



SUNY Maritime Parents Association

General Meeting

April 5, 2024

7:00 PM

In Person Meeting

President's Address:

- Moment of Silence for NYPD Officer Diller- SUNY Maritime Alumni
- Thank you for our speakers this evening, Admiral Alfultis, Captain McManus and Roxanne Thompson.
- The Parents Association presented the Admiral with a gift for his 10 years of service to the school - a personalized picture frame with a certificate- flag will be flown over the Capital on the day of his retirement party Tuesday, May 21st. His wife Kim was not there but was given flowers to present to her.
- School is in need of a Chaplain- several students are working on - brought to our attention on Ash Wednesday when a group of students coordinated with local church.
- Four new board members were nominated this evening so welcome new members- Kathleen Winter, Oksana Holeva, Rebecca Berna, and Christine Muller.
- Motion to change Article X Quorum of our Constitution - Motion approved.

Admiral Alfultis:

- Accepted Students Day is very important, and the main focus should be to convince the accepted students to agree to attending Maritime.
- Parents Association- needs to engage the parents and their children on that day, tell them stories about your experiences and your child's experiences.
- Stress that the school provides great opportunities for all of its students.
- ENGAGE them by answering their questions and asking them questions.
- Help them to see and understand how great Maritime is.
- Many parents want to know the cost of SST which has not been determined yet because they are waiting for the state budget, the school is not sure how much money the state will give them for scholarships.

- The cost is 7.5 million dollars, the Federal Government will be covering 1.5 million of that for the cost of fuel.
- 469 Cadets applied for scholarships which the committee is in the process of reviewing now and should hopefully have made a decision in the next 2 weeks.
- There are no scholarships for Cadet Shipping because Cadets get paid for Cadet Shipping
- There will be no Winter Sea Term in January 2025
- The bill for SST will probably go out in April but payment plan will be flexible because of all the issues with FAFSA, SST bill might even be added on to fall semester bill.
- SST- when they leave the school, they will spend 2-3 days off the coast of Montauk to perform drills and then head down to the Bahamas.
- Nassau, Bahamas is the first port which is considered safe and there are many Maritime alumni there.
- How much cash should Cadets bring- UK and Norway are the more expensive ports, estimate about \$300 per port and also have a credit card.
- The best way to contact Cadets during SST is through their Maritime email.
- International Insurance is required and included in the SST bill.
- All necessary work that needs to be done on the ship will be completed by 5/1.

Captain McManus:

- The **TENTATIVE** schedule for Summer Sea Term is done but please remember that all dates and ports can change up to the very last minute because everything needs to be approved by the State Department
- In the past, approval for ports did not come in until the last minute.
- The ship is ready to go out on cruise.
- Pre Cruise-Dates are as followed:
 - 1st Class reports on 5/28
 - 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Class report on 5/29
- June 4th training ship will be leaving campus for summer term
- Nassau, Bahamas June 13-17th
- Azores June 28-July 2nd
- Portsmouth, UK July 9 - 13th
- Bergen, Norway July 19-22nd
- The ship is scheduled to arrive back to Maritime on August 6th in the morning, Cadets will be dismissed on arrival and will have to return the next morning for Post Cruise which will last for two days, ending on 8/9.

- In terms of meeting your Cadet at one of the SST ports- remember the Cadets would rather hang out with their friends when they have liberty and also if a Cadet is on punishment, then they will not be able to leave the ship.
- Cadets will get liberty while on cruise, but they must return to the ship every night, there is no overnight liberty.
- Sea Days Requirement- 360 days for License
- Coast Guard counts 1 day on cruise as 1 ½ Sea Days
- Cadet Shipping- 1 day at sea equals 1 Sea Day

Upcoming Events:

- April 13th Car Show
- April 20th Accepted Students Day
- April 27th Friends and Family Day
- Graduation- May 24th at 10am, 4 tickets per family
- Boat Trip will be coordinated by the parents association- will meet the Empire State Training Ship when it is returning from SST on Aug 6th.

Adjournment:

- Jeannine adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm