

**Media Advisory**

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**SUNY MARITIME COLLEGE TO BREAK GROUND ON STATE-OF-THE-ART  
SEAMANSHIP CENTER FOR STUDENTS AND PROFESSIONAL MARINERS  
AND REVEAL TWO NEW LEARNING FACILITIES**

*Major construction projects total \$23.5 million made possible through significant NYS investment*

**THROGGS NECK, NY – March 31, 2022** – On Monday, April 4, 2022, SUNY Maritime College will break ground on the William Austen Marine Education & Seamanship Center. Two ribbon cutting ceremonies will also take place to unveil the newly built Student Learning Center and the fully renovated Marine Engineering Systems Laboratory. New York State and local officials will be attending.

In addition to significant New York State investment, funding includes a \$1 million donation from Maritime College alum William Austen for a total of \$23.5 million. Construction of the William Austen Marine Education & Seamanship Center will begin in April 2022 and end in 2023.

**What:** Groundbreaking and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremonies

**Who:** New York State and Local Officials

**When:** Monday, April 4, 2022

**Where:** SUNY Maritime College

**Timeline:** 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. – Media Tour/Preview  
10:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m. – Groundbreaking Ceremony – Press Interviews  
11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Ribbon Cutting, Student Learning Center – Press Interviews  
12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m. – Ribbon Cutting, Marine Engineering Sys. Lab – Press Interviews

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