



SUNY Maritime Parents Association

General Meeting

March 7, 2025

7:00 PM

In Person Meeting

President's Address -Jeannine Timpone :

- We have been having some issues with the board
- We need new volunteers to join which we would like to have on the board before nominations take place
- We have three volunteers that would like to be on the board- Melissa Parson 2028, Lina Jaskot 2027, and Lisa Collins 2027
- We will be losing half of our board members because their cadets are graduating, so we definitely need support
- Super Bowl party was a huge success
- We are here to do everything we can for the students
- I'm looking to run for President again
- Our next meeting will be on 4/4 where we will be taking nominations and having elections
- The parents association is involved in a lot of things on campus and tries to help out in any way possible
- The school will be marching in the St. Patrick's Day parade this year, last year Bridget Donovan won a special award
- Frank McGreal was able to get grandstand tickets which we will be raffling off

Robert Craft- Waterfront Director:

- There's always something to do with the waterfront
- Your sons and daughters can come down to the waterfront and if there's nothing for them to do, I will buy them a beer
- There are many things to do at the waterfront- lake sailing workshop, working on boats, putting boats in the water, extra duty, community service, boat safety classes, and aquatic programs
- Many engine students come down and use our woodshop
- When the season begins, we have a sailing team
- We offer activities, such as kayaking and scuba club

- We also hold the cardboard boat race in the fall
- In the spring, we hold a boat race for the students
- There's always something to do at the waterfront and everybody is welcome and treated the same
- Community programs - Adventure Camp during the summer and community swim throughout the year
- [Public Programs](#): STEM programs, school programs, and more
- [Professional Mariner Training](#) (PMT): Courses and programs that help people become merchant mariners and allow mariners to maintain their credentials or advance in their profession
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Admiral John Okon- President:

- School will have Transient Dock fees at the Waterfront which will help to generate some revenue for the school
- Stated that Jeannine has his support and they shared deep friendship and how much she means to him and to the school
- Students first, Maritime always
- SST will begin on May 25th
- The William Austen Marine Education and Seamanship Center is open and is being used for training and oceanography classes
- At the moment, the school is in a tough spot fiscally, a Stability Plan has been put together and approved by the chancellor
- We are running the school like a business in order to develop education, increase enrollment (low enrollment in the past 8 years, but this year all-time high, up 12% in applications and 18% on deposits)
- Will replace old banners with new campus banners with the new logo before Accepted Students Day 4/26
- Also looking to replace the scoreboard
- Want to make sure the campus looks bright, vibrant, and professional
- Strategic Plan- expired last summer, we are creating a new vision mission, replacing the seven core values with three core values, which are Loyalty, Value and Leadership
- A new athletic director will be appointed by the end of March
- New Provost will be on campus by the end of summer
- Four Years Before the Mast Book Signing- a book about Maritime written by Joseph A. Williams former Assistant Librarian, he will do an hour long leadership workshop, the school bought \$5,000 worth of books, so 100 books will be given out to the students, he's doing this pro bono
- Will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of the first graduating class at Maritime
- Alumni events will take place in January, May and September- this event will include all alumni, including new graduates
- Students will be participating in the Throggs Neck St. Patrick's Day parade on March 16th

- Students will be participating in the St. Patrick's Day in New York City on March 17th- faculty, staff and Emerald Society will be participating who's president Bridget Donovan received an award last year
- New York State Association for College Admission Counseling (NYSACAC) College Fair will take place on 3/18
- The Marine Society dinner in the city will take place on March 27th to celebrate 150th Centennial of the school- the school will receive a \$25,000 donation each year for the next three years totalins \$75,000
- McAllister towing has donated 2.5 million dollars to maintain the tug simulator
- There will be a cadet lead panel on April 3rd
- Admiral's Leadership Lecture- explaining his time in the Navy will take place on April 8th
- Spring Fest will take place on April 9th on the quad
- Industry Day- experts and alumni will come and talk about what's going on in the Maritime industry, especially with autonomous ships, this will take place on April 23rd
- The 50th anniversary of having women on campus- in 1978 seven women joined Maritime, two of the original seven will be doing a panel and talk about what it was like for females on campus, this will take place the morning of April 24th
- Inauguration- the chancellor of SUNY schools will attend, will be taking place at 3 PM on April 24th
- MAC- athletics Hall of Fame, six students will be inducted, this event has not taken place in the past five years, will take place in the evening of April 24th
- Two students will be receiving an award from the chancellor of SUNY schools in Albany on April 29th
- Dorm checkout will take place on May 17th
- The student excellence awards will take place on May 22nd
- Graduation will take place on May 23rd
- Ship out will take place on May 25th
- Licensing- in January for the Deckies 35% of students taking the test passed seven out of seven tests on their first try, for engine students 54% of the students taking the test passed eight out of eight tests on their first try
- License tests are given two times a year, in January and then again in August, tests are given in four days straight
- The Cardinal ball cap is given to cadets who have passed all license tests and they are allowed to wear it anywhere on campus
- License tests will take place after SST
- There can be up to 550 students on the ship for SST, the ship holds up to 750 students
- Cadet Shipping- there are about 40 to 60 students that could go out for cadet shipping, Kirby is one of the companies that is offering Cadet Shipping, those students are still encouraged to apply for SST scholarships, this is just in case they do not get a billet, then they can go out on SST and are still able to possibly get a scholarship

Jennifer Mahoney- Vice President for Instructional Advancement:

- Giving Day- will take place online on Tuesday from 12pm to 12pm, postcards were sent out to over 5,000 people, these postcards showcase the different areas on campus like athletics, parents, alumni, and the museum
- Formulating a strategy on how to talk to donors in order to raise more money
- Striving to raise unrestricted amounts of money
- The school will be advertising all of this and sending out emails
- One plan for next year to to advertise more in order to raise funds

CAPT. Morgan McManus- Master Empire State:

- Ship is doing well and the bow thruster will be tested on March 16th and 17th
- Maximum enrollment for the ship is 550 students
- Ports of call are locked in
- Please do not book trips to meet your Cadet at any of the ports especially after last year, that showed that things can change, the Cadets want to hang out with their friends at the ports not their parents
- Hiring staff for SST, most are alumni
- Packing list will be sent out soon
- Make sure that your children pack light because there is not a lot of storage space on the ship and the rooms are small
- There will be a ship building conference in New Orleans
- All Cadets need to do Pre Cruise especially the Cadets that are waiting for a Cadet Shipping billets so they are earning sea days while waiting, Cadets can not sit for license tests if they have not meet the required number of sea days
- Mr. Spillane has set a date that all Cadets need to adhere by if they do not receive a Cadet Shipping billet by then, they need to go on SST
- Cadet Shipping can take the place of your 2nd year cruise
- SST- there will be a community project at each port that will make the community better, “leave a port better than the way we found it”
- There will be two SST events hosted by alumni- one will take place in New Orleans and the other will take place in Norway
- Check with your Cadet if they are passing the required courses that are mandatory for SST, they must pass these courses in order to take part in SST, speak to them over Spring Break about this and encourage them to get help

- Looking to hire a Commander of Cadets- in the process of accepting applications and beginning the interview process, hoping that the position will be filled by May

Upcoming Events:

- Spring Break- 3/17-3/21
- Next Parents Association In Person Meeting- 4/4