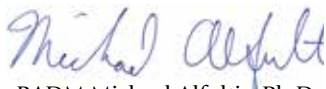
As I reported to you in the last issue of *Navigator*, replacing the *Empire State VI* training ship remains my priority. The design and construction of National Security Multi-Mission Vessel (NSMV) is of paramount importance to this campus and its ability to produce the licensed mariners our nation requires to meet national security needs, maintain defense readiness, and support a growing maritime industry. I will continue to keep you abreast of our ongoing efforts in Washington to have funds for the design of the NSMVs included in the 2016 federal budget.

I also want to report that there have been positive developments between the College and the Fort Schuyler Maritime Alumni Association. Dan Gillette, the President of the FSMAA, and I have had productive conversations about the future which is reflected in our joint letter found on page 13.

Finally, Kim and I are appreciative of the warm welcome we have received from the entire SUNY Maritime College community. We are deeply thankful for your fellowship and encouragement, and for your support of this wonderful College.

I hope you enjoy this issue of *Navigator*.

First and foremost,



RADM Michael Alfultis, Ph.D.



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# Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

Two senior class cadets, Marissa Castellano '15 of Mohegan Lake, New York, and Charles Scott Kuhn, Jr. '15 of Babylon, New York, were awarded the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence by SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher at a ceremony held in early April at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany. Chancellor Zimpher recognized 256 students from across the university system.

The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence was created in 1997 to recognize students who have best demonstrated, and have been recognized for, the integration of academic excellence with accomplishments in the areas of leadership, athletics, community service, creative and performing arts, campus involvement, or career achievement.

Castellano, a January 2015 graduate who majored in Marine Transportation, completed her four-year degree and U.S. Coast Guard deck license program in three-and-a-half years. She served as a company officer in the Regiment of Cadets during fall 2014.



Marissa Castellano '15

Castellano was a dean's list student for three semesters and she was an admiral's list student (overall G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher) on three separate occasions.

Castellano served as the chief navigator for the 2014 summer sea term aboard the *Empire State VI* training vessel, where she managed a team of 18 navigators

in voyage planning to various ports in the North Atlantic. She was solely responsible for all voyage planning and bridge maintenance and repair. She also found time to work in the campus Learning Center, where she tutored various license classes, including all navigation classes and various cargo classes.

Kuhn graduated from Maritime in May with a degree in Marine Business and Commerce, along with a minor in Law. He served as the Regimental Commander of the Regiment of Cadets, where his responsibilities included managing and advising all cadet officers



SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher, Charles Scott Kuhn, Jr. '15 and Admiral Michael Alfultis

and leadership. He served as the liaison between the regimental officers and the college administration. Academically, Kuhn attained Admiral's List (overall G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher) for each of his eight semesters at the College.

During the 2014 summer sea term, Kuhn served as the cadet chief boatswain aboard the *Empire State VI* training vessel, where he supervised all deck crew responsible for the components of the ship's hull. He was lead tutor and assistant coordinator in Maritime College's Learning Center, where he was responsible for organizing tutoring schedules, filing payroll, performing data log entry, and tutoring seven classes.



## Spring 2015 Commencement

Under clear blue skies and bright sunshine, two-hundred five students received degrees during spring Commencement on Friday, May 8 in the St. Mary's Pentagon, Fort Schuyler.

Administrator Paul N. Jaenichen, Sr. of U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration delivered the Commencement address and spoke to the graduates of joining the ranks of the unsung heroes.

"Merchant mariners are the unsung heroes of the United States. And through your training and education here at SUNY Maritime, you cadets have become a part of that honorable tradition. You should be proud. You're continuing a seafaring legacy, and it wasn't the easiest of voyages. Nobody at Fort Schuyler majors in leisure studies," Jaenichen told the graduates.

A special message to the graduating class was delivered from the International Space Station by SUNY Maritime College alumnus and astronaut, Scott Kelly '87. Kelly's special message to the 2015 graduates may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VSnaMTzYJJ8>

He reminded the students to "never forget that it was your family, your friends and Maritime College who provided you with the tools necessary to succeed."

The Class of 2015 Valedictorian was James Thomas VandenPlas, who earned a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering. A member of the NROTC program, VandenPlas attained a 3.99 cumulative grade point average and completed his studies in just three years. The day prior to Commencement, VandenPlas was commissioned as a Submarine Warfare Officer in the United States Navy, and will be reporting to the Nuclear Power School in Charleston, SC.



# SIXTEEN NROTC CADETS ARE COMMISSIONED AS NAVAL OFFICERS

The SUNY Maritime College Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) unit celebrated the commissioning of 16 new naval officers, during a ceremony held on campus on Thursday, May 7.

Lieutenant Colonel Mike Songster, USMC, Executive Officer of the NROTC unit, served as master of ceremonies. Rear Admiral Michael A. Alfultis, Ph.D., President of SUNY Maritime College, was Guest of Honor at the ceremony, and delivered remarks. The NROTC unit Commanding Officer, Captain Mark Scovill, USN, administered the Oath of Office to the new officers.

*The newly-commissioned naval officers are:*

**Daniel Ahern**, Strategic Sealift Officer, who will begin working for Military Sealift Command;

**Joseph Andricola**, Submarine Warfare Officer, who will report to Nuclear Power School in Charleston, SC;

**Andrew Bermudez**, Submarine Warfare Officer, who will report to Nuclear Power School in Charleston, SC;

**John Donovan**, Submarine Warfare Officer, who will report to Nuclear Power School in Charleston, SC.;

**Donnell Grant**, Surface Warfare Officer (Nuclear), who will report to Nuclear Power School in Charleston, SC.;

**Hayley Hobbs**, Student Naval Aviator, who will report to Naval Aviation Pre-Flight Indoctrination in Pensacola, FL.;

**Kevin Logar**, Submarine Warfare Officer, who will report to Nuclear Power School in Charleston, SC.;

**Ronald Marciszyn**, Submarine Warfare Officer, who will report to Nuclear Power School in Charleston, SC.;

**John Nugent**, Submarine Warfare Officer, who will report to Nuclear Power School in Charleston, SC.;

**Timothy Qualls**, Submarine Warfare Officer, who will report to Nuclear Power School in Charleston, SC.;

**Alexander Shimizu**, Submarine Warfare Officer, who will report to Nuclear Power School in Charleston, SC.;

**Shea Sweeney**, Strategic Sealift Officer, who will begin working for Overseas Shipholding Group.;

**James VandenPlas**, Submarine Warfare Officer, who will report to Nuclear Power School in Charleston, SC.;

**Colton Walsh**, Strategic Sealift Officer, who will begin working for Military Sealift Command.;

**Peter Wojcik**, Student Naval Aviator, who will report to Naval Aviation Pre-Flight Indoctrination in Pensacola, FL.; and,

**John Zatkovich**, Surface Warfare Officer, who will report to Basic Division Officer's Course, and then to USS Dextrous (MCM 13) in Manama, Bahrain.

*Five cadets were recognized for their excellence in academics and leadership within the college and the battalion.*

**Ensign James VandenPlas** was presented a Naval Officer's sword on behalf of the New York Council of the Navy League for superior military achievement and leadership. ENS VandenPlas is also the 2015 graduating class' Valedictorian.

**Ensign Peter Wojcik** was presented a Naval Officer's sword on behalf of the Long Island Council of the Navy League of the United States for demonstrating outstanding qualities of leadership, discipline, character, and citizenship.

**Ensign Shea Sweeney** was presented a Naval Officer's sword on behalf of the New York Naval Militia for demonstrating superior leadership, academic and military achievement.

**Ensign Donnell Grant** was presented a Naval Officer's sword on behalf of the Surface Navy Association's New York Chapter for demonstrating excellence in academics, leadership, and physical fitness performance.

**Ensign Hayley Hobbs** was recognized for her commitment to excellence by her receipt of the Elizabeth Bonn award (SUNY Maritime class of '04) on 22 April, in memory of Ensign Beth Bonn, who gave her life in service of her country.



The NROTC Program was established to educate and train qualified young men and women for service as commissioned officers in the unrestricted line communities of the Navy and in the Marine Corps. As the largest single source of Navy and Marine Corps officers, the NROTC Scholarship Program fills a vital need in preparing mature young men and women for leadership and management positions in an increasingly technical Navy and Marine Corps. The NROTC unit at SUNY Maritime College was established in October 1973, commissioning its first two graduates with the class of 1974.



# COLLEGE TO HOST e-NAVIGATION UNDERWAY 2015 – NORTH AMERICA CONFERENCE

Maritime College will host the e-Navigation Underway 2015 – North America conference from September 28 to 30. The conference’s theme is: “Reducing Risk through E-Navigation.”

The conference keynote speaker will be Joseph Trotti, Chief Executive Officer of AIG Global Marine and Aerospace. Francis Zachariae, the new Secretary General of IALA and formerly the Deputy Director General of Danish Maritime Authority, will be the luncheon speaker on the conference’s final day.

Other confirmed speakers include noted industry experts Ms. Tracy Murrell, Director, Office of Marine Safety, U.S. National Transportation Safety Board; John Erik Hagen, Regional Director of the Norwegian Coastal Administration and Chair of the IMO’s e-Navigation Correspondence Group; and Ms. Helen Brohl, Executive Director of the Committee for the Marine Transportation System, U.S. Department of Transportation.

This second annual e-Navigation conference is hosted and managed by the College in close cooperation with the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) and the Danish Maritime Authority.

The full conference program may be viewed by logging onto [www.e-navnorthamerica.org](http://www.e-navnorthamerica.org).

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## ALUMNI PROFILE

## LIEUTENANT JAMES PATRICK SALKA '10 BRONZE STAR RECIPIENT

United States Marine Corps 1st Lieutenant James Patrick Salka, a 2010 graduate of SUNY Maritime College, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his courageous and heroic actions on the battlefields of Afghanistan. The Bronze Star Medal is the fourth-highest award for bravery.

Major General Brian Beaudrault, the Commanding General of 2nd Marine Division, made the presentation to Lt. Salka during an award ceremony at the Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina on June 8. Salka also received the Purple Heart Medal for his Afghanistan deployment.

Salka, the Executive Officer of Company E, Battalion Landing Team 2/6, was awarded the medal for heroic service in connection with combat operations against the enemy while serving as the 2nd Platoon Commander, Company B, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, Marine Expeditionary Brigade in Afghanistan.

On November 6, 2013, during a helicopter-borne raid against a known insurgent strongpoint, Salka maneuvered his Marines nearly half-a-mile over open terrain while under machine gun and rocket-propelled grenade fire, toward a waiting helicopter.

While taking fire and moving toward the chopper, Salka rescued an injured fellow Marine. Carrying the wounded Marine on his back the length of four football fields, Salka was able to safely evacuate him to the waiting helicopter.

Lt. Salka's heroic actions preserved the life of the wounded Marine, as well as many others in his platoon, as he selflessly placed himself in peril.

The Washingtonville, New York (Orange County) native always wanted to be a Marine, and that played a big role in his decision to attend Maritime College.

"Maritime was my first experience with a regimental lifestyle," Salka says. "That was my primary reason for applying. I enjoyed conducting PT each morning, and the camaraderie that was shared among all my classmates."

Following his enrollment at Maritime College, Salka wasted little time in fulfilling his desire to be a Marine, signing on with the Marine Reserves following his MUG year, and taking part in boot camp over the summer prior to his sophomore year.

A non-license student, Salka's summers were spoken for; not on the *Empire State VI*, but fulfilling his USMC obligations.

Originally a member of the Class of 2009, the class with which he most closely associates, Salka was unable to graduate with his classmates, as he was deployed to Iraq for a year following his junior year.

Upon his return to Fort Schuyler, Salka completed his baccalaureate studies in International Trade and Transportation (Maritime Security) in January 2010, and earned a master's degree in International Transportation Management the following year.

Lieutenant Salka developed leadership skills at Maritime that later would serve him and the members of his platoon on the battlefield. It was his leadership, courage and valor under life-threatening conditions that led him to receive the Bronze Star.

While attending Maritime College, Salka held several leadership billets, including serving as an IDO during his junior year, as well as the leadership opportunities afforded to a first class cadet.

"Maritime is a great school. It helped prepare me for life by teaching me the leadership principles that I developed over time. The College set me up for success, and I have moved forward from there."

SUNY Maritime College has significance beyond education and leadership for Salka. It also is where he met AudryAnna Ward '13, his fiancée. James and AudryAnna plan to wed next summer.

To many people, receiving the Bronze Star Medal is emblematic of personal heroism. But to Lieutenant Salka, it represents the courage and the sacrifice of an entire unit.

"It was a great feeling to be presented with the Bronze Star. I was glad to share the moment with so many Marines with whom I served. All the accolades were possible because of all of their hard work," he says. "I give 100 percent of the credit to them."



Lieutenant Salka receiving the Bronze Star Medal.

# 2015 SENIOR AWARDS DINNER

Graduating seniors were recognized and celebrated for their accomplishments at the 2015 Senior Awards banquet held Thursday, May 7. The evening's award recipients were:

**THE AMERICAN BUREAU OF SHIPPING AWARD** for Excellence in Electrical Engineering presented to **Timothy C. Qualls**.

**THE AMERICAN MARITIME OFFICERS SERVICE AWARD** to two members of the graduating class (one Deck and one Engine) who excelled in license subjects presented to **Kory J. Stimpfl** (Engine) and **Henry Grill** (Deck).

**THE ASSOCIATION OF AVERAGE ADJUSTERS OF THE UNITED STATES AWARD** for Outstanding Achievement in the Study of Marine Insurance, presented to **Brittany Western**.

**THE ROBERT J. BRAUN AWARD** for excellence in Facilities Engineering, presented by Robert J. Braun '75 to **Jacob A. Stone**.

**THE PETER J. FINNERTY '64 AWARD** sponsored by the Chamber of Shipping of America to the Marine Environmental Science Graduate with the highest grade point average, presented by Judge John Ingram to **Faye I. Dohring**.

**THE KIRBY OFFSHORE MARINE TUG AWARD** to the graduating cadet demonstrating the highest interest in the Tug and Towing Industry, presented to **Devon Toscano**.

**THE JAMES LYNCH MEMORIAL AWARD** to the cadet on the varsity crew team who had the greatest overall effect on the team, presented by Thomas Breglia '80 to **Ann Boston** and **Devon Toscano**.

**THE MARINE SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK AWARD** to the cadet who has demonstrated initiative, interest and general excellence in seamanship, presented to **Nicholas Beihl**.

**THE MARITIME ASSOCIATION OF THE PORT OF NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY AWARD** to the Honor Cadet in Marine Transportation, presented by Edward J. Kelly, Executive Director, Maritime Association of the Port of NY/NJ, to **Nicolas Thill**.

**THE MARITIME COLLEGE HUMANITIES AWARD** for major and non-major students achieving the highest averages in Humanities courses, presented to **Matthew J. Collins** (Humanities major) and **James T. Vandenplas** (non-major).

**THE MARITIME COLLEGE MARINE TRANSPORTATION AWARD** to the deck license cadet who best exemplifies the traditions of Maritime College and the merchant marine, presented to **Jaime Rocco**.



T'Vaughn Gibson '15 and Maritime Athletic Director Heather MacCulloch

**THE MARITIME COLLEGE PARENTS ASSOCIATION AWARD** to the cadet who contributed the most to the College, presented by Valerie Pfundstein, President, SUNY Maritime Parents Association, to **Steven Schnetzler**.

**THE MARITIME COLLEGE OUTSTANDING ATHLETE AWARD** to the student who has achieved the greatest degree of excellence in their sport, and merits the title of Outstanding Female and Male Athlete, presented to **T'Vaughn Gibson** (Men's Basketball) and **Ann Boston** (Women's Rowing).

**THE MARITIME COLLEGE PROVOST AWARD** to the Valedictorian (highest final grade point average) and Salutatorian (second highest final grade point average) in the graduating class, presented to **James T. VandenPlas**, Valedictorian, Bachelor of Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and **John Francis Donovan IV**, Salutatorian, Bachelor of Engineering, Mechanical Engineering.



James T. VandenPlas '15 and family

**THE MARITIME COLLEGE REGIMENTAL LEADERSHIP AWARD** in appreciation of leadership, mentorship, and commitment, presented to **Charles Kuhn** and **Victor Deveso**.

**THE MARITIME COLLEGE STEPHEN B. LUCE LIBRARY AWARD** for outstanding research assignments utilizing the Stephen B. Luce Library resources presented to **Marisela Camano**.

**THE MASTERS, MATES AND PILOTS AWARD** for "The Seaman You Would Most Like to Sail With," presented by Captain Mike Parr to **Bridget Cooney**.

**THE MCALLISTER TOWING - ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD** to the student who exhibited outstanding achievement in academia and personifying tugs and towing presented to **Erik Davis**.

**THE NATIONAL CARGO BUREAU EXCELLENCE IN CARGO OPERATIONS AWARD** for excellence and academic achievement in the field of cargo handling and stowage, presented by Warren Engle, to **Raymond Bowe**.



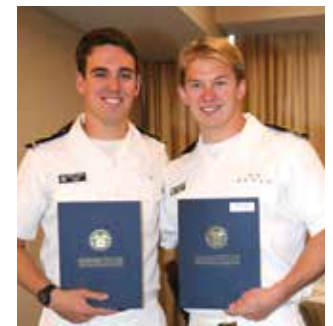
Raymond Bowe '15 and family

**THE NATIONAL RADIO EXAMINER'S MARINE COMMUNICATIONS - GMDSS AWARD** to the Cadet who excels in MT 426, which is the GMDSS course required by STCW and the USCG, presented to **William Coveney**.

**THE OSG SHIP MANAGEMENT, INC. AWARD** to the cadet most proficient in navigation on training cruises, presented by Adam Sanford '07, to **Shea Sweeney**.

**THE ERIKA AND MATTHEW RYAN, '00 AWARD** for the most outstanding Marine Environmental Science student, presented to **Hannah C. Margolis**.

**THE SANDY HOOK PILOTS ASSOCIATION AWARD** for bridge resource management to the cadet who performed best on the bridge team watch standing course, presented by Captain Tim Ferrie, to **Nicholas Mast**.



Matthew Feist '15 and Nicholas Mast '15

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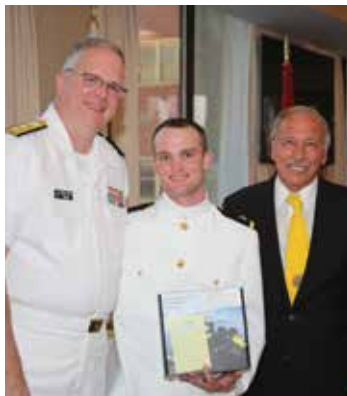


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**SANDWICH SHIP AWARD** to a cadet for excellence in Navigation, presented to **Devin Loughren-Gaye**.

**THE SEARIVER MARITIME, INC. AWARDS** for excellence in bulk liquid cargo studies (one Deck and one Engine), presented to **John F. McConnell** (Engine); and **Shea Sweeney** (Deck).

**THE SILVER BEACH AMERICAN LEGION POST #1371 LT. COL. WEST BECKER MEMORIAL AWARD** to the cadet who has excelled in upholding traditions of Maritime College and the traditions of the sea, presented by Richard Ardisson, to **Shea Sweeney**.



Shea Sweeney '15 with RADM Alfultis and Richard Ardisson of the Silver Beach American Legion Post #1371



Chris Shehata '15 and his proud mother

**THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SQUADRON 50, PELHAM, EVANS-HOWARD COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD** to the player who exhibited outstanding performance, leadership, and commitment to service by college football from players attending military service academies, presented by Ken Kraetzer, to **Chris Shehata**.

**THE SPILL CONTROL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARD** to the student with outstanding

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Deirdre N. Jordan '15 and family

**THE VANE BROTHERS MARITIME SECURITY AWARD** to the top student from the Maritime Security class, presented by Captain Joseph Ahlstrom and Robert Roosevelt, to **Nicholas Beihl**.

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**MARITIME INDUSTRY MUSEUM HAP PARNHAM AWARD** to the student who exhibited outstanding dedication to maritime history, presented to **Devin Loughren-Gaye**.

**AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE UNDERWRITERS AWARD** to a Marine Business and Commerce major in good regimental standing, who has achieved a grade point average of 3.0, or higher, presented by Martin McCluney '83, Managing Director of Marsh, to **Charles Kuhn**.



## RECENT NEWS

# SUNY Maritime Is Top Public Four-Year College In Brookings Rankings

SUNY Maritime College has been ranked by a national think tank as the top public college in the nation in graduate earnings, and in providing the highest value-added in mid-career earnings.

A study released by the renowned Brookings Institution found that SUNY Maritime College graduates earn more than all other four-year public colleges, as well as most other prestigious private national institutions, including Ivy-Leaguers Harvard and Yale. The study found that Maritime graduates earned, on average, more than \$121,000 a year in the decade following their graduation.

Maritime grads also realized a value-added 42 percent; a calculation that measures the difference between actual and predicted earnings among similar types of colleges. In this category, SUNY Maritime College again ranked first in the nation among public four-year colleges.



The Brookings report notes that the choice of where to attend college is perhaps the most important investment decision a student and their families make. Yet few know little about how institutions of higher learning compare on quality.

According to the report, "a college's value-added measures the difference between actual alumni outcomes (like salaries) and predicted outcomes for institutions with similar characteristics and students. Value-added captures college quality, such as graduation rates and the market value of the skills a college teaches, as well as immeasurable 'x factors,' like exceptional leadership or teaching, that contribute to student success."

The Brookings Institution is a nonprofit public policy organization based in Washington, D.C. It consistently is ranked as the most influential, the most quoted, and the most trusted think tank.

Maritime College Approved As



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## Tax-Free Site

Maritime College is officially open for business, after receiving formal designation as a tax-free area under New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo's START-UP NY program.

The College has designated 1,700 square feet of vacant space within Fort Schuyler. The College will target businesses in the formative stage of development or

engaged in the design, development and introduction of high-technology products, including Maritime simulation (navigation; bridge engineering; liquid cargo handling systems; pier/terminal crane; and staging systems).

START-UP NY is Governor Cuomo's initiative to create tax free communities for new and expanding businesses on SUNY and other university campuses across the state.

# JOINT LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENTS OF SUNY MARITIME COLLEGE AND THE FORT SCHUYLER MARITIME ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



July 15, 2015

Dear alumni, parents, students and friends,

As we each individually meet with alumni around the Northeast, the country, and the world, it is undeniable that most alumni attribute a large portion of their success in their careers and their lives to their experience at Fort Schuyler. Formative years spent handling large academic workloads amongst a small, tight-knit group of like-minded students in a unique environment have an impact on alumni for a lifetime, and make SUNY Maritime graduates want to stay in touch with classmates, associate with fellow alumni, as well as *give back* to the College.

As many of you know, for the first time in fourteen years the College and the Fort Schuyler Maritime Alumni Association have begun an open dialogue about ways to improve our relationship for the benefit of the College, the students and the alumni. This has led to attendance by the College leadership at FSMAA alumni events such as FSMAA Membership Dinner in January as well as the Golf Classic in June. Marking a 'first' in over a decade, the April FSMAA Board Meeting was held on the College campus with the Admiral in attendance. The FSMAA Summer Sea Term Scholarship Application process was the smoothest it has ever been, with the FSMAA receiving the largest number of applicants in the history of the scholarship. Also through these discussions a hardship scholarship was set up by the FSMAA to help those deserving cadets in great financial need.

We had a productive meeting in July, and plan to meet again in the very near future (targeting September) to continue this dialogue and explore other opportunities to improve the relationship between the College and the FSMAA. We both remain encouraged by the progress that has been made and what the future may bring.

**RADM Michael Alfultis, USMS, Ph.D.**  
**President**  
State University of New York, Maritime College

**Daniel M. Gillette '97**  
**President**  
FSMAA



## 2015 Admiral's Scholarship Dinner HONORS FOUR MARITIME INDUSTRY LEADERS

**M**ore than 500 alumni, labor and industry partners, faculty and staff, and friends of the College filled Vander Clute Hall for the annual Admiral's Scholarship Dinner, held on Tuesday evening, May 5.

The College honored Paul "Chip" Jaenichen, Sr., Administrator of the U.S. Maritime Administration; Marshall Ainley, President of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association; Paul Doell, National President of the American Maritime Officers; and Don Marcus, International President of the International Organization of Masters,

Mates & Pilots. Jaenichen, Ainley, Doell and Marcus were recognized for their professional accomplishments and personal commitment to the next generation of merchant mariners.

RADM Michael A. Alfultis, Ph.D., who presided over his first Admiral's Dinner, thanked the honorees and the attendees for their long standing support of the College, which is essential to maintain the preeminence of the institution.

Captain Tim Ferrie '78, currently the President of the Marine Society of the City of New York, and a member of the United New

Jersey Sandy Hook Pilots Association served as the evening's master of ceremonies.

The 2015 Admiral's Scholarship Dinner raised nearly \$650,000 for the College's student scholarship fund through ticket sales, sponsorships, and a very successful and entertaining auction.

Dinner attendees were shown a brief video, which underscored the impact of their donations and the scholarships that they support. The video may be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPyR1oCN2c0>







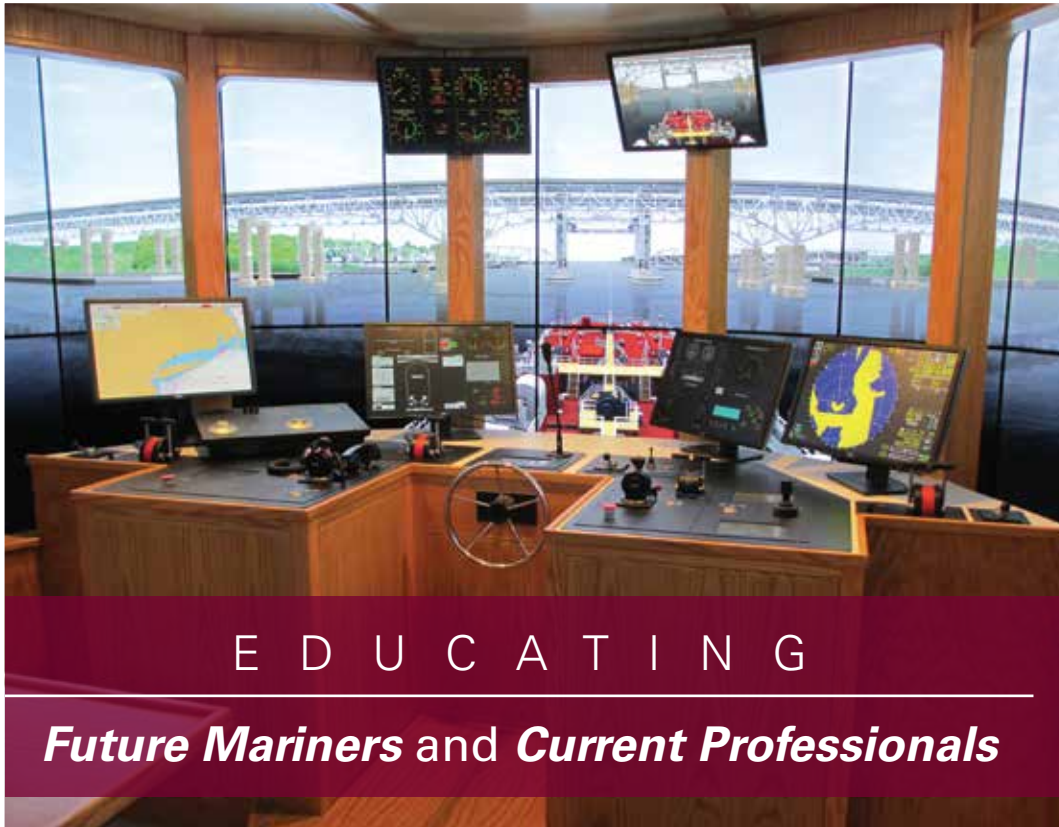
1. Admiral and Mrs. Alfultis with cadets
2. Patty and Bill McCarthy with Cadet Kevin Linares-Ruiz, Billy Mac Scholarship recipient.
3. Admiral Alfultis and Donald Pennial '49
4. Captain Timothy Ferrie '78
5. Organization of Black Maritime Graduates (OBMG) members L to R: Mark Brutus, Everton Reid '98, Captain Kevin L. Barrow '95, Captain Howard B. Wyche '79, Sean V. Carswell '99, Sam Olaweke, and Captain Eric C. James.
6. Stolt-Nielsen donated a ship model to the Maritime Museum in recognition of its more than 50-year association with the College. Shown here (L-R) with the ship model are Stolt-Nielsen employees and SUNY Maritime College alumnus Randall Brooks '82; Timothy Orwin '05; Roger Restaino '86; Mark Woessner '79; William Humphreys '74; George Reiber III '02; Kevin Fitzgerald '78; Joseph Weiss '98; Mustafa Erol Bural '09 M.S. '13; Thomas Confrey M.S. '80; and James Gibney '82.
7. Jim Perduto '91, Addyson Vignola '15 and her father Philip
8. (L to R) Brian E. Meade '01, David F. Bomke, Michael Kaleda '02, Philip Kretzmer '94, and Stephen Kretzmer '93.

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# SUCCESS

## THE SECOND TIME AROUND



*"Ask yourself everyday if you've given the best at everything you've done. If your answer is no, ask yourself why not? Why not the best?"*

– James VandenPlas '15

It was a bit odd when Maritime College's 2015 Valedictorian James VandenPlas took to the podium at Commencement and told his classmates that his hat was off to them. After all, that comment came from a student who was graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and a cumulative grade point average of 3.99; a hair shy of academic perfection.

But VandenPlas went on to explain himself, and to tell his story of success -- the second time around.

"Most of you out there did your duty and completed college successfully... the first time," VandenPlas told them.

"I shouldn't be standing here today," VandenPlas, 26, told his classmates gathered underneath the large white tent inside of St. Mary's Pentagon.

Normally, when someone thinks about a class valedictorian, they imagine someone who probably never has had much difficulty in school; someone who studied well and applied themselves. Valedictorians typically are the students who always did well on tests and achieved superior grades. But to hear VandenPlas tell it, he had experienced a bump in the road.

"That's really what I wanted to get across to my classmates, too, as most of them didn't even know about my past. It's like you're sitting there getting 90s and 100s on everything, and then sit down to talk with friends and say to them, 'Hey, listen, I was struggling too at one point. I was getting terrible grades the first time I went to college.'

So, I'm seeing this the second time around now. It's a little bit easier."

"Unlike most of today's graduates, I finished my high school career eight years ago," VandenPlas told them. "I started college at the University of Wisconsin, where I began my first attempt at a Mechanical Engineering degree. In my short time there, I was not as academically successful as I have been here at Maritime. In fact, I believe my grade point average at Wisconsin was a 1.6," he added.

After finishing so miserably at Wisconsin, the Green Bay native felt like he had failed not only himself, but everyone else who believed in him.

Looking to turn his life around, VandenPlas joined the Navy as a part of its proud nuclear force. The rigorous academic program sounded like just the challenge he wanted -- and needed -- to get himself back on track. The Navy rewarded his hard work in the nuclear program with a second chance at college.

Utilizing the Navy's STA-21, or Seaman to Admiral 21 program, VandenPlas was given the opportunity to enroll at Maritime College to earn his college degree and become a commissioned officer.

"I was interested in the military because it would give me the focus and direction that I was lacking at that time. I had no idea that the Navy had a nuclear propulsion program. I didn't know that they used reactors to power submarines, aircraft carriers -- absolutely no idea.

"I was more interested in the Navy than the other branches and I found out about the nuclear propulsion program and how it's one of the most academically-rigorous programs in the country -- not just in the military -- but of any college-level program. It sounded like the perfect program for me to go and prove myself," he said.

Speaking to his classmates at the Commencement podium, James VandenPlas recalled his good fortune.

"My fellow graduates, I have the opportunity to address you today because of that second chance. I have the advantage of perspective. I know what it means to fail and to understand the rarity of the opportunity that I have been afforded.

"Most of you out there today did your duty and completed college successfully... the first time. That's why my hat's off to all of you today. You did something I couldn't do. You accomplished something I wasn't sure that I'd ever be able to. And at a university whose challenges go far beyond academics. Your motivation and dedication are a testament to your ambition," he told his classmates.

VandenPlas advised his classmates against being too giddy.

"We must remember that everyone graduating today has many challenges ahead of them. I'm reminded of a quote that I read every day in the Riesenberg Gymnasium after finishing my work out:

*"The sea is selective, slow at recognition of effort and aptitude but fast in the sinking of the unfit."*

"That is the perfect description of the world you'll experience after leaving this peninsula. Recognition is hard earned, but well worth the extra effort.

"Ask yourself everyday if you've given the best at everything you've done. If your answer is no, ask yourself why not? Why not the best?"



James and his wife, Jacquie, with their son, Jack.

# MARITIME MAKES VITAL CONTRIBUTION TO NAVY'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM

At its most recent commissioning ceremony held in May, Maritime College's Naval Reserve Officer Training Corp (NROTC) unit commissioned 16 new naval officers. Ten of the newly-commissioned ensigns were assigned to the Navy's Nuclear Power School (NPS) in Charlestown, South Carolina.

Five of the new NPS officers were developed organically, having completed the NROTC program hosted by SUNY Maritime. The other officers attended the College as members of the Navy's Seaman to Admiral-21 (STA-21) commissioning program for the 21st century, which is designed to enable active-duty sailors to get a college degree and become commissioned officers.

By commissioning five NPS officers, the NROTC program at Maritime, which also includes nearby affiliate campuses Columbia University, Fordham University and Molloy College, far exceeded its Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program (NNPP) FY '15 goal of two officers, as established by the Naval Service Training Command.

Not to be outdone, the NROTC's STA-21 contingent of five commissioned officers accounted for nearly 15 percent of that program's officers from across the country. One in every seven commissioned officers in the STA-21 program -- nationwide -- earned their bars at Fort Schuyler.

"...SUNY crushed its FY15 NNPP goal of 2 by placing 6 into the program. Your extra effort in this critical mission area was vitally important this year toward meeting our national goals!" said Rear Admiral Richard A. Brown, USN, Commander, Naval Service Training Command, in an email to Captain Mark Scovill, Commanding Officer of the Maritime College NROTC unit.

Today's Navy operates 95 total nuclear power plants including 71 submarines -- each with one reactor -- 10 aircraft carriers -- each with two reactors -- and four training/research prototype plants. It takes a lot of officers to run and maintain them.

All officer students have had college-level courses in calculus and calculus-based physics. Acceptance to the officer program requires successful completion of interviews at Naval Reactors in Washington, D.C., and a final approval via a direct interview with the Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion, a four-star admiral position originally held by the program's founder, Admiral Hyman G. Rickover.

The NROTC Program was established to mentally, morally and physically develop midshipman, and to instill in them duty, and loyalty, as well as the core values of honor, courage and commitment. This is done in an effort to commission college graduates as naval officers who possess the background and motivation to pursue careers in the naval service, and who have the potential for future development, and the character to assume a high-level of responsibility.

The Navy's ROTC program was established in 1926 to provide a broad base of citizens who were knowledgeable in the arts and sciences of Naval Warfare. The program provided an opportunity for young men to undertake careers in the naval profession. Originally, there were six NROTC units. Today there are 61 units or consortiums hosted at 75 schools throughout the United States. The program is available at more than 160 colleges and universities that either host units, like SUNY Maritime College does, or have cross-town enrollment agreements with a host university.



## FACULTY AND STAFF

### Maritime College names Dr. Burke and Dr. Clott as ABS Chairs

Following a search that drew applicants from far and wide, SUNY Maritime College is pleased to announce that Dr. Richard Burke and Dr. Christopher Clott have been selected as the inaugural holders of ABS faculty chairs.

Made possible through the generous financial support of ABS (formerly the American Bureau of Shipping), which provided an endowment of \$3 million to support the faculty chairs, the positions will allow SUNY Maritime to remain "first and foremost" in the fields of maritime education and training.

Drs. Burke and Clott will assume their new roles beginning in August. Each will be directly engaged with students teaching courses while also engaging in significant and high-profile research activities.



A 1972 SUNY Maritime College honors graduate in Naval Architecture, Dr. Burke, who earned a Master of Science in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering and Operations Research from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, is the inaugural ABS Chair of Marine Engineering and

Naval Architecture. Dr. Burke served as chair of the Department of Engineering and most recently as a Presidential Fellow to the State University of New York's Research Foundation. Dr. Burke also holds a research appointment at Stony Brook University.

Dr. Clott brings years of industry and academic experience to the position as inaugural ABS Chair of Marine Transportation and Logistics. Most recently, Dr. Clott was the Dean of the College of Business and Health Sciences at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois, located near the largest intermodal port in North America. Previously, he served on the faculty of St. Xavier University (Chicago) and the California Maritime Academy, where he used his expertise in supply chain management to overhaul the program in International Business and Logistics.



### The Wärtsilä 140th Anniversary Speaker Series Discusses Environmental Issues in Shipping



Panelists (L to R) Paal Johansen; John Hatley; and Michael C. Carter. Moderator Clay Maitland is shown on the far right.

On March 26th, 2015, Maritime College's 140th Anniversary Speaker Series, sponsored by Wärtsilä, presented a panel discussion on *Environmental Issues in Shipping*.

Panelists included Michael C. Carter, Director of the Office of Environment, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration; John Hatley, Americas Vice President Ship Power, Wärtsilä North America; and Paal Johansen, Vice President and Regional Director, Regional Office Americas Houston, DNV GL – Maritime.

The panel was moderated by Clay Maitland, Chairman, North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA) and Managing Partner, International Registries, Inc.

"Knowledge of alternative fuels, increasing environmental regulations, and legislative initiatives are as meaningful to today's students as knot-tying and celestial navigation were to earlier generations of maritime professionals," said Timothy G. Lynch, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Maritime College.

The Wartsila 140th Anniversary Speaker Series focuses on leadership, maritime history, and current issues in the maritime industry. It was part of a year long celebration commemorating the 140th Anniversary of the College.



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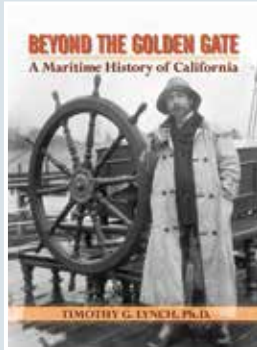
## BEYOND THE GOLDEN GATE

Timothy G. Lynch, Ph.D., SUNY Maritime College's Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs has released his latest publication, *Beyond the Golden Gate: A Maritime History of California*. It is the first book-length treatment of California's connection to the sea.

*Beyond the Golden Gate* is an immersive look at the maritime history of California that will inspire additional scholarship in this overlooked but critically important field. Benefitting from hundreds of primary sources, dozens of captivating images and reflective of the latest trends in the field, *Beyond the Golden Gate* is sure to satisfy the curious reader, the serious historian, and the maritime aficionado.

Dr. Lynch, a native New Yorker, earned his doctorate in American History at the Graduate School and University Center of the City of New York. His areas of expertise are in nineteenth-century American maritime history and the Irish-American experience. He has published extensively in journals such as *The International Journal of Maritime History*, *The Northern Mariner* and *The Nautical Research Journal*.

*Beyond the Golden Gate: A Maritime History of California* (ISBN 9780989939) is published by the Fort Schuyler Press, and is available for purchase at the Ship's Store, directly through the publisher at [fsp@sunymaritime.edu](mailto:fsp@sunymaritime.edu), or at Amazon.com



## MY FAIR LADIES: FEMALE ROBOTS, ANDROIDS, AND OTHER ARTIFICIAL EVES

*My Fair Ladies: Female Robots, Androids, and other Artificial Eves* is the fourth book by Julie Wosk, Professor of art history, English, and studio painting at Maritime College.

*My Fair Ladies* is the fantasy of a man constructing his perfect woman which dates back to the Greek myth of Pygmalion. Yet as technology has advanced over the past century, the figure of the lifelike simulated woman has become nearly ubiquitous, popping up in everything from *Bride of Frankenstein* to *Weird Science* to *The Stepford Wives* and *Ex Machina* – and today's ultra-lifelike female robots. In *My Fair Ladies* Julie Wosk takes us on a fascinating tour through this bevy of artificial women, revealing the array of cultural fantasies and fears they embody.

*My Fair Ladies*, is released for publication in July 2015 by Rutgers University Press, is available for purchase through the publisher, at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), Barnes and Noble, Eurospan Bookstore, IndieBound, and from the author at [www.juliewosk.com](http://www.juliewosk.com)



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## COLLEGE PLAYS HOST TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE MARKING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1915 CANAKKALE/GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN

**M**aritime College was privileged to host the International Conference Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 1915 Canakkale/Gallipoli campaign in mid-April. The day-long event was co-sponsored by the Consulate Generals of Turkey, Australia and New Zealand and was held in the campus' magnificent waterfront Maritime Academic Center.

The theme of the conference was the historical significance and national and international perceptions of what occurred at Canakkale/Gallipoli in 1915, and the ways in which these events, distinctive in world history, led the way to friendship among the countries involved, Turkey, Australia and New Zealand.

Dr. Mark Meirowitz, assistant professor of Humanities at Maritime College, served as conference moderator and coordinator.

Conference attendees, who included Ertan Yalcin, consul general of Turkey; Peta Conn, consul general of New Zealand; and Natalie Roche, acting consul general of Australia; representatives of UN missions and consulates, and military representatives from various countries, as well as students and faculty from the College, heard detailed and informative presentations about the Canakkale/Gallipoli Campaign from experts.

Speakers included Dr. Kenneth T. Jackson, Jacques Barzun, Professor in History and the Social Sciences at Columbia University; Professor Edward J. Erickson, Professor of Military History, Marine Corps University; Professor Cagri Erhan of the Department of International Relations, Faculty of Political Science, Ankara University; Colonel David

Russell, Military Adviser, Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the United Nations; and Major Matthew Lamerton, Australian Exchange Officer working at the US Army Logistics University, Fort Lee, Virginia.

The conference presentations illuminated the extraordinary complexity of the Canakkale/Gallipoli campaign, which is regarded as a defining moment in Turkish history and also is considered as marking the birth of national consciousness in both Australia and New Zealand. One moving aspect of the conference was the reading, in Turkish and English, of the stirring words of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk (the founder of the Turkish Republic) in tribute to those who died at Gallipoli.



(L to R) Ertan Yalcin, Consul General of Turkey; Dr. Mark Meirowitz, Assistant Professor of Humanities, SUNY Maritime College; Peta Conn, Consul General of New Zealand; and Natalie Roche, Acting Consul General of Australia.



Conference speakers included: (L to R) Colonel David Russell; Professor Cagri Erhan; Professor Edward J. Erickson; and Professor Kenneth T. Jackson. Moderator and conference coordinator, Dr. Mark Meirowitz, is shown at the far right.

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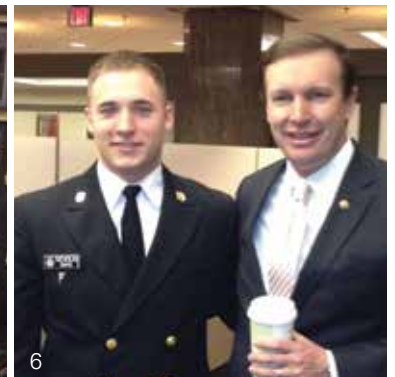
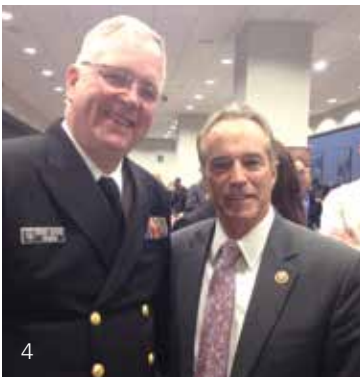
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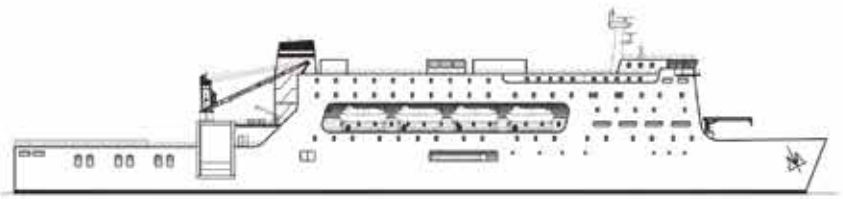
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# SUNY Maritime Goes To Washington

Rear Admiral Alfultis, senior administrators and cadets paid several visits to the nation's capital in the fall and spring as part of the campus' lobbying efforts to secure funding for the common design of new National Security Multi-Mission Vessels. Admiral Alfultis has met with congressional members from Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Washington. Cadets also visited Capitol Hill as participants in SUNY Day - D.C.



1. Cadet La'Quey Smith '16, Congressman Joe Crowley (Dem. NY-14), and alumna Ann Boston '15. Congressman Crowley has led a national coalition of bipartisan support for the NSMV program along with Congressman Benishek (Rep. MI-1) in the House of Representatives.
2. Captain Richard Smith '81, Commandant of Cadets, and SUNY Maritime College cadets meet with U. S. Senator Kelly Ayotte (Rep. NH)
3. Admiral Alfultis with Congressman Lee Zeldin (Rep. NY-1).
4. RADM Alfultis with Congressman Chris Collins (Rep. NY-27).
5. Congressman Courtney (Dem. CT-2) and cadets.
6. Cadet Nick Davis '18 & U. S. Senator Chris Murphy (Dem. CT).
7. Nick Davis '18, Tom Knizewski '18, Congressman Rob Wittman (Rep. VA-1), Mike McMeekan '17, Albert Merz '16, Ryan Johanson '17.
8. Cadet Nick Davis '18, Senator Debbie Stabenow (Dem. MI), Cadet Mike McMeekan '17.



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## DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

### SUNY Maritime College Foundation, Inc. is Established

In the face of rising costs and expected shrinking State support, public colleges and universities around the country are being challenged to increase their sources of private support and philanthropy. SUNY Maritime College is no different, and as a result, we are pleased to announce the establishment of the SUNY Maritime Foundation, Inc.

The newly formed 501 (c)(3) entity received formal approval from the Internal Revenue Service in late June.

Governed by an independent Board of Directors (currently being developed), the Foundation's purpose is to raise funds to support and benefit SUNY Maritime College and its students. The Foundation board will be involved in increasing the financial support

flowing to the College by personally supporting the Foundation; cultivating and soliciting prospects; and supporting fundraising campaigns all in collaboration with the institution's president and development staff.

As an independent legal entity, the SUNY Maritime Foundation must comply with all federal, state and local laws and will be subject to an independent annual audit and public scrutiny. Importantly, assets will be protected from all external entities.

For more information, please contact Alan Greene, Executive Director of Development at 718-409-3938 or via email at [agreene@sunymaritime.edu](mailto:agreene@sunymaritime.edu)



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# SUNY Maritime College and Admiral Michael Alfultis Reach Out and Visit with Alumni and Friends from Coast-To-Coast

- The Empire State VI visited Union Pier Terminal in Charleston, South Carolina as its first port of call on the 2015 Summer Sea Term on Thursday, May 21.
- Crowley Maritime Corporation hosted Admiral Alfultis for an alumni reception at Maggiano's Little Italy restaurant in Jacksonville, Florida on March 3.
- A March 4 alumni reception, hosted by ZF Marine Propulsion Systems, LLC, was held in Miramar, Florida.
- T & T Salvage hosted a reception for alumni and friends to meet Admiral Alfultis at The Tasting Room restaurant in Houston, Texas on March 31.
- Alumni and friends gathered at the American Steamship Company headquarters in Williamsville, NY on May 26 to meet and hear from Admiral Alfultis.
- Chembulk Tankers hosted an alumni and friends reception with Admiral Alfultis in Southport, Connecticut on May 28.
- The Stone Brewing Tap Room in San Diego, California was the site of an alumni and friends reception on June 1.
- Robert Edwards '04 hosted a June 2 reception for alumni and friends at the Pete Archer Rowing Center in Long Beach, California.
- Foss Maritime Company hosted the College and Admiral Alfultis at an alumni and friends reception in Seattle, Washington on June 4.



Admiral Alfultis at the Connecticut alumni event hosted by BLT Chembulk with Marlene Boyer '99, Laura Mirabella Laudicina '01, and Harold Boyer '99



Admiral Alfultis and Associate Director of Alumni Relations, Ashley Scotti with Paul Kalapodas '00 and ZF Marine's Business Development Manager Ed Schwarz



Admiral Alfultis with Captain Timothy Gaughan '77 at the T&T Salvage Event in Texas



Admiral Alfultis on a tour of the General Dynamics NASSCO Facility with Kevin Graney '86 and Benjamin Smith '04



(L to R) Douglas J. Buell '01, Keith R. Collignon '75, Edward A. Dohring '55, Barrett T. Enck '99, Thomas Hurley '86, Robert F. McGinn '73, Kevin P. McMonagle '82, Frederick Mertz '92, Alan T. Paris '64, James Rankin '79, David L. Starck '90, Ryan T. Sullivan '01, and Christopher J. van Everdingen '99 attended the Buffalo alumni event hosted by American Steamship Company.



## ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

Two student-athletes – **Hayley Hobbs '15** (women's swimming) and **Beau Warrington '16** (football) – received SUNY Chancellor



Scholar-Athlete awards for excellence in the classroom as well as in their respective sport.

Privateer Pete – the Athletic Department's mascot –



participated in the SUNY Mascot Madness Challenge for the third consecutive year. Unfortunately, Pete fell to Binghamton University's mascot in the first round of competition. "Wait until next year!!!"

**Ann Boston '15** of the women's rowing team and

**T'Vaughn Gibson '15** of the men's basketball team were selected as the female



and male athletes of the year at the end-of-year Athletics Honors Awards Banquet.

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Several records fell this **Privateer baseball** season as **Matthew Sollin '15** connected on his 11th career



home run and teammate **Joe Longo '15** became the team's all-time career hits leader. **James Very '15** recorded two

### Privateers Club formed to Enhance Athletic Programs

The Maritime Athletics Department has formed the Privateers Club to give alumni, family members, friends and others the opportunity to offer financial support to Maritime's 15 varsity athletic teams, as well as club sports and intramural programs.

Donor support of The Privateer Club is expected to help the Athletic teams succeed both on and off the playing field, court, in the water, or on the course.

Exclusive membership is being offered to all fans, donors, community constituents and external partners. It is hoped that it will be a driving tool, which helps build relationships for Maritime College Athletics for years to come, and that student-athletes may benefit for all that they do in service to the College.

Privateers Club contributions are critical to providing Maritime

College with the supplemental dollars needed to defray the cost of recruiting, facility and equipment improvements, team travel, uniform replacements, and the overall athletic experience that helps develop exceptional leaders through competitive sports.

Gifts may be made in support of all Maritime Athletics, or to a team of your choice.

A gift to Maritime Athletics automatically qualifies the donor as a member of the Privateers Club, which entitles them to receive exclusive benefits, including special event invitations, and much more.

*All donations to the Privateers Club are tax deductible.*

For additional information, please email or call the Privateers Club at: maritimeathletics@sunymaritime.edu; 718-409-7330 (phone) or 718-409-7404 (fax).



saves this season, becoming the all-time saves leader.

The squad had five Skyline Conference all-conference selections, including first-team selections **Matthew Sollin '15**, **Chris Deddo '18** and **Tyler Stuart '18**. **Joe Longo '15** and **Brian McLaughlin '17** were named to the second team. **Sollin** also was named to the D3baseball.com All-New York Region third team.

**The Men's Lacrosse team**

finished the year with 6 wins and 8 losses, and a 2-4 record in league play. The Privateers picked up wins against foes Maine Maritime, and Coast Guard, and a key league win over Stockton.

The team recorded five consecutive Rookie-of-the-Week selections with **Nick Pellegrino '18** selected once, followed by four selections for classmate **Ian Danahy '18**.

**Matt Hayes '16** was named to the Skyline All-Conference



first team while **Jonathan Strezenec '16**, **Ian Danahy '18** and **Brendan McNally '18** were named to the second team.

**The Women's Lacrosse team**

recorded three wins on the year; all coming against fellow maritime schools: Maine Maritime, Massachusetts Maritime and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. With its wins over Maine and Mass., the

team clinched the inaugural women's Maritime Cup.

**Midfielder Leanne Lavelle '16** set the all-time ground ball



record with 151 in 39 career games. She also became the second player in program history to amass 25-goal seasons in three different years. **Lavelle** and **Paige Frankel '18** were named to the Skyline All-Conference second team.

The **Co-Ed Dinghy Sailing team** finished third at the America Trophy in early May, clinching a berth at the ICSA National Championships in Newport, Rhode Island. At the nationals the team placed eighth in the semifinal round, advancing to the championship round and a 17th place overall finish.

The team was nationally ranked during the season, placing as



high as 17th among the best teams in the nation, according to Sailing World college rankings.

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**Skyline Conference Academic Honor Roll  
Winter 2014-15 and Spring 2015**

Brendon Halligan '17	Men's Basketball
Patrick MacDonald '18	Men's Basketball
Scott Armstrong '15	Men's Swimming
Matthew Collins '15	Men's Swimming
Luke Doherty '18	Men's Swimming
Sam Dratch '17	Men's Swimming
Andrew Katz '18	Men's Swimming
Adrian Klein '18	Men's Swimming
Kevin Logar '15	Men's Swimming
Jonathan Murray '17	Men's Swimming
Rhiannon Galletta '17	Women's Swimming
Hayley Hobbs '15	Women's Swimming
Kelsey Ireland '17	Women's Swimming
Christine McCormack '15	Women's Swimming
Sarah Soulagnet '18	Women's Swimming
Mariel VanderLinden '15	Women's Swimming
Ryan Alsdorf '15	Baseball
Connor Alwan '18	Baseball
Paul Bosch '18	Baseball
Anthony D'Ancona '18	Baseball
Joe DiLeo '18	Baseball
Thomas Galli '18	Baseball
Joe Longo '15	Baseball
Brian McLaughlin '17	Baseball
Kevin Monahan '16	Baseball
Aaron Schiavoni '18	Baseball
James Very '15	Baseball
Paul Woodburn '16	Baseball
Joe Fusco '18	Men's Lacrosse
Merrick Kovatch '18	Men's Lacrosse
Dan Martens '15	Men's Lacrosse
Scott Martin '18	Men's Lacrosse
Tu Nguyen '17	Men's Lacrosse
Peter Rooney '16	Men's Lacrosse
Shannon Brady '18	Women's Lacrosse
Faye Dohring '15	Women's Lacrosse
Kristen Hoar '16	Women's Lacrosse
Kelsey Ireland '17	Women's Lacrosse
Hannah Mutum '17	Women's Lacrosse
Caroline Reynolds '16	Women's Lacrosse

To be eligible for the Skyline Academic Honor Roll, student-athletes must have a 3.30 grade point average, or better, while competing in men's basketball, men's and women's swimming, baseball, and men's and women's lacrosse.

The team had its best finish during the team race season with a first-place finish at the Admiral Moore Team Race hosted at the Maritime campus.



Angeles (California) Harbor Cup in early March, with the team coming in 10th.

**Men's Rowing** - The collegiate eight squad and the novice four started off the year with second place finishes at the Head of the Housatonic.

The **Co-Ed Offshore Sailing squad** competed in nine events this year; eight of which came in the fall semester. The team had a pair of top-three finishes, including a third-place finish at the Shields Trophy, and also at the MacMillan Cup, both hosted by Navy.

The team's only spring race took place at the Port of Los

The lightweight fours had a team-best 15th place finish at the Head of the Charles in Massachusetts. The team had 12 top-three finishes during the final weekend of its fall season at the Frostbite and Braxton Memorial regattas.

The team had a pair of wins in the finals of the lightweight varsity four and the petite varsity eight at the Occoquan Sprints in late March, while the varsity four was only five-seconds off the pace in the finals of the Kerr Cup.

The novice four reached the finals of their class competing against some of the top teams

in the nation, before ultimately finishing sixth at the finals.

**Women's Rowing** - The club fours finished at the famed Head of the Charles Regatta, while the open pair took home bronze at the Head of the Fish Regatta in Saratoga Springs, New York.

The Privateers picked up a pair of third-place finishes at the Frostbite Regatta, followed by a first and second-place finish at the Bill Braxton Memorial.

The varsity four had a fourth-place finish after a first-place qualifying run at the Knecht Cup.

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# CLASS NOTES

In going over his old photographs, **Captain Henry Halboth '44** came across the image below of the old ship in all her wartime glory as she lay alongside the Fort Schuyler Pier during the winter of 1943-44. The photo was taken by Captain Halboth from the Battalion Cadet Officers' bunkroom.



## Embarcation (Southampton Docks: October 1899)

By *Thomas Hardy*

Here, where Vespasian's legions struck the sands,  
And Cerdic with his Saxons entered in,  
And Henry's army leapt afloat to win  
Convincing triumphs over neighbour lands,

Vaster battalions press for further strands,  
To argue in the self-same bloody mode  
Which this late age of thought, and pact, and code,  
Still fails to mend.--Now deckward tramp the bands,  
Yellow as autumn leaves, alive as spring;  
And as each host draws out upon the sea  
Beyond which lies the tragical To-be,  
None dubious of the cause, none murmuring,

Wives, sisters, parents, wave white hands and smile,  
As if they knew not that they weep the while.

Most readers of late 19th and early 20th century literature are familiar with Thomas Hardy's famous and greatest novels such as *Far From the Madding Crowd*, *The Mayor of Casterbridge*, *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*, and *Jude the Obscure*. What they often overlook is that Thomas Hardy is considered first and foremost by his poetry and collection of over 1,000 poems that spanned 70 years.

**John J. Gerace '68 Ph.D., P.E** submitted the following poem for publication in *Navigator* because it is inscribed in full on the starboard interior of the Cunard Line's majestic Queen Mary II, launched in 2004. He spent over 30 years in an engineering career, but has come to recognize the importance of broadening his literary interests.

**Brian Houst '02** has been in Annapolis, Maryland since October 2012 working in the Chartering/Projects Department for Dome Chartering. Dome is owned by four partners; three of whom are from SUNY Maritime Class of '92. Dome is the exclusive commercial manager for Schuyler Line Navigation, which owns and operates U.S.-flagged and Foreign-flagged ships across the dry bulk, container and tanker sectors. In December 2014, Brian started the Annapolis Maritime Society to grow the maritime industry within the Annapolis and Beltway State area through networking and education. The society has been extremely successful and has secured 50 plank members, seven corporate plank members, a mailing list of more than 160 members, and a Facebook page with more than 500 "likes." The society is looking to grow its corporate membership. Check out the society's website at <http://www.naptownmaritimesociety.com> and its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/napmaritime>



**Louis Vitale '07** was Access Control Coordinator for Newark Liberty International Airport, and recently was promoted to Senior Security Coordinator for the Port Authority Trans Hudson (PATH) system.



After graduating from Maritime, **Christopher B. Tamulonis '08** worked in the healthcare industry in New York City, working his way up from Engineering Supervisor to Assistant Director of Engineering. In 2014 he started a new job at the W New York - Union Square Hotel as its Director of Engineering. In April 2014, Brian married



his wife, Debra, who is the daughter of **Mark Bengis, Class of 1981**. On April 24, 2015, Debra and Christopher welcomed a son, Luke Bronson Tamulonis, to the world at 21-inches long; 9 pounds, 5 ounces.

Christopher Bronson Tamulonis '08 (right) and his father-in-law, Mark Bengis '81, with Luke Bronson Tamulonis, Future Class of 2037.

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**Captain James D. McGinty '41**, Master Mariner, died on March 15, 2015. Born in 1920, Jim graduated DeWitt Clinton High School in the Bronx in 1938. "Sunny Jim" got his start working in the boatyards on City Island and went on to complete Fort Schuyler's Merchant Marine Academy in 1941. He sailed aboard the SS American Lancer in convoy to break the barricade of Malta in 1942 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy Fleet Wing 1 in 1943, attached to the USS Duxbury-Asian Pacific theatre. As a captain with U.S. Lines shipping company for more than 40 years, Jim traveled the world. His wife and love of his life, Betty Doust-Smith, boarded his ship in Dusseldorf, December 1946 and disembarked in New York as his soon-to-be bride. Together, they made homes in New York, New Hope, Pennsylvania, and in San Francisco, California, where he served as harbormaster of Sausalito's Presidio Yacht Club. In 1995, Jim moved to Old Lyme, Connecticut, and Florida. His devoted daughter, Kathie McGinty, and his granddaughter, Gaia Filicori, survive him. Jim will be remembered for his many yarns, his love of friends and family, and his constant, steady course.



2006, Phil was active in the very successful 50th Anniversary Reunion of his class serving on both the social and scholarship committees. His remaining one hundred classmates were urged to give back and give deeply to a scholarship fund for needy cadets. Education at the Maritime College involved leadership training, technical skills, values and a respect and love of country, enabling young men to attain successful careers and enjoy comfortable life styles. Phil's classmates responded to the call and an unprecedented sum of almost \$600,000 was donated. No other class before or after has been able to match this amount. Phil was extremely proud to be a member of this special class. Maritime College has installed a large bronze plaque affixed to the seawall at the campus honoring the donors of the Class of '56 Scholarship Fund. Phil is survived by his wife of 52 years, Barbara; his daughter Stephanie, and her husband Neil Lubarsky and their children, Jacqueline and Lexie; his son Christopher, and his wife Diane Matt and their children, J.P., Ryan, and Connor, all of Greenwich. In addition, an extended family of loving nieces, nephews, and their parents, Susan, Manuel, Jeanne and Michael. A memorial service in celebration of his life was held on July 14 at Fort Schuyler. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Class of '56 Scholarship Endowment Fund would be appreciated, and is what he would have wanted. Information regarding the Memorial Service and Arlington National Cemetery interment may be found at [www.coxeandgraziano.com](http://www.coxeandgraziano.com) or by phoning 203-869-5968.

**Donald Talbot '52** passed away on March 9, 2015 at age 85, at Towson, Maryland. A native of Averill Park, New York, Don was an engineering graduate of the college. Following graduation, Don was employed with General Electric at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory and later with the Martin Marietta Corporation. In 1987, he formed his own property management and consulting company, REM Management Services, where he worked until his retirement. Don's wife of nearly 60 years, Beverly, passed away in 2011. He is survived by a daughter, four sons and six grandchildren. Funeral services were held in Towson.

**August (Gus) Emig '60** died at home surrounded by family on May 19, 2015, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He loved cars and he loved traveling the world. Gus worked at SUNY Maritime College, traveling each summer on its training ship. After retiring, he spent time traveling between his children. Wherever he was at the moment, was his favorite place. He had the gift of gab and was always able to find common ground with others. He found joy in the little things in life, from eating chocolate ice cream to seeing the wildflowers each spring. Gus is survived by his four children, Karin Halpin and Mimi, Mark, and Christa Emig; four grandchildren, and by two sisters, Caroline Camuñas and Dorothy Emig. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be directed to National Parkinson Foundation, [www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org) River City Hospice [www.rivercityhospice.com](http://www.rivercityhospice.com) or Leukemia and Lymphoma Society [www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org)

**Phillip D. Ohl '56**, Commander USNR (Ret.) of Greenwich, Connecticut, died peacefully with his family at his side on July 9, after a valiant 16-year battle with prostate cancer. He had celebrated his 81st birthday on July 5. Phil served his nation proudly in the US Navy, retiring with the rank of Commander after 23 years of service. His final resting place will be at Arlington National Cemetery, where he will receive, at a future date, full military honors. Phil was a graduate of the Maritime College at Fort Schuyler and sailed just long enough to realize that his childhood dream of one day becoming a captain on a trans-Atlantic ocean liner with a life at sea was not for him. He sought a business education at the University of Pennsylvania and graduated in 1960 with an MBA from the Wharton School. His corporate career focused on all modes of transportation, beginning as an analyst for the New York Central Railroad and continuing upward until he became Vice President of Prudential Grace Lines. Phil left the corporate world in 1977 to begin a career of owning and operating car washes and soon was the owner of multiple locations in different states. He retired from active participation in his business in 2000 to enjoy travel and to spend time with his family and grandchildren. It was his dream to take each of his grandchildren on a European trip. Last year, he took his eldest, Jacqueline, to Paris and Amsterdam and later took J.P. to Italy. Sadly, his goal was interrupted, but his wife, Barbara, vows to fulfill his goal. In

**Christopher William Fogarty '79**, a New Jersey native who lived in Fresno, Texas for twelve years, died at Methodist Sugar Land Hospital on Sunday, April 19, 2015. Christopher was born June 18, 1957 in Teaneck, New Jersey and grew up nearby in Bergenfield, New Jersey. He was employed in the oil and gas industry in New York City for 20 years prior to moving to Texas. He worked for Phillips 66 as a Marine Operations Coordinator for Phillips 66 Co. at its Houston office for the past 10 years. Christopher was a parishioner of St. Angela Merici Catholic Parish, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus, and the Apostleship of the Sea USA. He was an avid reader, loved all types of music, and all things nautical. He is survived by his wife of twelve years, Brenda Denham Fogarty; daughter, Meghan A. Fogarty; two sisters, Betty Milam, and Judy Duffy; two nieces and two nephews, two great-nephews and one great-niece.



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## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2nd

- Alumni Reunion Events
- Will it float Race
- Movie on the Quad

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd

- Football – SUNY Maritime vs. Anna Maria College
- Waterfront Activities
- Tailgating
- Heritage Hall Induction
- 50th Reunion Pass in Review



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