



SUNY Maritime Parents Association

General Meeting

April 4, 2025

7:00 PM

In Person Meeting

Co-Corresponding Secretary Address:

- President had a family emergency
- New Board Members- Adele McGreal, Frank McGreal, Lisa Collins, John Collins, Lina Jaskot
- We will be in touch about voting through email or at another meeting

Admiral John Okon- President:

- Giving Day- is about two weeks away on 4/22, first time doing this, a 24 hour event to raise money for the school
- Want to increase our donor base
- Will start at noon and end at noon the next day
- 4/22- Spring Fest for the students, from 5 to 8 in the quad, Dean Grohman set up a fabulous schedule of events like spin the wheel and giveaways, waterfront will be open with kayaks, tune into social media because increase the school's presence to build spirit and momentum for Giving Day, all information will be on the SUNY Maritime College website, please share this to your network
- Want to increase donors, increase fundraising, but more importantly increase awareness of the school
- Trying to do everything on social media for Giving Day, sent out about 5,000 of postcards that contain a QR code
- Can give to whatever inspires you, for example you can give to athletics, student activities, museum, regiment, or whatever you want
- You can access the Giving Day Website by using the QR Code, our social media, or through the school's website
- On April 23rd at noon, the school will be hosting its first ever Industry Panel which will end at 5pm
- It will bring industry experts and alumni back to our campus, all are welcomed to attend (students, staff, faculty, alumni, parents, etc.)
- Want to expose the students that there are many opportunities for them in the Maritime Industry
- We want to inspire the next generation to think big

- On April 24th, there will be a Women of Maritime Panel which will bring back legacy females that are giants in the industry
- This is the 50th anniversary of females on campus and females in the regiment
- The seven that started on August of 1974, six that graduated in May 1978, and two of those six will be taking part in the panel
- At 3pm on April 24th is Inauguration Day which will include a formal ceremony for the installation of the president, there will be a series of speakers that will speak on what they want the president to do for the school
- At the Inauguration, the president will set his vision for the school
- On that day we are also celebrating the school's birthday
- Also on the 24th at 6pm, the school will be hosting the Athletic Hall of Fame where will be inducting some of our superstars, Charles Munch, Dick Sadler, Pete Becky, Rick Smith, Pete Vecchio, Pat McDonald, and Ashley O'Brien
- Some clubs teams feel disconnected with the school and that is over thanks to our new Athletic Director, Jamel Ramsay

Jamel Ramsay- Director of Athletics:

- Students will be provided with great coaching for both club and varsity sports
- Athletics relies heavily on parents and alumni involvement
- So please communicate any concerns so we can all be on the same page
- The students are engaged and they want to be pushed and be involved
- Our department is going to do everything we can to support them with the coaches and resources that they need
- Want the students to have a great experience and become great alumni that will continue to build a great legacy for the school
- We can get where we want to be with your support and help
- If you need anything, you can always email me at jramsay@sunymaritime.edu or call me at 718-409-7331
- Had a meeting with the crew team coach about not having uniforms and only attending two regattas and it will be addressed right away, working on scheduling eight regattas
- There will be a meet with LIU on the 11th
- There will also be a joint practice competition with Fordham and Iona in about a week
- Spoke with KP and we should have something scheduled with them in a few days
- So we should have eight regattas before the semester is over

- In terms of compliance, trying to get everything in place as quickly as possible so that all students that have been going to practices will be able to compete
- Division Three teams are funded through an athletic fee and state funding, but club sports are not so they have to raise money themselves
- Also, we need to increase women's sports at the school so there is a balance between the number of men's and women's teams
- When was first appointed, meet with all the coaches and teams and found out what needs to be corrected
- In the final stages of hiring a new soccer coach and should have an announcement shortly
- We are able to purchase a new scoreboard and will have the field fixed by August 8th

James Spear- Director of Professional Maritime Training:

- This department is the non-credit technical course department for deck license cadets
- These courses do not interact with license seeking courses
- We design and test new programs
- One area that we work with is offshore wind
- Maritime received a blended state and federal grant a few years ago for 1.3 million dollars
- This was used to help insult a range of wind related courses
- Service an external market for continuing adult education while including undergraduate students in offering them basic safety training and technical training courses for offshore wind
- First component of what we do is that we support the offshore wind market by offering a lot of exciting programs
- Second component is the we offer students Coast Guard approved work that they would need to keep their licenses
- Third component is dynamic positioning which is a sophisticated navigational system that integrates a constellation of satellites into a ship's propulsion system that allows a vessel to stay within a really tight geographic envelope at sea
- Deal with enhanced credential add-ons to the baseline license
- We will be one of only two Maritime academies in the United States to hold dynamic positioning (NIDP) credentialing

Dean Grohman- Dean of Students:

- Dean for about three weeks
- Contact information is the same (718) 409-5879
- Unfortunately parents that were in person were unable to hear Dean Grohman
- Located in Baylis Hall
- Could not hear him, so had to end the meeting