

# MARITIME COLLEGE

## STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK



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Dear Future Cadet:

Welcome aboard and congratulations on your acceptance to Maritime College. On behalf of the Regiment of Cadets and the Regimental Staff, we look forward to your joining us in the upcoming semester.

The program at the Maritime College is unique. The combination of the military structure of the Regiment, the challenging academic programs and the professional skills and development required to obtain a Merchant Marine license will place demands on you not found at other colleges. It is important that you understand this when you enroll at the college; **you will need to be both mentally and physically prepared for this challenge.** You will quickly find that self-discipline is an essential element required to complete the program; it is also integral to your professional development and future success. The daily routine at the Maritime College and on the Training Ship is very structured and one based on a traditional Regimental system. Cadets are required to accept responsibility during the academic year and while on the Summer Sea Term for their assigned duties and for the welfare of their fellow Cadets. The purpose of the upcoming Indoctrination is to prepare you for this routine.

Starting Friday, 02 January 2015, you will take part in an intense, ten day Indoctrination program. Please note that all Indoctrination and uniform fees must be paid prior to the start of this period. **Financial arrangements for tuition and other fees are also to be completed prior to your arrival.** Required medical forms and records must also be submitted for evaluation by the college medical staff prior to a candidate starting Indoctrination. It should be noted that failure to complete all financial and medical requirements prior to the start of Indoctrination will delay your start and could jeopardize your status as a member of this Indoctrination class.

You are required to report to Baylis Hall between the hours of 9:00 am and 10:30 am on Friday, 02 January 2015. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by a member of the Regiment of Cadets who will assist you with the check-in process. For those with outstanding issues, it will be imperative that you bring all documents regarding financial and medical issues with you to expedite and ensure a smooth and timely processing. Following processing, candidates will start the Indoctrination program which will continue until Sunday, 11 January.

Indoctrination Graduation will take place on Sunday, 11 January 2014 at 10:00 am in Riesenbergs Gymnasium. All parents and friends are cordially invited to attend this event marking not only the first benchmark in the Regimental program, but also one of great pride and personal accomplishment. Following the swearing-in ceremony, all Cadets will be granted liberty until 10:00 pm on Monday, 12 January. It should be noted that except for emergency reasons, no Cadet will be allowed visitors prior to graduation from Indoctrination. Please inform your parents of this fact. In cases of emergency, my office may be contacted at 718-409-7350 or 7352.

Again, congratulations to you on your acceptance to the first and foremost Maritime College in the United States. You and your family should take great pride in your acceptance.

Sincerely,

*Captain Richard S. Smith*  
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