



# SUNY Maritime Parents Association

**General Meeting**  
**February 1, 2024**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Zoom Meeting**

## **President's Address:**

- Jeannine Timpone welcomed back parents for new Spring Semester
- Last time everyone was together was for the holiday party in December which was a nice time had. Many friendships were made, parents association sold some merchandise, thank you for the support!
- Thank you to three administrators from the school that are with us this evening, Dr. Waters, Captain McManus and Christine D'Amico from counseling office
- Today, SUNY Chancellor King and SUNY Trustees visited campus today. They made an exciting announcement regarding the college's new Global Wind Organization. Dr. Water's can touch more upon.
- I know many students and parents were concerned with license exam that took place this January. The school did send out an email, rather later than anticipated but they communicated with students. We hope that all students affected, when they do retake these important license exams pass and we can all celebrate their achievements and be proud of their perseverance and determination to keep working hard through the rough waters. Let's be respectful of our upsetness and hopefully Dr. Water's can talk about this in more detail.
- Hopefully Captain McManus can give us an update on our new training ship "first voyage"
- For all those not aware, the parents association made a \$2500 donation to the maiden voyage. It went to two excursions. January 15th and January 20th for hiking and waterfall tours. \$1250 each tour.
- Christine D'Amico can give us an update as to what's going on and what support available on campus
- The parents association will be holding its sip and paint on March 3rd come paint and wine glass and support the parents association raise funds and have FUN.

- The parents association will be sponsoring the annual Super Bowl party for all students on campus. We get outside food, got lots of fun prizes to raffle off. Thank you very much to the parents that made donations to this fun event.
- March 7th will be the next parent meeting -it will be a zoom meeting
- The April meeting will be held in person because we will be holding elections
- If anyone is interested in joining the board please reach out and let us know. We are looking to have a photographer position because all events we have are so busy and we are all trying to take pictures so maybe having this position would help us out.

### **Christine D'Amico- Counseling Services**

- Counseling wanted to thank the parents association for the donation of stress anchor relievers
- services has a new logo (new ship and heart) great hit along with new sweatshirts to show support
- Peer education program- have six trained students who have been trained through a Mental Health course to help counsel students on campus
- Peer Educators- took an eight hour training course to help prepare them on how they can help students, and what their limits are, can make suggestions to students
- Counseling was part of licensing exams with support
- We now have a part-time staff psychologist
- All counseling services are confidential
- Counseling works very closely with Dr. Todd
- Faculty staff, who are concerned with the student will inform Dr. Todd
- And student who has been flagged as a concern will be brought to counseling services
- Counseling events held during midterms, finals, and licensing tests

### **Captain Jennifer Waters- Provost**

- SUNY Chancellor John King was on campus today along with many elected officials, started off on the new training ship and were able to speak with several cadets that sailed on the training ship this past January. Met with intern students. Press release announcement about our safety training with offshore winds. Right now it's just a center with many different elements. It's more of a training mariner program. We are certified to administer this training.

- Leigh Winfrey is also on the call (Dean of Engineering). She met with students who took the license tests to discuss concerns
- The school is responsible for providing training and resources to prepared them for the exam, they are involved with facilitating testing, the maritime academy is not involved in creating the content, selecting the questions. This is the responsibility of the US Coast Guard.
- They did have a meeting with Coast Guard to give feedback for the test (questions)
- Retakes for those are going well
- Dr. Winfrey met with chairs to go over all issues and student concerns.
- Students were looking for more presence being available. Which they already provide.
- Turbines was problematic most on exam. The way they were advertised. But moving forward should be ok in preparing. Extra review sessions, additional review materials going forward.
- Matt who was in charge of Cadet Shipping has taken a new position but still within Maritime and supporting the cadets until vacancy has been filled.

### **Captain Morgan McManus**

- Winter Sea Term was a success. Many back with a little crew cold.
- There were some hiccups south bound and north bound but it just affected the time. Stuck in San Juan a few extra days because of parts being flown in but all worked out. Enjoyed the festival during their time there.
- There were 226 students that took part in it
- Summer Sea Term will have about 500 Cadets participate
- Summer Sea Term- tentative start date is May 27th
- The length will be about 75 days
- Working on possibly 4 ports but waiting on confirmation before releasing the exact ports

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Super Bowl Party for Cadets February 11th
- Sip and Paint Event on March 3rd- paint your own wine glass, bring your own beverages, location will be at school
- Next meeting will be on March 7th- it will be a zoom meeting
- April meeting will be in person since elections need to be held