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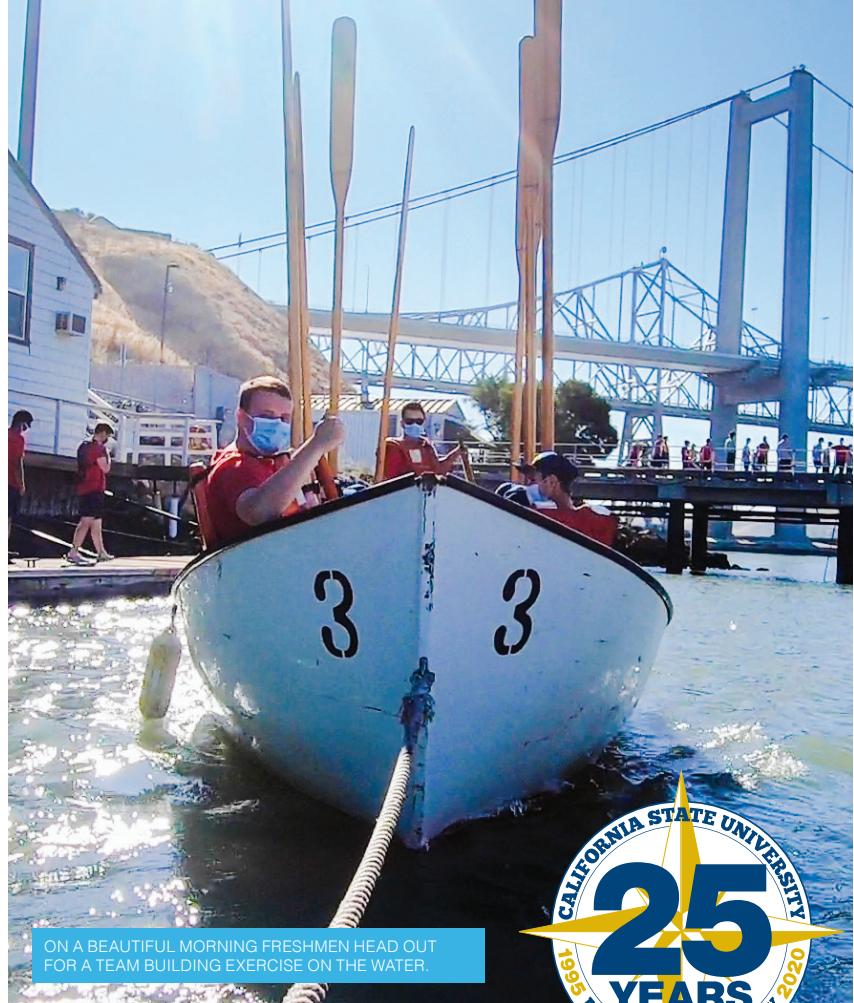
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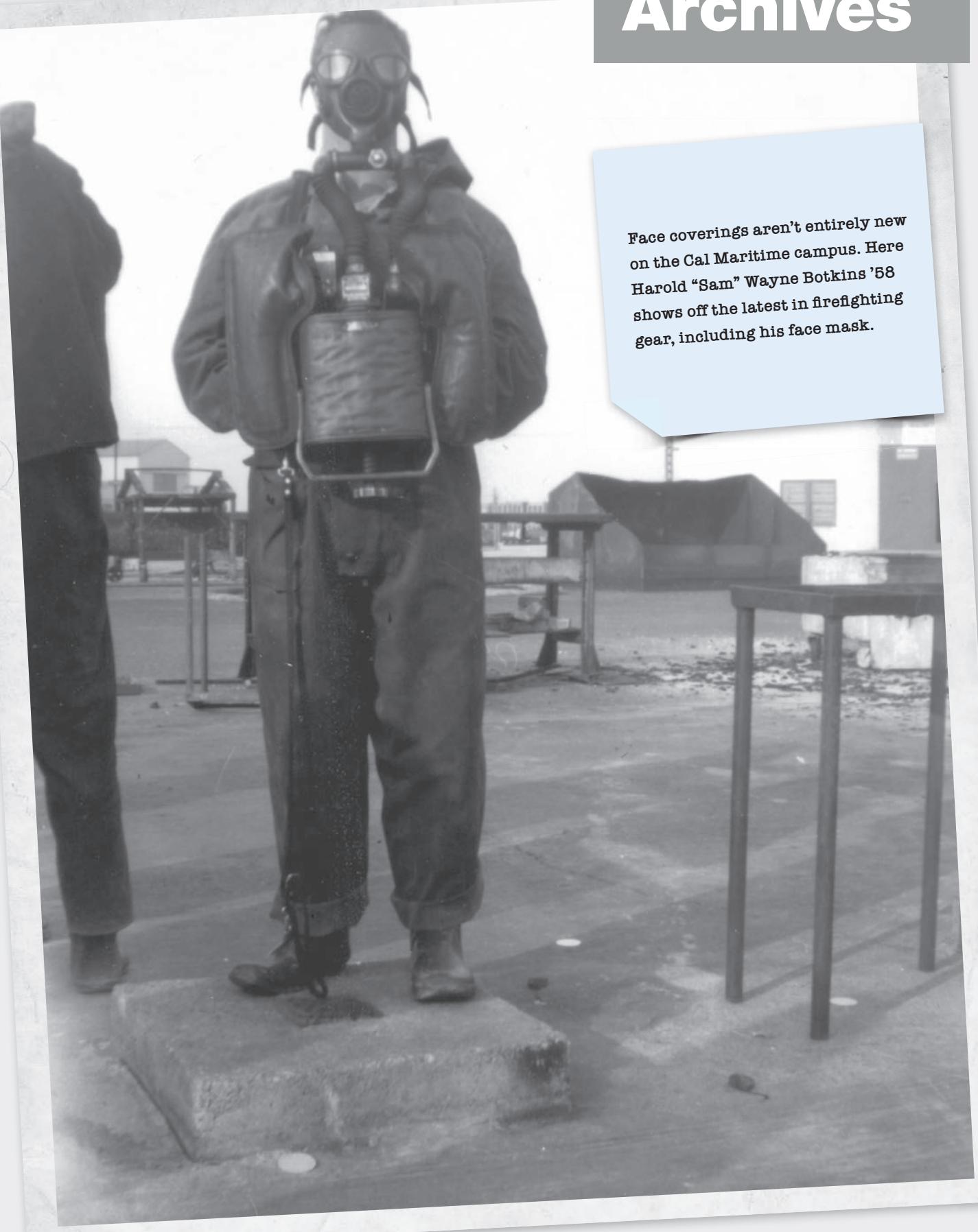


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COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AROUND THE COUNTRY HAVE SHUT DOWN OR GONE VIRTUAL DUE TO COVID-19. CAL MARITIME HAS STAYED OPEN AND HELD FAST TO OUR EDUCATIONAL MISSION.



# From the Archives



Face coverings aren't entirely new on the Cal Maritime campus. Here Harold "Sam" Wayne Botkins '58 shows off the latest in firefighting gear, including his face mask.

# From the President

On a beautiful, sunny August afternoon, I stood at the stern of the Training Ship *Golden Bear*, sporting a bright orange life vest. Leading our newest class of cadets in our inaugural ship to shore event — I was ready for a plunge, then a swim. There, at the head of the line, I'll admit to a bit of giddy anticipation.

Captain Sam Pecota stood at my side and joked that he hoped he would get along with the next Cal Maritime President as well as he had with me. Having checked tide charts and waited a bit for slack water I leapt into Morrow Cove some 30 feet below — proper form, head up, and setting a good example.

Well, those tide tables might need a little work. Although I entered the water at amidships, I surfaced outboard of the *Golden Bear*, in the Carquinez Strait, and a couple yards forward of the transom. OK, onto plan B. As I started swimming — vigorously — toward the stern, I encountered a pretty swift current. After I barely squeaked my way back to the transom (Michael Phelps I am not, and that bulky life vest didn't help) Sam signaled for one of the nearby safety craft standing by to pick me up. They did — expertly and quickly just as they've been taught! The cadets were immediately relocated to the basin dock where they could safely jump and swim to shore, out of reach of the unwelcome and seemingly invisible current I had just encountered.

I imagine that you have all experienced some version of this story in the past eight months amidst the COVID pandemic and its dangerous, invisible virus. So much in our lives has been radically altered, with little warning. We've all learned quickly to adjust our plans and expectations — in fact the word pivot seems to be a common part of our vocabulary these days.

Here at Cal Maritime, that pivot has been impressive both to watch and be a part of. Our leadership, from every facet of faculty and staff to the Corps of Cadets has faced- and continues to face — a daunting challenge. We moved quickly to virtual instruction, introduced rigorous safety measures for those on campus, and remain strongly committed to our educational mission. I am exceptionally proud of



and thankful for our faculty, staff, cadets, alumni and friends who have contributed to our success. You'll read more about them in these pages.

We're not through the COVID storm yet — in fact, on a campus accustomed to uniforms, we've added masks of all colors and models. And despite further challenges this fall like extreme temperatures, wildfires, and poor air quality, our spirits are high. We are, indeed, amidst a complex and extraordinarily difficult time and while much work remains, I've been astounded and blessed by the grace, flexibility, humility and resilience of our entire academy community. We are responding to this unwelcome and unexpected "current" in our world, just as those cadets did after I leapt off the *Golden Bear*. And yes, every single one of them made their swim successfully from the dock all the way to the shore.

I've often said that doing hard and sometimes dangerous things well is part of our culture at Cal Maritime. And I can think of no place I'd rather be or any other people I'd want to be with as we leap together — surely, safely, and purposefully — into our promising future. 



# REFORESTING A CAMPUS

## On Morrow Cove

On the dramatic afternoon of October 27, 2019, the Glen Cove Fire leapt across Interstate 80 and threatened the Cal Maritime's campus. Thanks to the quick response of the Vallejo Fire Department and other first responders — including cadets and staff — damage was contained to a small area. However, the campus did suffer a significant loss to one of its defining features, its tree population.

THE WHITE DOTS ON THE MAP BELOW INDICATE THE LOCATION OF NEW TREES THAT WILL BE WIDELY PLANTED AROUND CAMPUS.

INSET: THE FIRST ANNUAL BRIDGE WALK WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 27TH IN RECOGNITION OF THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE GLEN COVE FIRE AND THOSE WHO HELPED SAVE AND REBUILD THE CAMPUS.

In the months that followed 400 affected trees, including native species, had to be removed, visibly baring a large area.

But not for long. The Campus Tree Advisory Committee quickly set to work creating a plan to bring in 800 new trees, doubling the number lost. With the support of the Arbor Day foundation and a local volunteer professional, three species of native trees have been selected, all with low water requirements. Look for seedlings of *Quercus agrifolia* (California Live Oak), *Cercis occidentalis* (Western Red Bud), and *Aesculus californica* (California Buckeye) to begin filling the campus with new greenery soon. Once again cadets will be called in for help — this time for planning, organizing and participating in a series of planting events. 





# Students Earn Inaugural Scholarships from Intermodal Association of North America

Eight students received funding from the Intermodal Association of North American (IANA) this fall to support their studies at Cal Maritime. Each is an International Business & Logistics Department (IBL) major, and the new IANI award is designed to support their development toward careers in the marine transportation industry.

IBL Professor Robert Neuman applied for the IANA funding in 2019 on behalf of the department, and when the \$25,000 award was granted, the department agreed to use the monies to support individual students as well as field trips and equipment student projects and labs.

Fifteen students with an interest in the supply chain/logistics industry as a career were then invited to apply over the summer for a portion of the funds. Requirements included submitting an essay about how their education at Cal Maritime is preparing them

TOP ROW L-R: DIANA MARTINEZ CAMACHO '21 (IBL), LUKE LASSILA '21 (IBL), TRAN NGUYEN '22 (IBL), THANAPHORN SUPAKIT '22 (IBL). BOTTOM ROW L-R: ROBERT NEUMANN, IBL PROFESSOR, BIANCA VELAZQUEZ '21 (IBL), RYAN WEEKS '21 (IBL), NATHANIEL YOUNG '21 (IBL), DONALD D. MAIER, PHD, DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF MARITIME TRANSPORTATION, JUSTIN DAVIS '21 (IBL) (NOT PICTURED).

for a career in industry. Eight cadets were selected, and each will receive approximately \$2,500.

"Last year a group of IBL cadets and I attended the IANA EXPO in Long Beach, where several hundred member companies presented their products and services for the transportation industry", explained Neumann. "Those students represented Cal Maritime exceptionally well with their professional attitude, confidence, and inquisitiveness and as a result the IANA leadership strongly encouraged us to apply for this grant."

Tran Nguyen '19, one of the inaugural recipients, said he was honored to be chosen for the scholarship.

"I greatly appreciate the faculty recommending me and considering my application," he said. "I have been so blessed with all the opportunity and support I have received at Cal Maritime."

**Dr. Donald Maier**, Dean for the School of Maritime Transportation, Logistics, and Management is optimistic about future collaboration with IANA.

"We're so grateful to begin this partnership with IANA in support of our cadets. They have a strong mentoring culture that promotes rapid development in the industry, and we see enormous benefits as we work with them and their member companies to train and employ our graduates." 



For more information about the  
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# NEW TRAINING VESSELS ON THE HORIZON

Marking a major milestone in years of work to replace the aging fleet of training vessels at five of the U.S. state maritime academies, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD) announced in June that TOTE Services, LLC, has selected Philly Shipyard, Inc., of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to construct the newest class of training ship, the National Security Multi-Mission Vessel (NSMV).

The shipyard will construct up to five new ships to provide world-class maritime training for America's future mariners and to support humanitarian assistance and disaster relief in times of need. The new training ships are designed to serve as a state-of-the-art training platform, complete with classrooms, a training bridge, lab spaces, and an auditorium. Each vessel has space to train up to 600 cadets at sea.

"This exciting and positive news, coming at a time of tremendous disruption for Cal Maritime and all of higher education, is a

welcome reminder that we can all look forward to better days," said Cal Maritime President **Tom Cropper**. "Cal Maritime will continue providing world-class training and education to generations of new leaders for the maritime and related industries. Our current cadets, faculty, staff, alumni, and partners can be assured that our brightest days are in front of us."

In addition to being an educational platform, NSMV are highly-functional national assets. The ships are designed to fill numerous roles, including support of federal response to national disasters. The design includes state-of-the-art hospital facilities, a helicopter landing pad, and the ability to berth up to 1,000 people in times of humanitarian need. Alongside its humanitarian capacities, the NSMV has a roll-on/roll-off ramp and container storage allowing it to provide aid to damaged ports.

In May 2019 TOTE Services, LLC, contracted with MARAD as the vessel construction manager to deliver one to five

NSMVs, and placed an initial order with Philly Shipyard for the first two vessels for delivery in Spring and Winter 2023, with options for the next three vessels.

Following construction and delivery of the ships to TOTE Services, LLC, the vessels will be transferred to MARAD to further their historic mission of training future licensed mariners at state maritime academies and responding to humanitarian and natural disasters for the United States. Cal Maritime's Training Ship *Golden Bear*, the newest of the vessels slated for replacement is likely to remain in use until later in this decade until funding can be secured through the appropriations process. ↴



Watch President Cropper on the need for NSMVs at **MARITIMETV.COM** or scan the code on the left.

# EDWARDS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM COMES INTO FOCUS

Leadership development is a cornerstone of the education at Cal Maritime. As if the world wasn't challenging enough, the Covid-19 pandemic highlights and re-emphasizes the need for graduates as adaptable leaders across the maritime industry. One of the unique leadership initiatives preparing cadets for this challenging environment is the Edwards Leadership Program.

Through the generous and continued support of Tom and Libby Edwards, the Edwards Leadership Program is celebrating the start of its seventh year. "The program champions the learning of leadership as a distinct, palpable advantage," said Commandant of Cadets **David Taliaferro**. "It begins when cadets are on campus and stays with them as they enter their respective professions," he continued. "Its structure offers leadership seminars, peer coaching, external conferences, and research and development."

Utilizing a new partnership with the Center for Creative Leadership, faculty, staff, and cadets engage with one another through a seminar-based format. In these seminars, cadets build on their previous experiences



through activities, critical reflection, and incubate a learning process that develops agility for new experiences.

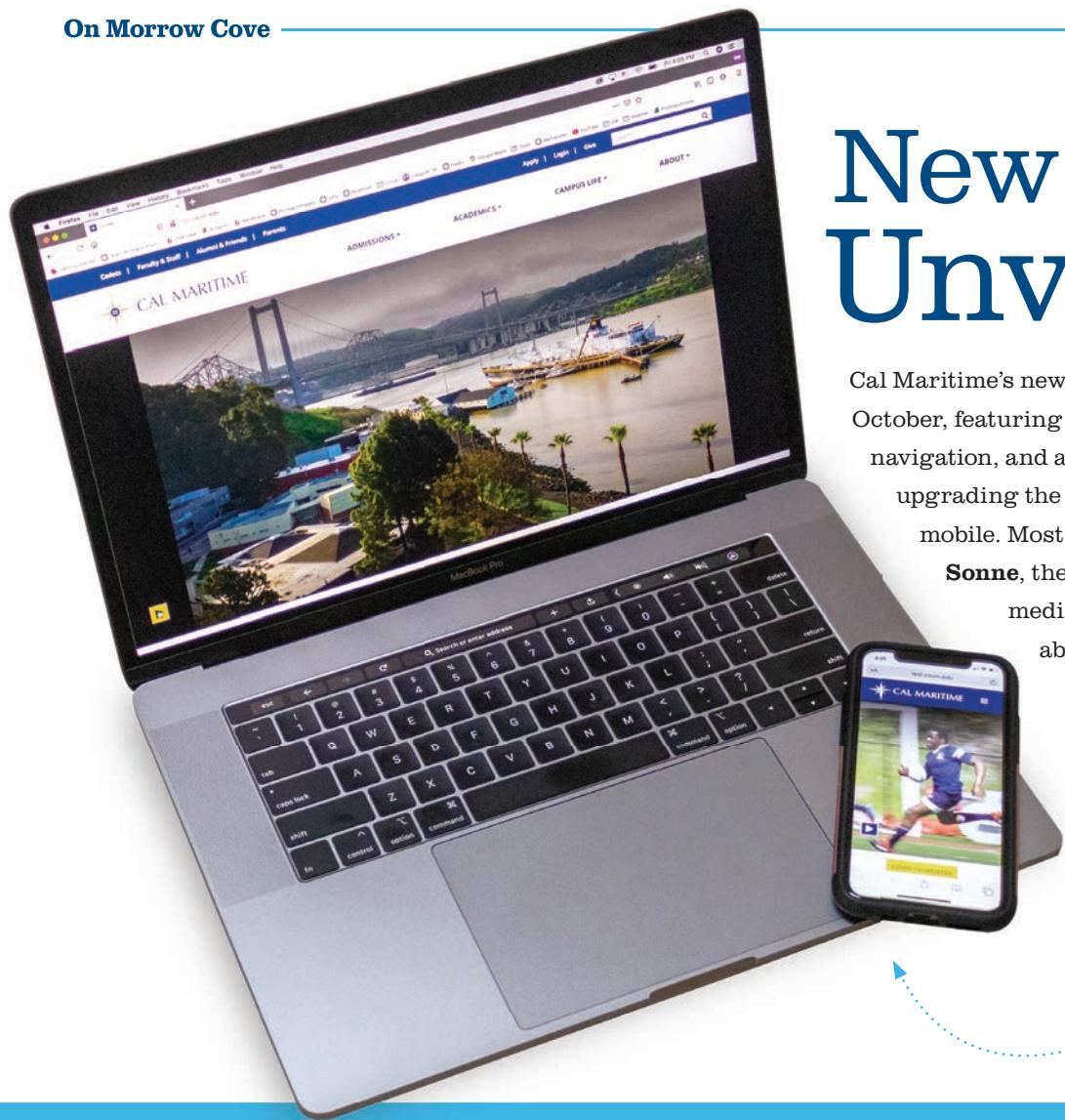
For example, one of the first exercises in getting cadets to shape their own thoughts on leadership is through a picture-based activity known as visual explorer. Imagine walking into a classroom with hundreds of pictures on the walls. Skydiving, landscapes, outer space, and many other types of pictures are displayed with two key prompts: what about this image caught your attention and how does it symbolize effective leadership? Cadets acting in roles as peer coaches debrief the exercise as new perspectives emerge and form expanded ideas on leading.

"While talking in a group about leadership is a great step in learning, making the practical application and incorporating those new insights is critical," Taliaferro pointed out. "Each day here is an opportunity to engage those insights into the

cadet experience. Whether it is working on an academic group project, organizing an event with Associated Students, or practicing with a varsity athletic team, there are so many ways and environments in which cadets transfer their learning."

In addition to the seminar series, Cal Maritime cadets have participated in the United States Naval Academy leadership conference for the past two years. Cadets traveled to Annapolis in January and joined hundreds of other students, cadets, and midshipmen across the world to discuss the most challenging issues facing leaders today.

Just as many academic courses have adapted to a virtual format this year, leadership seminars and conferences are being offered in a similar way. Said Taliaferro: "Faculty, staff, and cadets continue to lead in these uncertain times. The Edwards Leadership Program is showing its value every day." 



# New Website Unveiled

Cal Maritime's new website made its debut in mid-October, featuring a new look and feel, improved navigation, and a responsive design aimed at upgrading the user experience, particularly on mobile. Most of the work was done by **Jennifer Sonne**, the University's webmaster and social media specialist. "I'm really excited about how the new website looks and functions" said Sonne. "I think everyone, from those on campus to anyone who is just beginning to learn about Cal Maritime will find this a much better way to get what they need from our web presence. And everyone's on mobile these days," she added. "That was top of mind as we built this."

## CAL MARITIME STAYS ALOFT IN RECENT RANKING

### 2021 Cal Maritime Standing

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 **TOP PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Regional Colleges (West)



 **REGIONAL COLLEGES (West)**

(West)



 **BEST UNDERGRAD ENGINEERING**

No Doctorate

The Academy earned multiple accolades in *U.S. News and World Report's* 2021 Best College rankings, maintaining its top spot in the ranking of public colleges in the western region, according to the annual publication released today. In addition to being ranked #1 among western public colleges again this year, Cal Maritime earned the #2 spot for regional colleges in the west, and #46 for best undergraduate engineering degree among non-doctorate-earning institutions. The engineering degree ranking reflects an improved standing over the previous year, when Cal Maritime's program earned a #68 ranking.

"We are gratified to learn of Cal Maritime's high standing once again in *US News'* annual rankings," said Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Lori Schroeder. "It confirms what we're seeing on our campus — engaged cadets living and learning each day from our talented and deeply committed faculty. Though the Covid-19 environment is a challenging one, our goal of preparing our student body for lives of relevance and purpose remains unaltered."



# New Faces on Campus

(L-R) DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS KAREN YODER, SENIOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS SARAH KIDWELL, VP FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS AND CADET DEVELOPMENT PROVOST KATHLEEN McMAHON AND VP FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS LORI SCHROEDER KEEP THEIR DISTANCE AS THEY SETTLE INTO THEIR NEW ROLES.

Four new administrators arrived on campus over the course of the summer after an unusual hiring process which included Zoom interviews and meeting new colleagues both from a distance, and masked. “It’s certainly been an unusual experience,” said **Dr. Lori Schroeder**, who came from Indiana to be Cal Maritime’s new provost and vice president for academic affairs. “From the beginning I was impressed with the careful planning that went into opening the campus safely, and I continue to be impressed by the diligence and care demonstrated by all members of the community in keeping campus safe. I’m also just delighted to have joined a talented team,” she shared. Most recently Schroeder served as the provost and dean of the college as well as a professor of English at Franklin College in Franklin, Indiana. Previously she was an administrator and professor at Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois, and prior to that a professor at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, New York.

**Karen Yoder** assumed the role of director of athletics and physical education in July. A former college and professional athlete, she served most recently as the athletic director at Mission Community College in Santa Clara. Previously, the Napa native spent 24 years as administrator, coach,

and athlete in Divisions-I, II, and III athletics, and at NAIA, community college, and high school levels. In the short term, she is tasked with bringing back several sports under a Covid-safe regime as well as making sure cadets can exercise recreationally when access to the PEAC is being carefully controlled. “I look forward to the day when all teams are fully competing and our facilities are widely utilized,” she said. “Until then, we are working hard to keep our athletes and cadets safe, competing, and fit.” Read more about Karen Yoder on page 27.

Supporting the success and wellbeing of cadets, always important, is critical in the current environment. **Dr. Kathleen McMahon**, the new vice president for student affairs and cadet development, jumped right into her role in late July. Coming from Cal Poly where she was the senior associate vice president for student affairs and the dean of students for four years, she focused on student development and leadership, and enhancing student success and retention. Previously, she served as associate vice president for student affairs and Title IX coordinator at Roger Williams College in Bristol, Rhode Island. Acknowledging the good work in progress by her new colleagues, McMahon

said she is impressed by the grit and perseverance demonstrated by the cadets on campus who are behaving in a safe and respectful manner. She shared: “I am diving deep into what makes Cal Maritime such a distinctive place. The cadet experience here is special and we can build on it to create more opportunities for them to feel a sense of belonging and campus pride,” she said.

Communications is another key role amidst an evolving pandemic and **Sarah Kidwell** arrived in August to take on the responsibilities of senior director of public affairs and strategic communications. Her background as a television journalist, a communications director at Brown University, as well as at an independent school and several nonprofits, also includes crisis communications. She first visited Cal Maritime when her son toured the campus as a prospective student in 2018 and looks forward to ensuring that more high school and transfer students have Cal Maritime on their radars. 



Full bios of each new administrator can be found at [CSUM.EDU/NEWS](http://CSUM.EDU/NEWS)

# Books in COMMON

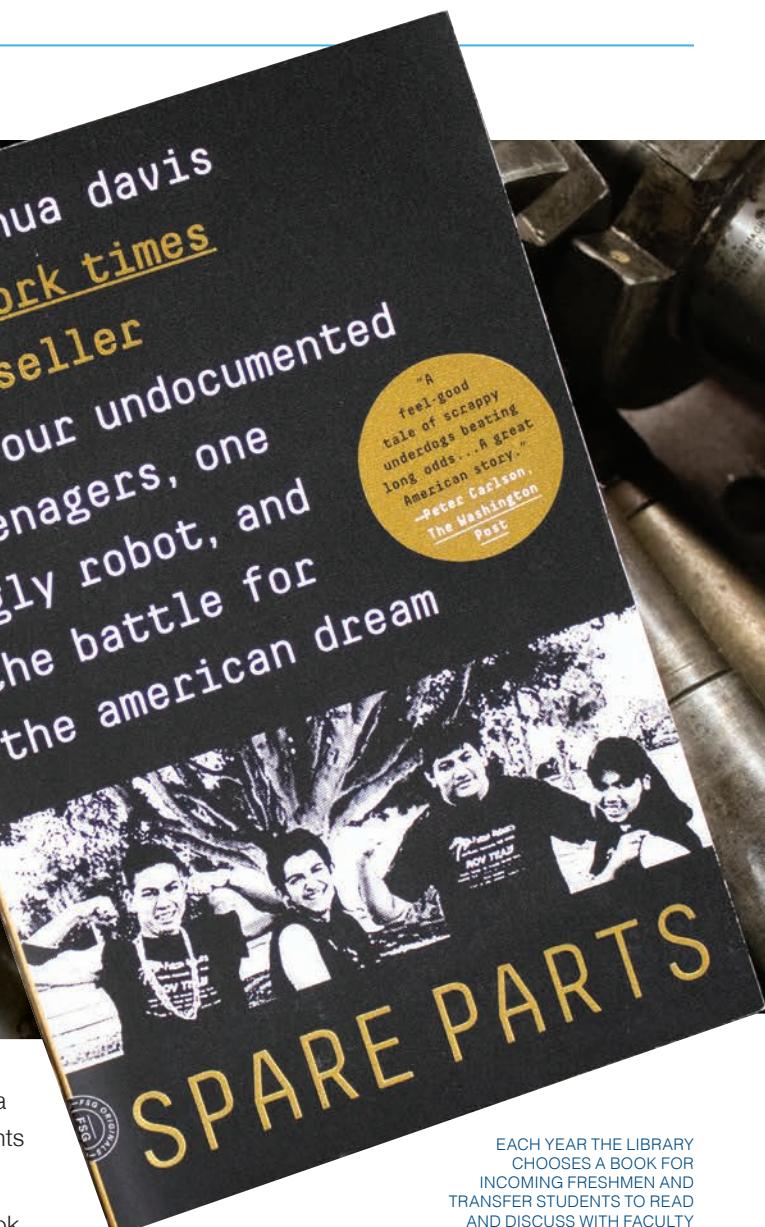
Can sharing a book bring students and faculty together? That's the idea behind a "common read" program now widely used for incoming students at colleges and universities across the country, including Cal Maritime.

"When new students arrive for orientation, they've all read the same book during the summer and it serves as both a bond and a starting point for discussion" said **Michele Van Hoeck**, dean of the library and learning services. "We've been doing this for nearly a decade and find that it's a nice way to acquaint new students with our academic environment and initiate a dialogue — a kind of literary icebreaker," she added.

Each year a committee of faculty, students, and campus librarians gather to choose a book that will pique the interest of incoming students. This year, they landed on *Spare Parts* by Joshua Davis. It's a story of determination and ingenuity that unfolds when four Mexican American high school students enter an underwater robotics competition against long odds.

The selection committee was inspired by several of the book's themes that are relevant to both a maritime education and our current world. Judging by their comments, the incoming freshmen tended to agree. They weighed in during virtual orientation this summer, recording their impressions on a shared learning platform.

**Cooper Smith '24** found parallels to his own high school robotics experience, where his team had both limited budget and knowledge compared to their opponents in the San Diego area. "We had to think outside the box," he shared.



EACH YEAR THE LIBRARY CHOOSES A BOOK FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN AND TRANSFER STUDENTS TO READ AND DISCUSS WITH FACULTY WHEN THEY ARRIVE.

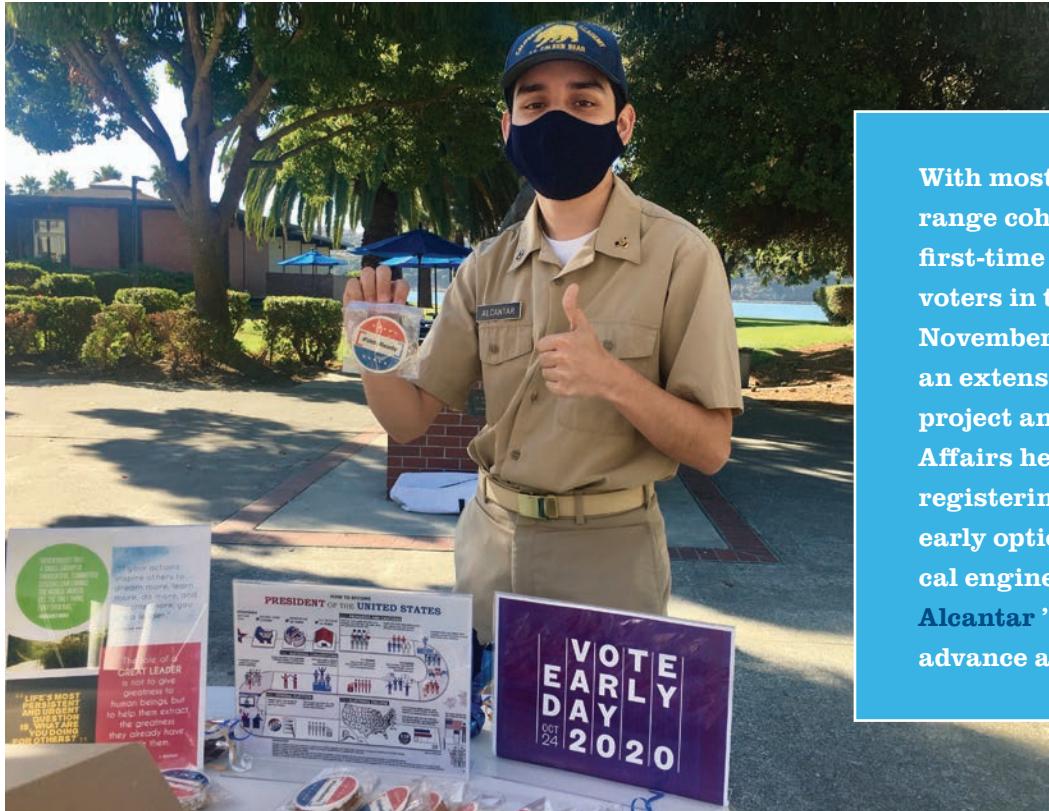
"We ended up winning the regional competition and taking part in the world championships in Houston, Texas. I really appreciated the will to fight these guys had. It takes a special group of people to defy the odds they were up against," Smith added.

**Stella Wong '24** enjoyed the summer read too and noted some important themes. "When the students are building the robot, they learn how to work together and trust each other. Also, they learned to have fun ...and completely change their views in life."

In just a few months, the committee will begin the process of choosing a book for the next year. "Reading is a key contributor to lifelong learning," said Van Hoeck. "We want to make sure that's a message our cadets get not only in the beginning of their Cal Maritime journey, but throughout." 



**The Road Well Traveled** / In early May the University celebrated the official opening of the newly improved Faculty Drive with a socially-distanced ribbon cutting ceremony. The new roadway incorporates a pedestrian sidewalk, LED lighting, and a retaining wall making the journey from lower to upper campus more pleasant and safe, whether in a car, on foot, or by bicycle. Faculty Drive connects McAllister Hall, Bodnar Field and Felton Alumni House to the main campus. The infrastructure project was financed with a grant from the CSU system.



With most cadets in the 18-22 age range cohort, there were a lot of first-time presidential election voters in the student body this November. The library conducted an extensive voter education project and the Office of Student Affairs helped point cadets toward registering and voting, including early options. And as mechanical engineering major Eduardo Alcantar '21 (ME) knows, cookies advance any cause.



# Graduate Program **UNDER FULL POWER**

**SEATED:** STEVEN MANGOLD, ASA JILLSON, STEPHANIE DAVID, ALEXANDER BUTLER. **STANDING:** SAMUEL EKOW HAGAN, RYAN SCHEIDEMANTLE, CONRAD METZENBERG, SCOTT MOSSINGER, SCOTT SKRZYPCZAK, FRED REIMAN, JOHN HA, TSOI LING CHUNG, DAVID CHASE, MICHAEL WHITE, JAMES DING

California Maritime launched its first graduate degree program — a Master of Science in Transportation and Engineering Management (MSTEM) with specializations in Transportation, Engineering Management, and Humanitarian Disaster Management — in September 2011. The inaugural class graduated two years later. Since then, eight cohorts have graduated, with cohorts 9 and 10 well underway, with no interruption despite the global pandemic.

"The MSTEM program was designed to provide the industry with well-trained leaders ready to guide their firms and industries into the next generation, with the skills to define and solve the questions and issues that are even now just emerging," said **Kathy Arnold**, coordinator, graduate studies. "It was shaped using input from business and industry advisors who identified essential skills for professionals in the transportation management, engineering management, and humanitarian disaster management fields," she continued. "Careful consideration was also given to accommodating the non-traditional schedules which are usual in the transportation profession."

The ten-course program is offered completely online in an asynchronous manner with students proceeding through the learning process as a cohort. Courses are designed to be relevant and to work in concert with the student's current employment — often,

projects and discussions use the workplace as an active player in what is being taught, and their outcomes can have an immediate impact on the student's performance at work. The core courses, which mirror fundamental leadership and management skills, are taught through the unique lens of the transportation, engineering, and humanitarian disaster management industries.

Students include Cal Maritime alumni as well as alumni from other US and international maritime academies, service academies, and numerous elite universities and colleges. About 20% of the students come into the program with another Master's degree, doctorate, or a law degree, and come from every imaginable area of the industry.

"The students bring an incredibly rich and diverse amount of industry background to the program, which has truly elevated it," said Arnold.

Trends in the program include growth in the numbers of women enrolling, an overall increase in cohort size, and increasing enrollment of external alumni who cite the program's growing reputation within the industry as an attraction. Its fully online format supports their busy work schedules, and recommendations from supervisors and colleagues bring them in the door. 



CADETS IN PROF. COLIN DEWEY'S (TOP ROW, FAR LEFT) CLASS EXPERIENCED ONE BENEFIT OF THE ALTERED EDUCATIONAL LANDSCAPE BY PARTICIPATING IN A ZOOM-BASED CLASS WITH RENOWNED MARITIME HISTORIAN AND WRITER PROF. MARCUS REDIKER, WHO JOINED CLASS FROM PENNSYLVANIA (TOP ROW, FAR RIGHT).

# Great Guests

## LEARNING MARITIME CULTURE VIA ZOOM

The coronavirus has dramatically altered the educational landscape at Cal Maritime but cadets in **Professor Colin Dewey's** Maritime Culture class just discovered one benefit: a visiting lecturer that otherwise wouldn't have made it to class. "When we had to shift to online teaching it was a steep learning curve but the ease with which we can bring people together can be a real plus. For this class I often bring maritime industry figures from the local area to visit and talk to cadets," said Dewey. "This time I was able to invite renowned maritime historian and writer Marcus Rediker to join us from Pennsylvania because he "Zoomed" in — no worries about travel arrangements or accommodations!"

Rediker, Distinguished Professor of Atlantic History at the University of Pittsburgh, is the award-winning author and editor of over ten books including *Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea*, *Villains of All Nations: Atlantic Pirates in the Golden Age*, and *The Slave Ship: A Human History*. His pursuit of "history from below"

seeks to recover the stories of people, like merchant mariners and enslaved people, left out of the national historical narrative. His books and lectures, he explained to the class "try to recapture the thoughts, the intentions, the actions and the working lives of the people I write about."

Before Professor Rediker's visit, students in the class read several chapters of *Outlaws of the Atlantic: Sailors, Pirates, and Motley Crews in the Age of Sail*, learning the stories of merchant seamen, the "real" Pirates of the Caribbean, and the African people who, enslaved and stripped of their cultures by the experience of the Middle Passage, fought to forge new social bonds under the brutal conditions of slavery in the West Indies and America.

Even on Zoom the cadets seemed captivated by Rediker's insights and jumped right in with questions. Marine Engineering major **Alexander Dru** '22 of Irvine wanted to understand how the merchant marine of old relates to the present day one. Senior and Marine Transportation major **Ruairi**

## IBL Program Earns 7-Year Accreditation

The Department of International Business and Logistics (IBL) was informed over the summer that its business program was granted a specialized seven-year accreditation by the International Accreditation Council for Business Education (IACBE) Board of Commissioners. In addition, the accreditation was received "with no notes and no observations and the Commissioners determined that no on-site follow-up visit is required."

**Don Maier**, dean of the School of Marine Transportation, Logistics & Management called the accreditation a huge testament to the quality of the program and the dedication of the faculty. "Accreditation provides the IBL program an opportunity to have external reviewers assess our program, much like ISO or other continuous improvement bodies. Receiving IACBE accreditation helps to ensure that the IBL faculty focused on improving our logistics program, with a validation of our processes by accreditors."

**O'Donoghue** was curious about English sailor Edward Barlow's account of his life at sea while **Daniel Nave**, also a senior majoring in Marine Transportation wanted to understand how and why some mariners made the jump from their legal employment at sea to piracy.

The following week the globetrotting in Prof. Dewey's class went even further afield. Professor Matteo Aria from the Faculty of Literature and Philosophy at University of Rome, Sapienza visited via Zoom from aboard the vessel *Raj* which was sailing from Gorgona to Corsica in the Mediterranean. 

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7. Parents of Colin Noronha (ME)
8. Student Health Center Staff
9. Family of Melanie Henderson (IBL)
10. Wyatt Juntenen (GSMA)
11. Nathalie Calderon (IBL)
12. Rear Admiral Mark H. Buzby
13. Parents of Skylar Thor (FET)
14. Dennis Deisinger alumni '85 (NIT)
15. Family of Charles McDonald (MT)
16. Parents of Charles McDonald (MT)
17. Joseph Gowland (MT)



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“ None of us imagined having to celebrate such a momentous occasion in a manner that instead of bringing us together has separated us physically, however the spirit of community has never been stronger. Family, friends, faculty, staff, alumni, foundation board members, and community neighbors watch this celebration in support of each of you, the Class of 2020.

Your class has been through extraordinary circumstances throughout this academic year; facing a fire that forever changed our campus landscape and currently enduring through the COVID-19 pandemic. These challenges have truly displayed how your skills in leadership, resilience, and adaptability have grown throughout your years at Cal Maritime.

After many years of study in the capable hands of our world-class faculty, we celebrate the **205 UNDERGRADUATES** and **16 GRADUATE STUDENTS** that are ready for global careers in an exciting and impactful profession...”

*President Cropper*



# Staying Safe

*and*

## KEEPING COVID-19 OUT

College campuses have faced enormous challenges during the Covid-19 crisis — Cal Maritime included. Since late January, the community has relied on the Academy's unique brand of flexibility, collaboration, and communication to meet the moment.

**I**n early August, someone asked Associate Dean for Student Engagement Kristen Tener whether she'd gotten any reading done over the summer. "Do Covid regulations count?" countered Tener, thinking back on the months she'd started her day by checking county, state, and CDC guidelines and regulations. It was no ordinary summer on campus, and in fact, pretty much nothing had been normal since January 27, when the first email went out from the Student Health Center, alerting the community to "reports of a novel coronavirus infection."

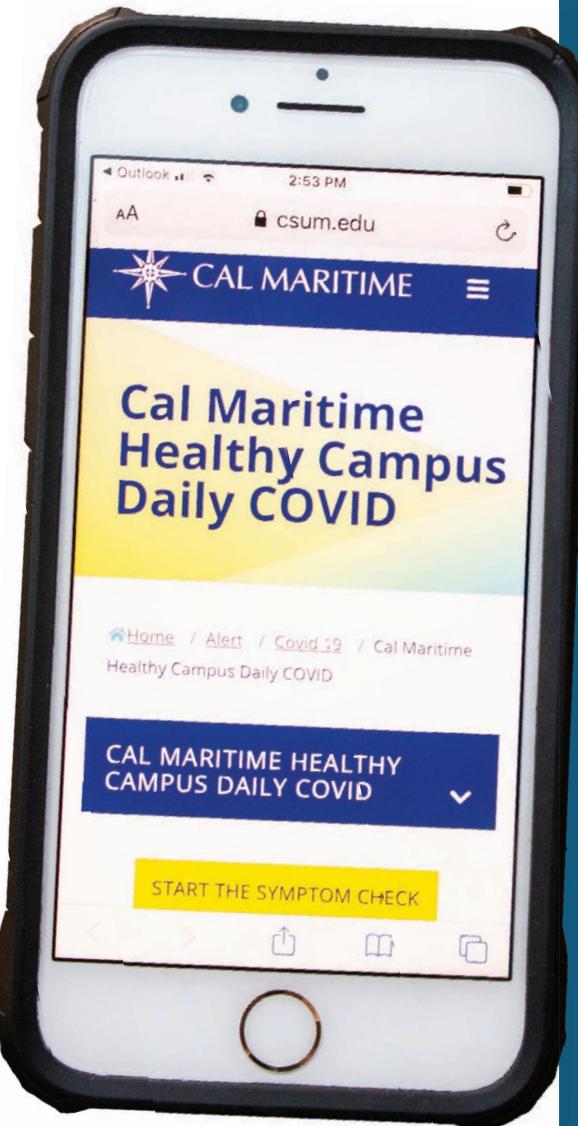
By early February, campus leaders began monitoring the situation and sharing information across student, faculty, and staff groups. Deputy Commandant Danielle Pelczarski, a Naval Reserve officer with experience in crisis communication and coordination, was tapped to pull together a working group, which evolved into a Health and Safety Task Force, which she co-chaired with Associate Provost Graham Benton. With representatives from each campus population — students, staff, and faculty — the



CADETS WEAR MASKS AND MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE WHILE OUT ON THE WATER.

team began meeting almost daily. They followed three guiding objectives, which are still in place today: 1) the health and safety of the campus community, 2) preservation of the University's educational mission as much as possible in light of the first principal, and 3) a recognition that things are always changing and the campus must react to the external environment. Even so recounted Benton, "... it was like trying to nail Jell-O to the wall... As soon as we felt like we had something in place, the external environment switched a little bit and wasn't quite where we expected it to be, so we had to pivot a few times."

Shannon Stel, a third-year Global Studies major from Paso Robles, CA, was a student presence on the Health and Safety Task Force. "I had the opportunity to bring



# Academic Technology Meets Its Moment

**K**haoi Mady got his first taste of educational technology in the late 90's when he worked as a student assistant for Audio Visual Services at Cal State Long Beach. It was then and there, that he fell in love with the way technology met the classroom and he's been in educational technology ever since. He joined Cal Maritime as the Director for the Department of Academic Technology and the Manager for Learning and Academic Technologies in January of 2019. As the senior system administrator for Cal Maritime's learning management system, he became a key contributor to the Academy's pivot to a virtual world in March, when the campus went on lockdown. He was awarded the Mission Achievement Award for Organizational Excellence in September 2020 for his efforts and leadership in the transition to virtual teaching and learning.

**Take us back to last March, when you learned how deep the implications of the shutdown were for your department. How confident were you that technology was the answer for keeping Cal Maritime in motion?**

March seems like a distant memory, even though it was only about eight months ago. I remember things rapidly changing because of the uncertainty caused by the global pandemic. One day I'm on campus watching 'Splash' during the Maritime Film Festival 2020, and literally, the next day we're talking about postponing face-to-face instructions due to the uncertainty around the virus. I didn't really have time to think about being confident or whether technology was the answer. I just knew that we had to use it, and use it well, to help our cadets finish their semester.

**Given how quickly it all happened, did you ever feel moments of doubt?**

I don't think I ever felt doubt, even though things were happening at warp speed. I've been working in academic technology my whole career, so I was ready for this. It also helps that we have incredible faculty and staff at Cal Maritime that really care about the success of our cadets, who are very resilient, smart, and adaptable. I think we were all surprised by the moment and how fast things were escalating, but I also think the whole campus community was ready for this challenge.

**Virtual learning tools have advanced dramatically in the past 20 years. Do you think they were completely ready for a pandemic?**

It's true! They've advanced a lot in the past 10 years! Technology tools being used to teach now weren't even options a few years ago, like virtual reality, augmented reality, mixed reality. It's incredible to see how technology is being used with pedagogy to create incredibly memorable learning experiences for students. I can go on and on, but I'll geek out another time! No, I don't think anyone was prepared for the pandemic to affect face-to-face instructions as it did, and not just to our campus, but across the nation, and around the world. It's something you think about, but never expect to really happen.

**Can we expect more adaptions as a result of what you and your technology community has learned from this experience?**

Yes! I think if there's one thing that I've learned throughout my career in academic technology, it's that things are always evolving, and fast. I've been fortunate in



(L-R) ASSOCIATE PROVOST GRAHAM BENTON, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS KRISTEN TENER AND DEPUTY COMMANDANT DANIELLE PELCZARSKI WERE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTORS TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY TASK FORCE AND WORKED TIRELESSLY WITH MANY ADMINISTRATORS TO MEET THE COVID-19 CHALLENGE ON CAMPUS.

up issues that I felt the campus was having so they could be dealt with," she remembered. "I helped give the students on campus a bigger voice." Already involved as an RHO, a member of the crew team and Corps staff, being on the Task Force deepened her involvement on campus during the particularly challenging time.

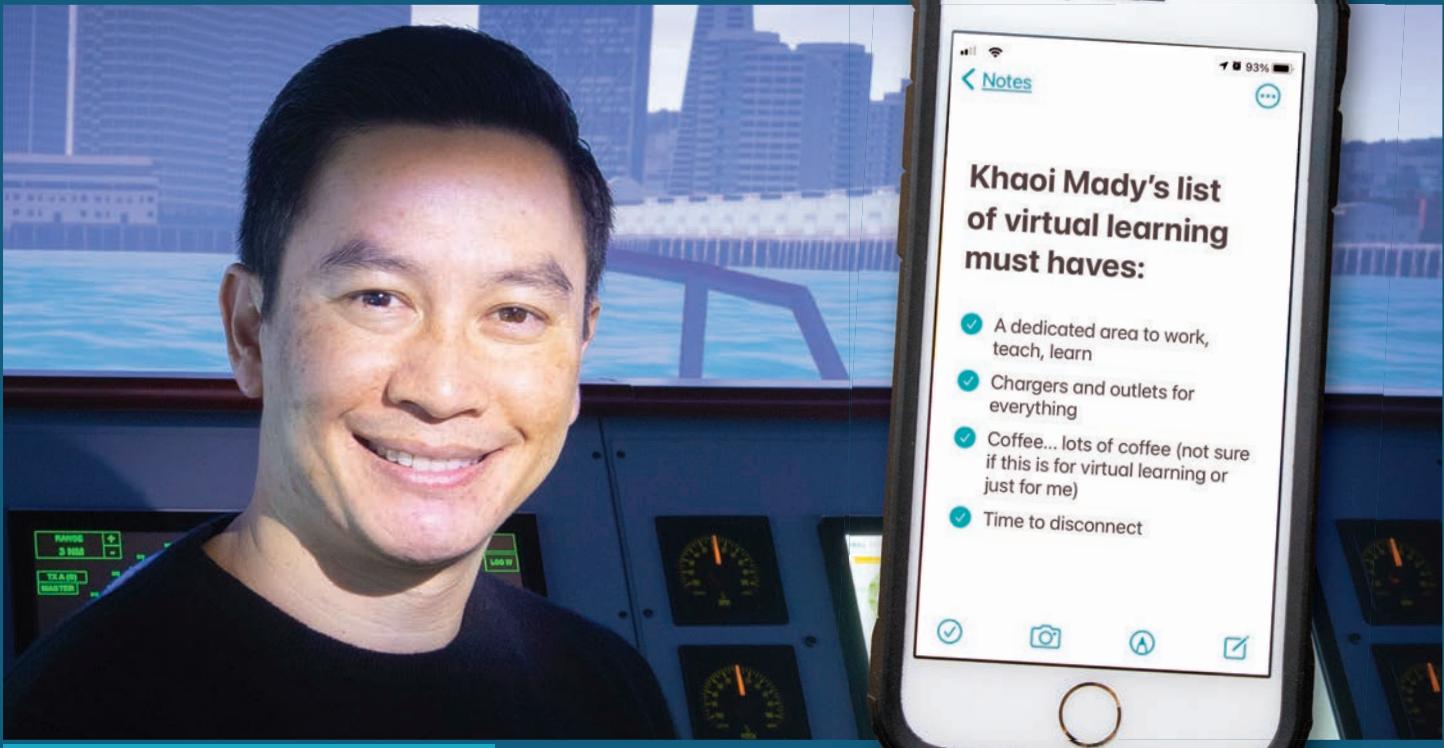
In compliance with Solano County shelter-in-place orders, campus was closed in March. "After the school was shut down and students were sent home — that's when we began to look to how we could possibly finish the Spring term," said Benton. "We knew that any decision we made was going to impact at least a portion of our students for half the year," noted Tener. "I think every CSU campus put a lot of weight behind the decision to switch to virtual. But because there are some classes here that the Coast Guard requires to be taught in person, ours had an extra layer." (Check out the Q&A with Khaoi Mady to learn more about how Cal Maritime transitioned to virtual instruction.)

As the situation unfolded further, Cal Maritime remained in contact with the Solano County Health Department, the



SHANNON STEL IS ONE OF THE CADETS WHO HAS HELPED CAL MARITIME HEAR THE STUDENT POINT OF VIEW DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS.





MADY WORKED WITH FACULTY AND STAFF TO BRING THE VIRTUAL CLASSROOM TO LIFE AT WARP SPEED.

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my career to see this evolution of technology in the classroom and in the virtual classroom. Teaching and learning technologies continue to get better, faster, cheaper, and our understanding of how to use them effectively is also improving. For us to do a good job, it's imperative that we keep up with the changes to make sure we're offering the best teaching and learning experiences possible.

**Your job involves a lot of handholding. While the cadets are probably fairly adaptable, you had to handle a lot of faculty who have been accustomed to face-to-face learning for many years. How do you bridge that divide?**

Our faculty at Cal Maritime are amazing! I work with them closely and can attest to this. It's true that the use of technology comes more naturally to some than others, but I think the effort is always there. In fact, after this summer, two-thirds of our faculty will have completed at least one online teaching training course. This speaks to their understanding of the changing educational situation and their dedication to provide quality learning experiences for our cadets. We also established the Remote Learning Taskforce to help our academic community prepare for remote instructions. This taskforce prepared and reviewed data from student and faculty surveys to drive change and develop programs to ensure that we continue to offer the quality education that students expect from a California State University. The task force identified training, support, and equipment needs for faculty, and assembled resources to help them transition from in-person classes to online and hybrid instruction. Shout out to the Remote Learning Taskforce!

**Virtual learning depends on infrastructure, including having one's hands on actual laptops and good strong internet signal. That raises some equity issues. How did your department handle those concerns?**

Equity is important to us, and it didn't take a pandemic for us to understand the importance of technology access for our cadets. We have a great loaner program that is spearheaded by our Library, which offers laptops, cameras, and tablets for cadets to check out if needed. However, there were specific issues we knew we had to address when transitioning to virtual teaching and learning. One issue was the access to a reliable network connection. We rolled out a program that provided hotspots for cadets who were living off campus and didn't have access to reliable network connections.

**Do you think virtual learning will ever completely replace classroom learning?**

That's a great question! I think it comes down to context and what you're trying to teach. If done right, following best practices for virtual teaching and good pedagogy, virtual learning experiences can be as good as face-to-face learning experiences, and vice versa. Virtual learning experiences offer more flexibility than traditional face-to-face classroom experiences. But with that said, I think there are still too many inequities with regards to technology access that will not be disappearing anytime soon. Also, there are some things that require in-person experiences to learn properly, especially at Cal Maritime. The short answer is no, I don't think that virtual learning will ever completely replace face-to-face learning, but I also think that virtual learning is not going away. With technology forever evolving, we can expect virtual learning to remain a constant in education. ♣



CDC, OSHA, and the CSU Chancellor's Office to ensure they were working with the most updated information and guidelines. The Long-Range Planning Group (LRPG) worked concurrently with the Health and Safety Task Force to develop curricular plans over the following sixteen months to help cadets stay on track to graduate. LRPG Co-Chair and School of Engineering Dean Lina Neto noted that "[w]e always

relied on guidance from the Chancellor's Office and the Health and Safety Task Force when making these plans."

"The spirit of our Keelhauled community has never been stronger," President Cropper observed during May's virtual Commencement celebration. Recognizing that cancelling the traditional in-person event was necessary but disappointing, staff came together to prepare boxes for

each graduating cadet to help them celebrate with some of the trimmings, but at home. Alumni, faculty and staff pitched in by "adopting" grads, sending them cards, flowers, and small gifts. All graduates received a "golden ticket" which enables them to participate in any future commencement ceremony.

With special permission granted by the CSU Chancellor's office to resume face-to-face instruction and guided by the Health and Safety Committee's plans, cadets' return to campus began in early summer and was broken into three phases. Phase One took place from mid-June through early July and saw graduating seniors returning to finish coursework. Many had jobs waiting on them or USCG-mandated hours required for graduation. Phase Two, Dockside Steaming, occurred during July and was a variation of the cancelled Summer Training Cruise aboard the Training Ship *Golden Bear*. Phase Three, from the end of July through mid-August, saw all other undergraduates returning to complete their spring term coursework, keeping students on track to graduate and clearing enrollment to help avoid bottlenecks when all students returned in the fall.

Phase Four began in August, with a return to campus for majors that required face-to-face instruction, approximately 500 cadets, with 80 commuter and nearly 90 living aboard the *TS Golden Bear*. Global Studies and Oceanography majors continued virtual instruction from home. Orientation, normally a week-long introduction to Cal Maritime for freshman and transfers, was abbreviated and conducted under new protocols meant to keep cadets safe from Covid-19.

Stel and her fellow RHOs welcomed students back to campus for the Fall term with these new safety protocols — and new ideas. “One of the things I think is awesome is that people have gotten closer. They’re finding different ways to interact with one another... while still being safe. Their friendships and relationships have developed into something deeper than just surface level, which I think is really cool.” She has seen cadets and RHO staff become more creative with ways to interact and maintain connections while staying safe, with Netflix watch parties, socially distanced s’mores on the waterfront and even a kickball tournament. “I think that community is really important at a time like this. Everyone’s staying safe, but we’re having a great time!”

Though some signs of regular life are returning, many new realities are being faced. Economies across the world have felt the impact of the pandemic, and California is no exception. The entire CSU faces a substantial budget shortfall, which unfortunately has resulted in job losses across the system, including 15 members of Cal Maritime’s Dining Services staff as the food offerings changed from indoor dining to carry-away meals.

Flexibility, a skill regularly exercised by all members of the Cal Maritime community, remains critical as the community moves ahead together. “I am very much a planner, and this experience has been the antithesis of planning. It has definitely been a test of my adaptability and flexibility,” recognized Tener.



EVERY OTHER WEEK A RANDOM SAMPLE OF 15% PERCENT OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAS BEEN TESTED FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE CORONAVIRUS ON CAMPUS. BY EARLY NOVEMBER, ALL TESTS HAD RETURNED NEGATIVE RESULTS.



THURSDAY NIGHT KICKBALL GAMES HAVE PROVIDED PARTICIPANTS A MEANS OF CONNECTION AS WELL AS SOME EXERCISE DURING THE AUTUMN OF COVID-19.

“The entire campus has been taking this seriously,” Stel says. All campus community members use an online symptom-checker app to gain entry to campus, and random surveillance testing of 15% of the on-campus community is being done every other week. Signage reminds everyone to be a good shipmate, following protocols to keep the entire campus community safe.

The PEAC reopened in October for socially distanced workouts and swimming and various campus activities are gradually resuming. As of now, the Academy is planning to handle the second half of the year much like the first. The hope is to bring some Covid-safe intercollegiate athletics back in the spring and discussions on how Cruise might work next summer

are already underway. But by November, with cases on the rise once again, it became clear that the tricky balancing act of staying open yet safe would continue for some time.

There have been a small number of Covid-19 cases among faculty and staff. And although several cadets were quarantined with potential symptoms at various points over the semester, there had been no positive Covid-19 cases among cadets on campus by mid-November. Cadet Stel is feeling both fortunate and optimistic. “When I look around at other campuses and see coronavirus outbreaks or schools shutting down,” she said, “I feel really lucky to be here.”



# IF YOU BUILD IT

Cal Maritime's official colors are blue and gold but these days the campus is striving to be thoroughly green.

**S**tudents and faculty returning to campus in mid-August noticed plenty of changes — hand sanitizing stands, social distancing stickers along pathways, and face coverings on everyone, all hardly a surprise during a global pandemic. But the 30 new electric vehicle chargers in the central parking lot drew several surprised stares.

"Usually when you start to see new EV chargers getting installed in parking lots it's just a few — almost like taking baby steps toward a zero emissions world. But we've been fortunate to get funding for a major project, so we decided to build for the future," said Energy and Sustainability Director of Sheikh Nayeem, who spearheaded the effort. "Electrifying our campus is a major part of our sustainability initiative," he added, "and the vehicle chargers are an important step." An added bonus — because the project was funded by PG &E as part of its Electric Vehicle Charger Network Program, Cal Maritime's participation fee was funded by the Solano Transportation Authority .

Weeks later, the campus community joined partners and local officials to celebrate the arrival of a new fully electric zero emissions shuttle to campus, another step in the steady push toward clean energy and sustainability.

"This is a proud day for us," said President Tom Cropper. "Last year I issued a challenge to our Academy that we would transition our entire campus to clean and renewable energy by the year 2029. That's our centennial — just nine short years away. We're going to be accelerating our efforts to address global climate challenges and this is just the first one — so remember this day."

The shuttle will be used on campus for transporting students from residence halls to central campus, for off-campus shopping and student activities, as well as for transportation to local athletic competitions.

The 10-seat zero-emission transit van features 86 kWh of battery capacity with a range of 102-137 miles, taking a charge in three hours. Fully owned by Cal Maritime, the new van was partially funded by Bay Area Air Quality Management District, the Solano Transportation Authority, and Cal Maritime's Class of '76. It replaces a previously leased gasoline bus.

Transportation is only one aspect of the ongoing campus greening, according to Nayeem.

In a wide-ranging effort called Renewables for Research, Demonstration and Revenue, campus leaders are exploring a portfolio of renewable energy technologies and plan to introduce them over the next several years. In sunny California solar energy is a natural solution, so a series of roof-top and ground mount PV solar



systems is in the planning stages. The University is considering installing 500 kW of solar panels in the section of property that was burned during the Glen Cove Fire last year as well as atop numerous buildings.

Cal Maritime's geography, with ample marine and wind attributes make an engineered marine hydrokinetic sustainability platform and wind energy solutions achievable. A SkyCool system is under consideration for cooling the classroom building. This innovative technology, funded by the California Energy Commission, provides the cooling needs with a 90% savings in energy use compared to conventional systems. The team is also planning for energy storage, which uses batteries that store the output of solar panels and wind power when the sun isn't shining and the wind isn't blowing for later use.

"All these plans may sound expensive," concedes Nayeem, "but it's important to remember that there are incentives, creative funding, and public-private partnerships available that make this quite affordable, in addition to savings gained by reducing energy costs." And at least one partner is interested in building a proof of concept project on campus at no initial cost to Cal Maritime.

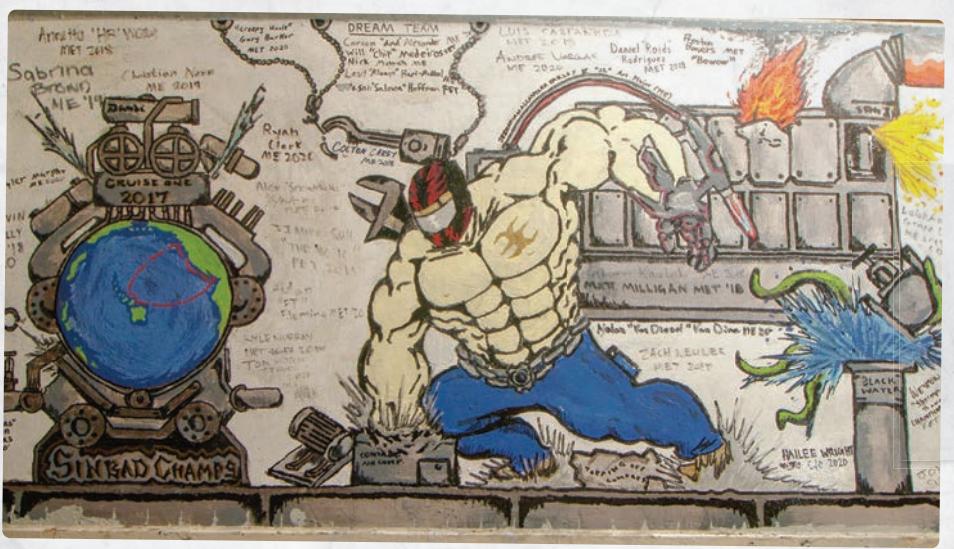
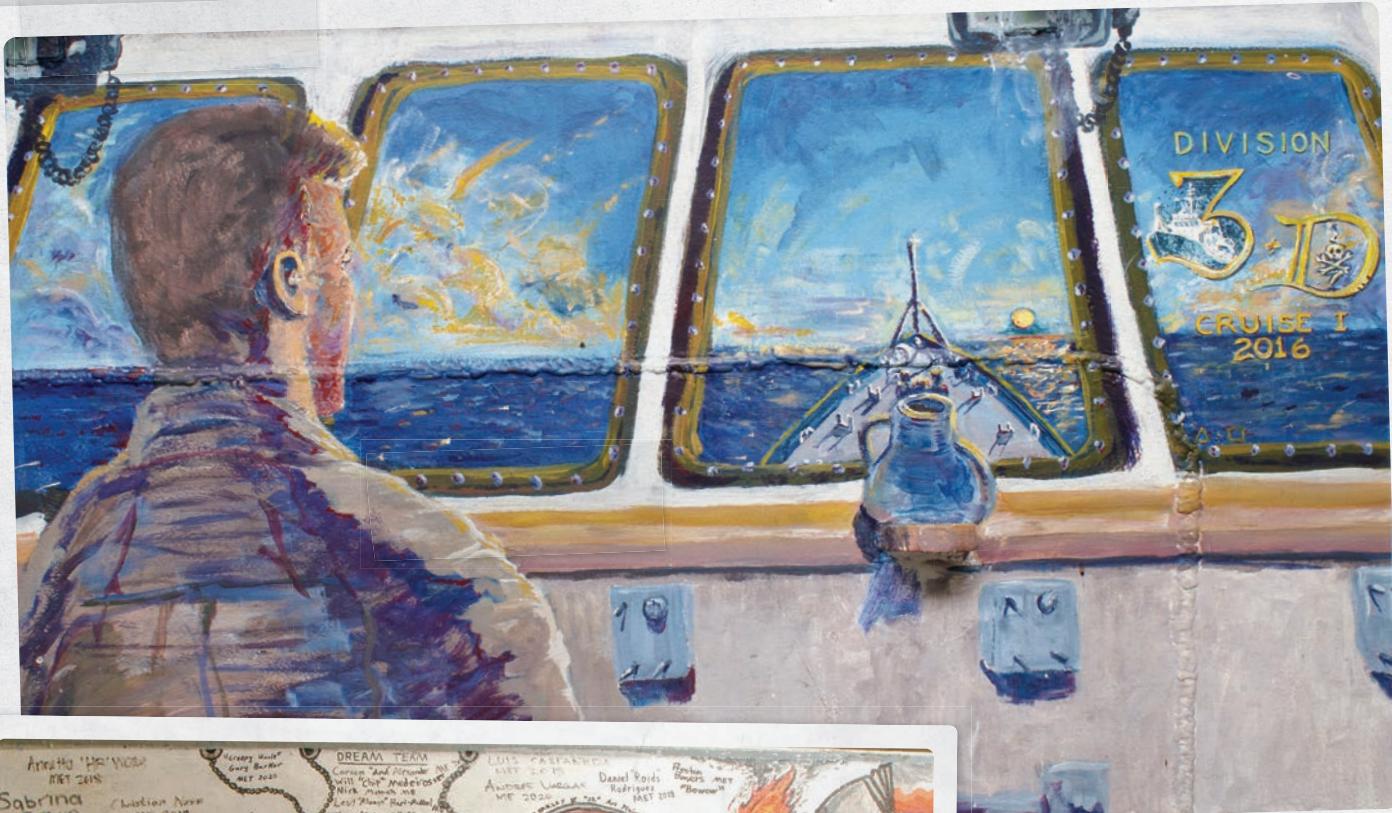
An important aspect of the sustainability efforts on campus is incorporating them into the curriculum, where the next generation of problem solvers is now being educated, according to Will Tsai, professor of mechanical engineering, who also spoke at the electric van ribbon cutting event in September.

"We don't have much time," he says, referring to the urgency of the current climate situation evident in increasing wildfires, severe weather, and poor air quality. "We'll have to be ambitious if we want to deal with this crisis." Tsai also praised the involvement of cadets in helping with plans to bring the electric van project to fruition, noting his appreciation for "the opportunity to bring a living lab to our campus."



That 'living lab' will eventually be on display to the greater community too. As part of CSU's system's concerted sustainability efforts Cal Maritime will continue to host sustainability events to share and demonstrate technologies and programs available to anyone interested in learning about renewable energy and sustainability. Post Covid-19, Nayeem says, Cal Maritime also plans to reach out to the schools in the disadvantaged areas of Solano County to share the "greening" message.

And community members and visitors alike will have one thing to look forward to when the campus does open again – free charging for electric cars. ☺



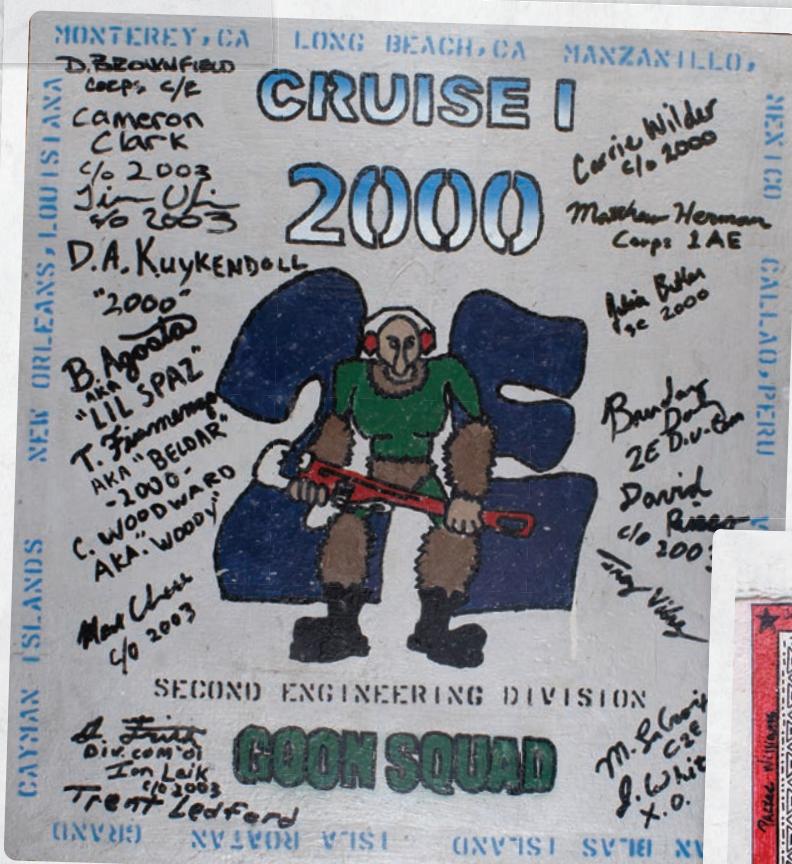
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# MURAL COLLECTION GOES ONLINE

## THE LATEST PROJECT

of Cal Maritime's Campus History Center shines a light on one of the institution's most unique and iconic collections: the cruise murals that adorn the walls of the *T.S. Golden Bear III*. In the spring of 2019, all murals located on *TSGB* bulkheads, overheads, stanchions, and in small recesses of the ship, were professionally photographed and digitally archived. These photos, with information about each cruise, can be browsed via a new online exhibit linked from the Library's website.

The practice of creating art on ship bulkheads began long before the *T.S. Golden Bear III*. Ship murals are not seen on modern commercial ships, but in the



United States, the practice may have originated on the early steamships of the U.S. Navy. More broadly, the maritime world has a long tradition of visual folk arts, including macrame and scrimshaw. The *TSGB* cruise murals are part of this tradition. As such, the murals contribute to the collective memory of the campus, telling stories and helping to form our cultural identity.

The murals, painted by cadets on annual *TSGB* summer training cruises, represent scenes and highlights from the specific cruise period when they were painted. While a mural is typically created by an individual cadet, each mural represents a specific Corps Division on cruise. The murals memorialize not just the cruise but also divisional pride, which can create a sense of community while away from home. The online exhibit is organized by cruise year and is paired with maps and an itinerary for each cruise.

Archivist Patti Thibodeau pointed out that even though the mural exhibit is live now, it's not complete and will rely on input from alumni to help finish it. "The history of the cruise murals is still being written and for this project to move forward, we need alums to help," said Thibodeau. "Anyone who cruised on the T.S. *Golden Bear III* can share details or names connected to a specific mural. This information will help us capture the full story of each of the artworks." Contributors can look for a form located in the section labeled *Share your Memories*.

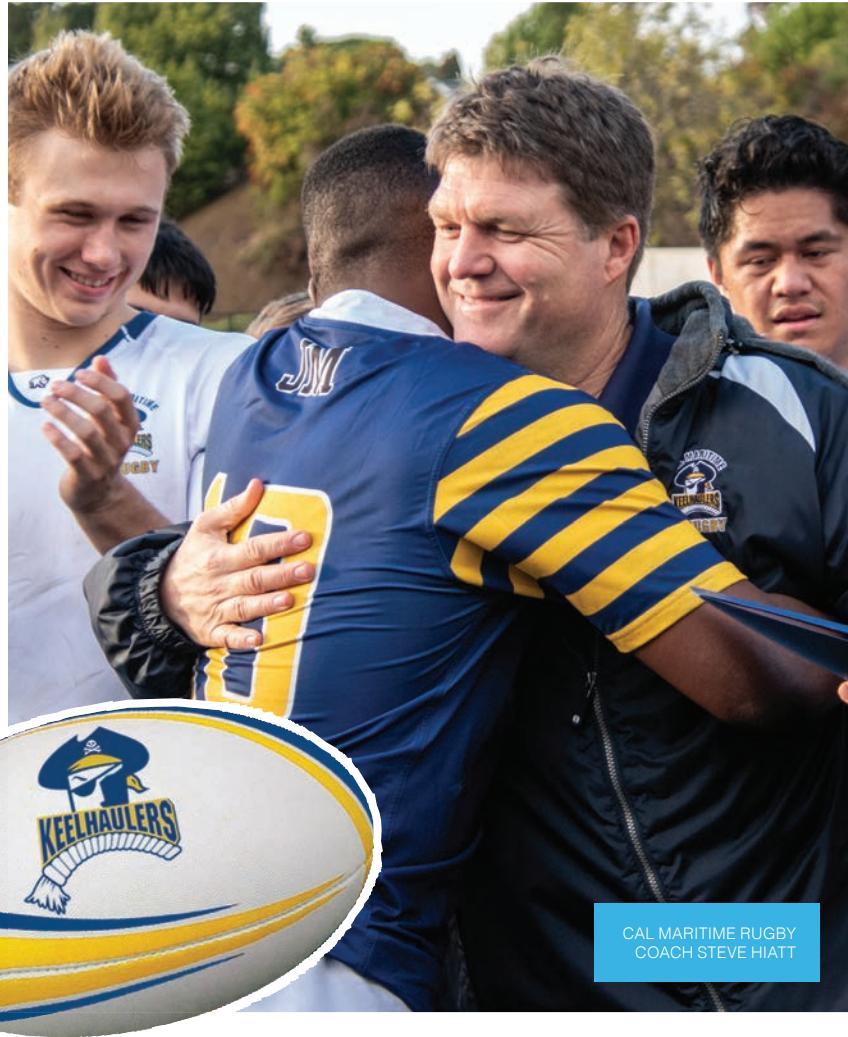
The online murals exhibit is a first for the Library and Campus History Center, Thibodeau said, but it will not be the last. "The Collection is the history hub of Cal Maritime, with materials dating back to the school's beginning as the California Nautical School in 1929. With our centennial approaching and while we're all spending more time indoors, I can't think of a better time to delve into this fascinating record." ↴



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# COACH STEVE HIATT ADDS TO HIS NATIONAL COLLEGE RUGBY DUTIES



CAL MARITIME RUGBY  
COACH STEVE HIATT

The NCR announced the appointment of their Vice President — and Cal Maritime Rugby Head Coach — **Steve Hiatt** as its Interim Director of Men's Rugby.

Hiatt's focus will be helping NCR teams and players achieve the best collegiate athletic experience possible along with his coaching duties at Cal Maritime.

NCR CEO Steve Cohen who has been the long term NSCRO/NCR Men's Director will be stepping down from his role as Men's Director to focus more of his time on strategic programming for the organization.

Hiatt started serving NSCRO in 2014 as a key advisor and was named the NSCRO Vice President in 2017. He has been the coach of Cal Maritime's rugby team since 2010 after serving as an assistant before that.

With the recent exponential growth of clubs joining NSCRO and now rebranded as NCR, Hiatt will look to raise the service bar even higher for NCR's members.

# Athletics

"We are thrilled that Steve will be taking over this role." NCR CEO Steve Cohen said. "His commitment to the organization has made him a role model for all our staff and we cannot wait to see the impact his influence will have on men's collegiate rugby in the US."

Coach Hiatt has been instrumental in the NSCRO All-Star Team's selections and organization, along with coaching the West Coast Grizzlies squad, which has won the All-Star competition two-straight years.

The Keelhauers reached the Elite 8 of the National Small College Rugby Organizations National Tournament in 2019, finished 4th in the NSCRO's National Rankings, and were 3-1 when the 2020 season was halted due to the coronavirus. The 2019 season was Cal Maritime's fourth top-five finish in the last seven years, and the 10th time in the past 11 seasons they've finished in the top 15. Maritime has also made two Final Four appearances (2012 & 2015) and finishing as a runner up in 2012.

As a player, Hiatt made the US National Team in both of rugby's formats, 7s and 15s, as well as the USA Collegiate All-American team. Hiatt and his wife Karen live in Northern California with their three daughters. He received his MBA from Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley.

Formed in 2020, NCR is committed to the development of college rugby by providing a wide array of services and governance for men's and women's collegiate rugby programs. NCR is proud to oversee nearly 15,000 men's and women's collegiate rugby players from about 600 programs across the United States.

NCR evolved from the National Small College Rugby Organization (NSCRO) which was founded in 2007. Originally created to support the growth and development of small college rugby, the organization now serves college programs of all sizes.

Cal Maritime rugby will not play any games in the fall but are preparing to resume their usual 15s schedule in January. More information on the return-to-play plans for the upcoming season to come will be posted via [www.gokeelhauers.com](http://www.gokeelhauers.com). 

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS  
& PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
KAREN YODER



# CHANGING OF THE GUARD

They say the only thing that is constant is change, and the Cal Maritime Athletics and Recreation Department made changes galore this summer.

It started with **Marv Christopher** announcing in the fall of 2019 that he would step down in June as the Director of Athletics at Cal Maritime, a position he had held since 2004, leading the program through a period of unprecedented growth and achievement.

Then the new Director of Athletics & Physical Education **Karen Yoder** came aboard in July. She has served as an administrator, instructor, and coach with more than 20 years of experience at all

competitive levels before coming to Cal Maritime. She is also a former collegiate and professional athlete and was most recently the Athletic Director at Mission Community College in Santa Clara, Calif.

After assisting with the transitions of new Athletic Directors, Associate Athletic Director **Pat Hollister** announced his retirement effective at the end of October after 34 years at Cal Maritime.

And in between those changes came the announcements that both Women's Basketball Coach, **Dennis Cox**, and Men's Basketball Coach, **Brendan Rooney**, were moving up to new positions elsewhere. It marks the first time since the

2007-08 school year that either Bryan or Brendan Rooney will not be at the helm of the Men's Basketball Program.

But all the transitions have been smooth so far due to the foundation laid by Christopher and Hollister and the work of Yoder as she's hit the ground running since taking over.

"I look forward to working with an amazing staff," Yoder said. "We support the mission of creating a learning environment that fosters leadership skills, improved health and wellness, and champion a competitive focus."

Before her time at Mission College, the Napa resident spent 24 years at the Division-I, Division-II, Division III, NAIA, community college, and high school levels. She has a combined 19 years of teaching experience as a kinesiology/physical education instructor at UC Davis, Calistoga Elementary, Diablo Valley College, Napa Valley College and Cal State Hayward.

"Karen Yoder's experience in working collaboratively to develop and implement strategic plans will be an invaluable skill in leading our athletic program," said President Tom Cropper. "Our further growth and success in fully developing our student athletes both on and off the field requires someone with her knowledge and understanding."

Yoder brings to Cal Maritime her personal philosophy to serve the educational and personal development of all students. She strives to create a student athlete environment with an inclusive culture that includes an equity-minded approach that respects each individual student athlete.

Yoder also strongly identifies with Cal Maritime's emphasis on student leadership development. She views athletics at all levels as providing a key platform in preparing students for the mental and physical challenges that encompass leadership development.



Yoder was the head softball coach at Napa High School, UC Davis, Napa Valley College, UNC-Greensboro, and then Cal State Hayward. She was an assistant coach at Cal State Hayward and began her coaching career at West Valley College.

At Hayward, Yoder transitioned the Pioneers from Division-II to dual members of Division-III and NAIA setting the stage for a Cal Pac Conference title and Regional runner up finish to NAIA National Champion finalist Azusa Pacific.

In 2015 Yoder decided to refocus her passion for athletics into administration, becoming the Athletics Director for Calistoga Junior Senior High School from 2015-2018. In addition, Yoder served as the Coastal Mountain Conference NCL III President, NCS Athletics Director Board member, and North Valley League Treasurer and Secretary.

In 2015 she added the distinction of Certified Title IX Coordinator & Administrator with ATIXA in Nashville, Tenn. She then completed her certification as a Certified Athletic Administrator with the NIAAA in Phoenix in 2017.

As an athlete, Yoder was an All-American and the CCCAA Nor Cal Catcher of the Year at West Valley College. Yoder earned a full scholarship to attend the University of New Mexico and played professionally for two years with Georgia Pride and the Durham Dragons of the WPF. In 2015 Yoder was inducted to the Live Oak High School Hall of Fame for being a three-sport athlete (Field Hockey, Soccer, and Softball).

She earned both her master's and bachelor's degrees in kinesiology from California State University, Hayward.

During Christopher's 15 years at the helm of Cal Maritime's Athletics Department the cadet population more than doubled, and during this span, new sports were added, including Women's Basketball in 2004, Women's Water Polo in 2007, and Women's Soccer in 2017. Bodnar Field was renovated, the Physical Education and Aquatics Center (PEAC) opened, and recreation/intramural activities were expanded.

Championships during Christopher's tenure include Men's Basketball winning Cal Pac Conference championships and participating in the NAIA National Tournament

for five consecutive years (2009-2016) and Cal Maritime Rugby twice reaching the NSCRO Final Four. Offshore sailing won the right to represent the United States at the Student Yachting World Cup three times in his tenure.

"I'll miss the staff the most," Christopher said. "Working with them and the coaches was for me the best part. For them to grow with me and move into a new building was great. Working with people like Pat Hollister, who has been here a long time, and everyone else that brought into the program has been really special. But also, the student-athletes, that will be tough. They're why we all get involved with these jobs. They help keep us young."

Named Cal Pac Athletic Director of the Year two years in a row (2013-14 and again for 2014-15), Christopher was also elected by his peers to serve as President of the Cal Pac Conference, a position he held from 2015 through 2019.

"Karen has a good vision for the Athletic Department & is ready to meet the challenge of resuming scheduling in the near future due to the pandemic."



CHRISTOPHER BEING RECOGNIZED AT A SPRING 2020 BASKETBALL GAME.



AFTER 34 YEARS, HOLLISTER (L) SAYS HE WAS "LUCKY TO FIND A JOB I REALLY ENJOYED."

Maritime representative to the City of Vallejo Cultural Commission, Acting Athletic Director (twice), and Interim Athletic Director along with currently serving as associate athletic director. He is also the announcer at all home basketball games, his voice becoming a staple on campus over the years.

"That was a wonderful situation and I felt like myself doing it," Hollister said about being the public address announcer. "I liked being part of a competitive situation and looking back across the court at the students and spectators."

We may not have heard the last of Pat Hollister's voice over the public address at Keelhauler Basketball games, however. With fall sports at Cal Maritime being moved to 2021 due to the coronavirus pandemic, we may make a call to the bullpen when we need the "Old Salt" to hop back on the mic on a busy night.

Hollister said there are many things he'll miss, probably none more than the relationships he had with others that attended the school and worked there.

"It's been a long road and I was lucky to find a job that I really enjoyed," Hollister said. "It doesn't happen much anymore that you walk into a job and make it a 34-year career. It wasn't a bad thing to stick with and I'm glad I did." ↴



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Christopher is also a seasoned and well-respected coach (Men's Basketball, Women's Soccer, Women's Softball, Men's Golf) and first became a Director of Athletics in 1984 at Cazenovia College in upstate New York, a position he held for 20 years prior to accepting the appointment to join Cal Maritime.

"We are indebted to Marv's vision, leadership, and commitment to athletics programming at Cal Maritime, and, most importantly, his dedication to providing each Keelhauler athlete with the best possible opportunities for success, both in the classroom and in their chosen competitive arena," said President Tom Cropper.

There wasn't much Mr. Hollister didn't do in his time with the Keelhaulers. After graduating from Vallejo High in 1977, he went to Solano College and then UC Davis, where he played football. Solano College's football field is named Doc Hollister Stadium, after Patrick's father, James.

Hollister began his career at Cal Maritime in 1986 after four years of coaching football at Solano College and Hogan High School. His past roles include survival swimming instructor (18 years), faculty duty officer, school photographer (Seaside Photography), Cal

# TOP 10 ATHLETICS STORIES OF 2019-20

The 2019-20 Cal Maritime School year featured a wide array of individual and team accomplishments on land and water.



## Crew Comes Back Strong After Fire

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Due to the fire on campus in late October and a subsequent week-and-a-half campus closure, the crew teams had little time to practice. But in the final regatta of the fall semester, the Keelhauers finished first in the Men's Novice 8 defeating Sac State and Chico State and in the

Men's Collegiate Lightweight 4. They finished third in the Men's Collegiate 8, Collegiate Novice 4, and Collegiate Pair. Overall the crew teams had eight first-place finishes in the 2019-20 school year, two second-place finishes, and seven third-place finishes.



## HONORABLE MENTION

**JACKIE GARCIA ALL CAL PAC** / Flashy Footwork and faking out defenders are staples of Women's Soccer player Jackie Garcia's game. The skills of the Sophomore from Phinneas Banning High in Los Angeles caught the attention of coaches as she received the Honorable Mention. An integral part of the first two years of the women's soccer program, Garcia has been trouble for any defender on the field while attracting "oohs" and "ahhhs" from the crowd in her Keelhauers tenure while leading the team with two goals on 11 shots and with eight on goal.



## Divine Intervention

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The Men's Basketball team was looking to move on to the conference tournament in Lancaster, Calif. taking on the Embry-Riddle Golden Eagles. The Keelhauers had control for most of the game, hitting threes and playing stingy defense giving them a 23-point lead in the second half. But Embry-Riddle caught fire late giving them their first lead with 5:42 to play. However, freshman Divine Nwoko was at the right place at the right time for a put-back with 0.6 seconds left to put the Keelhauers in the conference tournament, their 9th trip in the last 10 seasons.

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**Silva Finishes 1st at PUC Invitational**

Women's Cross Country team opened the season in Angwin, Calif. with first-place finishes for teams and individuals, including **Lauren Silva**'s first-place finish on the Women's side. Silva has been Cal Maritime's top women's runner since her freshman year, and the junior from Honolulu has been dubbed Cross Country's "jackrabbit" by head coach Jeff Ward. Silva finished with a time of 17:55.5 in the 3.11-mile course. "I am excited about the women's program," Ward added. "Lauren continues to get better, and the new runners are feeding off her commitment."



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**Kami Taylor  
Named Cal-Pac  
Conference Player  
of the Week, All  
Cal Pac 2nd Team**

Taylor was the leading scorer and one of the best defenders on the Women's Basketball Team this year averaging a career-best through her first three years with 11.6 points per game and a team-high 39 steals.

The Bakersfield, Calif. native was on a tear in the three games during her player-of-the-week stretch in January, she averaged 18.6 points per game with games of 26, 11, and 19 points while shooting 42%.



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**Three Rugby Players  
Make NCR Rising Stars Teams**

The Cal Maritime rugby season was cut short this past season due to the COVID-19 outbreak with the team having a 3-1 record at the time. For the second consecutive season, sophomores **Jacob Jenkins** and **Jonah Wolfe** made the National Small College Rugby Organization Men's All-Americans Rising Stars squad. Cal Maritime freshman Alex Cortessis also made the team for the first time.

"I'm so happy I was able to make the Rising Stars team with Jonah and Alex. That was so cool," Jenkins said. "It shows we got something going here at Cal Maritime. We may be a small school, but we have quality players striving to play well."

"To have two of my brothers make this team with me is huge," Wolfe said. "And hopefully next year we can have even more players make the team."



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## Four Men's Basketball Players Awarded Cal Pac Honors, Lucero an NAIA All-American

**Zavier Lucero, Josh Hauser, Ben Borja, and Evan Madill** were all awarded Cal Pac Honors for the 2019-20 season. Lucero and Hauser were First Team All-Cal Pac Conference players for the second straight year, Borja was an All-Cal Pac Conference Honorable Mention and Madill received the Keelhaulers Champion of Character Award.

Lucero also added an NAIA All-American Honorable Mention to his remarkable campaign. He became just the fourth Keelhauer – and the first junior – to earn this achievement with the last player to receive the honor being Daniel Radford in the 2016-2017 season.

He became just the fourth player ever to average a double-double (19.5 points and 10.2 rebounds) in the Cal Pac Conference.



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## Road Win for Women's Basketball Opens Cal Pac Play

Cal Maritime led by 10 at the half in Redding, Calif., shooting 50% from the field and 41% on threes. But the second half was a different story as they saw their 10-point lead turn into a 47-38 deficit with a little over eight minutes left in the game.

A layup by **Apollonia Italo** and a three by **Kami Taylor** cut the deficit to 47-43, and a takeaway led to a **Kim Masulit** layup giving them a 48-47 lead with six minutes left. **Valiceia Horne** pulled down a rebound and clung onto it to force a jump ball that stayed with Cal Maritime to secure the final possession with just five seconds left for the 60-56 victory.

## TOP 10 ATHLETICS STORIES OF 2019-20

### Offshore Sailing Takes First at Harbor Cup

Cal Maritime Sailing took first place in the Cal Maritime Invitational Intercollegiate Regatta at the Los Angeles Yacht Club for their seventh win in 12 Harbor Cup races. They launched ahead of last year's winner College of Charleston giving them their first Harbor Cup win since the 2016-2017 season. The victory followed up the team's appearance as the only collegiate team in the Transpac Race from Long Beach to Hawaii in the summer of 2019, completing the Transpac in their Andrews 77 in seven days, 23 hours, and 36 minutes.

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## Lucero and Hauser Join 1,000-Point Club

### Zavier Lucero and Josh Hauser

Hauser share the two spot as both were able to put themselves in the 1,000-point club this year.

Lucero joined back on January 9th of 2020 against the University of Antelope Valley with a pair of free throws to put the Vallejo native at 1,000 and 1,001 points for his career, joining Daniel Radford as the other Keelhaulers to accomplish the feat at the time.

Hauser accomplished this feat in a road win against Benedictine-University at Mesa. Hauser hit a three-pointer from the wing with 3:01 left in the first half joining his teammate in Lucero and Radford. Hauser finished his collegiate career number two in program history eventually passing Radford and ending with 1,116 points.

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## Men's Water Polo Sierra Pacific Championship, National Tournament Appearance

Led by player-coach, **Aldric Terral**, the Keelhaulers got off to a 2-2 start, but didn't lose another regular-season game to make it one of the best Men's Water Polo campaigns in Cal Maritime History. The defining moment of the season came when the Keelhaulers defeated the Cal Bears in their home finale 6-5. Cal Berkeley had gone 64-straight league games without a loss before Cal Maritime's upset victory, and the Keelhaulers hadn't beaten the Bears since 2012. Men's Water Polo was able to take down the Cal Bears a second time to claim their first Sierra Pacific Conference Championship by defeating the Bears 9-8, earning them a 4th seed in the National Tournament at the University of

Pittsburgh. The Keelhaulers advanced to the second round of the CWPA Club National Tournament after

beating Oregon State in the first round 16-12, another first for the program. In

round two Cal Maritime trailed the Tritons of UC San Diego by just one at the half, but

exclusions got the Keelhaulers in trouble in the third quarter in a 10-7 loss. Cal

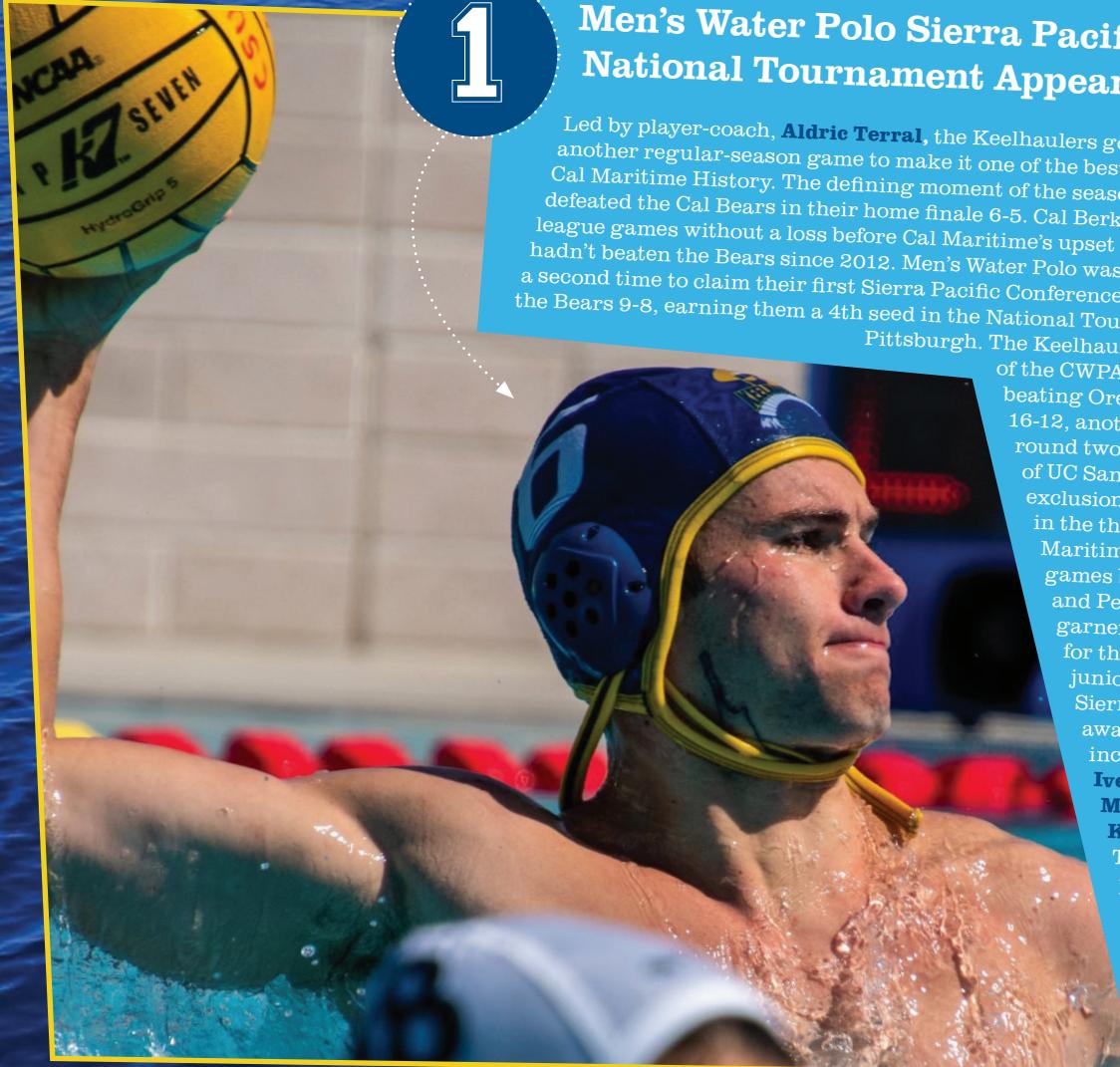
Maritime played well in their consolation games but were bested late by Michigan and Penn State. The Keelhaulers

garnered several individual accolades for their historic season, including junior **Reagan Hesse** earning the Sierra Pacific's Most Valuable Player award. Other conference awards

included First-Team Honors for **Ian Iverson**, Hesse, and goalie **Steven Mori** and Terral and **Brandon Kolorov** were each named Second-

Team All-Conference. Three players were named CWPA Club All-Americans, with Hesse

making the second team, Terral making the third team, and Iverson receiving an honorable mention.



# Staff & Faculty



## TERRIE COSGROVE NOW DIRECTOR OF ANNUAL GIVING AND ALUMNI RELATIONS

Theresa (Terrie) McNamara Cosgrove began her role at Cal Maritime as Director of Annual Giving & Alumni Relations in February. A position that is primarily driven by in-person alumni meetings and activities quickly pivoted to building alumni relationships through cyberspace.

Terrie brings more than three decades of fund-raising and alumni experience to the Cal Maritime University Advancement team. Her extensive career includes positions with Loyola Chicago Law School, USC, and Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) as associate vice president for development.

"I am in awe of the Cal Maritime alumni bond. I have worked with many different alumni in various universities, but the Cal Maritime alum is something special – their loyalty, their commitment to their profession and to one another, as well as their culture. It is hard to describe but I like it," says Cosgrove.

To contact Terrie, email her at [tcosgrove@csum.edu](mailto:tcosgrove@csum.edu) or call (760) 413-0065 or (707) 654-1299.

## Staff & Faculty Departures and Retirements Fiscal Year 2019-2020

7/31/2019 <b>Thomas Hart</b> Lieutenant	12/31/2019 <b>Dianne Meredith</b> Instructional Faculty Academic Year	6/16/2020 <b>Bruce Wilbur</b> Director of Student Health Center
8/1/2019 <b>Darian Horne</b> Assistant to Dean	12/31/2019 <b>William Davidson</b> Director of Golden Bear Research Center	6/30/2020 <b>Raymond Orsolino</b> Police Officer
8/19/2019 <b>Harry Portolos</b> Lecturer AY	12/31/2019 <b>Susan Reynolds</b> Assistant to the Captain	7/1/2020 <b>Marvin Christopher</b> Athletics Director
8/30/2019 <b>Royster Martin</b> Instructional Support	12/31/2019 <b>Michael Andrews</b> Maritime Vocational Instructor IV	7/1/2020 <b>Stanley Hebert</b> Vice President of Student Affairs
10/18/2019 <b>Richard Muller</b> Engineering Operations Manager	1/18/2020 <b>Susan Opp</b> Provost and Vice-President of Academic Affairs	7/31/2020 <b>Dennis Cox</b> Women's Head Basketball Coach

An advertisement for the President's Society. It features a large, stylized silhouette of a person running on the left, with the text "YOUR IMPACT BEGINS HERE" overlaid in large, white, sans-serif letters. On the right, there is detailed information about the benefits of different donor levels: "President's Society", "Platinum", "Gold", "Silver", and "Bronze". Each level includes a description of the benefits, such as "One Season Ticket" for the President's Society, "Annual Dinner with the President" for Platinum, and "Annual Reception with the Deans" for Silver.



# “Where Geopolitics Meets Supply Chain Logistics”

**T**hat is the motto of the newly formed LLC, MP Strategic Group, but this isn't your normal maritime industry start up. Several Cal Maritime alumni — all 2019 graduates — formulated the company vision during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic in an attempt to dive further into the expansive maritime realm with data analytics, detailed reports, and other creative solutions.

Founded in April of 2020, the group's founder and CEO, **Ryan Mack** (GSMA), saw an opportunity to fill a void in the maritime industry.

“We wanted to come together and actually act on some of the principles we learned at Cal Maritime,” Mack said. “At the time of our founding, we had all relocated or recently been released from our previous employment. We didn't want to sit around waiting. We wanted to continue our research and professional development. By using our unique maritime education, as well as our various work specialties, we figured we could make an impact in the maritime industry.”

The company's Director of Research, **Robert Sanchez** (GSMA), added, “We noticed a lack of well-written, maritime-related content in the geopolitical realm. From the Global Studies and Maritime Affairs program, I learned the importance of interpreting global and maritime events with well researched perspectives to consider all variables. I enjoy being a part of MP Strategic Group because we're able to build and expand on topics and concepts we enjoyed learning about at Cal Maritime. One of my favorite projects to work on was analyzing the strategies of hospital ships of various navies around the world in the early months of COVID-19. We were able to publish these findings in our first *Diversified Affairs Briefing: Seafarer Guidelines of COVID-19*.”

**Max Cohen** (GSMA), the group's International Studies Content Director, also commented on MPSG's research interests. “Eurasia is a rich case study for the concepts of energy politics, one of my focused fields at Cal Maritime. One research focus of MPSG is to follow the developments of the Three Seas



RYAN MACK, '19 (GSMA)



ROBERT SANCHEZ, '19 (GSMA)



RAYMOND BARRY, '19 (IBL)



MAX COHEN, '19 (GSMA)



DAVID HENDERSON, '19 (IBL)

Initiative, a forum of twelve states in the European Union, along a north-south axis from the Baltic Sea to the Adriatic Sea and the Black Sea. Another focus has been the ongoing Nagorno-Karabakh conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan; a long-running ethnic and territorial feud between two former Soviet satellite states, which has unfortunately flared up into deadly clashes in the past few months.”

The company wants to create reports and bring to light the important issues and topics throughout the maritime spectrum, while focusing on geopolitical and supply chain sectors. The group recognizes they have the ability and expertise to create well-crafted analysis and reports surrounding the maritime industry and strategic global studies field. They offer directed research providing risk analysis for supply chain logistics and energy security based on geopolitical realities.

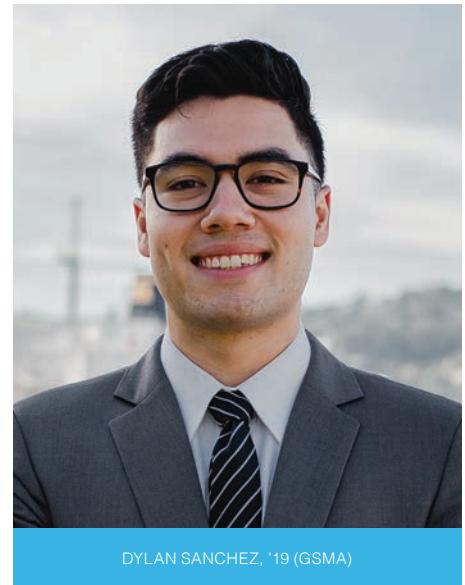
Marketing & Social Media Director, **David Henderson** (IBL), is often introducing MPSG to industry professionals and promoting the content of the group. “Starting a business from scratch is of course very difficult,” Henderson said. “So, we want to build on our team’s core competencies

to provide niche experiences for clients and users, as well as having the ability to continuously expand into new methods of research and areas of focus.”

“We are expanding our on-line presence through LinkedIn, Twitter, as well as our company’s website by showcasing our completed and ongoing reports. We are also in the process of introducing a geopolitical-themed podcast for more consistent geopolitical updates,” Henderson added. “In the era of Covid-19, so much of our communication has to be done virtually, so our digital presence has become critical to our company’s growth and future success.”

The group — which also includes Research Assistants, **Dylan Sanchez** (GSMA) and **Paul Lambert** (IBL), and Data Analysts **Kyle Hunt** (IBL) and **Raymond Barry** (IBL) — still utilizes the resources available to them at Cal Maritime. GSMA Department Chair, Dr. Assis Malaquais, has provided a wealth of information, expertise, and guidance to the group.

The group will be focusing their reports on relevant, contemporary geopolitical topics, as well as sustained efforts in naval



DYLAN SANCHEZ, '19 (GSMA)

sea power and maritime policy research. These reports are compiled into Diversified Affairs Briefings, or D.A.B. Reports, which are always available on their site for reference. 

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# Crossed the Final Bar

## CLASS OF 1952

### Lui Venator, 1931- 2020

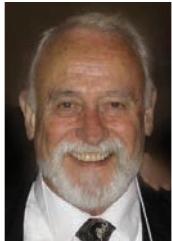
Lui James Venator passed away peacefully at San Jose Regional Medical Center after a fall on April 11, 2020, at age 88. Having developed a romanticized ideal of life on the seas from his Navy trained father, Lui set out to pursue a career as a merchant marine after high school. Lui enrolled in Cal Maritime.

However, after two years he realized he wanted a broader education and subsequently enrolled in the University of California at Berkeley. During the summers both at Cal Maritime and at UC Berkeley, he worked as a merchant seaman sailing all over the world. After graduating with a bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley in history he joined the Navy. He trained as a pilot and later left as an officer. He then joined IBM marketing large computers. After a few years, he left and returned to working on boats in Southern California and the Caribbean. In September 1960 Lui started Law School at Berkeley Law, then known widely as Boalt Hall. After law school and a stint at Caltrans Lui joined the San Jose law firm of Miller Morton Wright and Caillat where after three years he made partner. The firm represented several local building contractors and he became quite an expert in managing their affairs. In 1969 he was offered a job as a construction lawyer in the new consortium known as RMKBRJ – Raymond International, Morrison and Knudson, Brown, and Root, JR Jones. The United States Government had hired these several companies to act together in building very large projects in Vietnam – Highways, bridges, port facilities, and airports. In 1971 the construction company closed most of its building operations and Lui went to work for ITT Federal Electric Company, a telephone and power utility with lines and equipment in several Southeast Asian countries. It was then that he met his wife Lien (Hue), Lui. After the fall of Saigon, Lui relocated to Hong Kong where he worked on projects for ITT, expanding the Sheraton Hotel footprint. Their son Minh, '89, returned to the US to attend Cal Maritime. Minh runs MinhJet as a sole proprietor restoring, maintaining, and modifying warbird jets for over 20 years.

## CLASS OF 1962

### Gaylord Carlyle "Carl" Noblitt III, 1940 – 2020

Carl was born in Los Angeles, CA, and spent time during his youth between California and Council Bluffs, IA. He was a graduate of Santa Cruz High School (CA), and the California State University Maritime Academy. He earned a



GAYLORD NOBLITT III

BS in Marine Engineering and began his professional career as a licensed engineer in the Merchant Marine. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant in the US Navy Reserve before he was lured ashore to be part of the Apollo Project with Aerojet General (CA). At Aerojet, he was heavily involved with the development of the Apollo SPS rocket engine. He continued to work in the aerospace industry with Pratt & Whitney (FL) and General Electric Co. (MA), where he spent many years with the aircraft engine group. Carl later joined Eaton Co. (MA) in the semiconductor equipment industry where he served as a marketing executive for high-tech ion-implanters. His experience in the semiconductor industry carried him on to several startup companies where he served as President of High Temperature Engineering (MA) and eventually CEO of Superior Design (MA) and Opnetics (MA) before retiring to Williamsburg, VA. As a father and husband, Carl was always available to serve as a foundation or sounding board for all the various challenges and endeavors that life brought to the table. His keen insights, boundless encouragement, and love will be missed by his family.

## CLASS OF 1963



NORMAN WERNER

### Norman Andrew Werner, 1938-2020

On Wednesday, April 22, 2020, Captain Norman (Norm) Andrew Werner died unexpectedly at the age of 81. Norm graduated from Cal Maritime in 1963 and attained his Unlimited Master's License just five years after graduation, making him one of the youngest captains sailing in the American Merchant Marine at that time. Norm was chosen to be the first merchant marine officer to be trained in Global Positioning System (GPS) navigation at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, working under the direction of the very scientist who developed GPS. Norm went on to become a respected ship pilot for 40 years, serving in three different and challenging locations. Norm spent 22 years in the Panama Canal, six years in Grays Harbor, Washington, and 12 years in Puget Sound, Washington, all of which require extensive knowledge and remarkable ship-handling skills to ensure the successful movement of large vessels in restricted waterways. Norm distinguished himself as a true maritime professional during his illustrious career as a licensed merchant marine officer, ship captain, and pilot. He is survived by his wife, Judith, son, Kjell, extended family, and dear friends.

## CLASS OF 1969



GARY HUNT

### Gary Robert Hunt, 1944 – 2020

Gary Robert Hunt, beloved husband, father passed away suddenly on June 28th, 2020 while walking his dog and good buddy, Dusty. Born and raised in Ventura, Gary attended Lincoln Elementary School, Cabrillo Junior High, and Ventura High School before graduating from Cal Maritime in 1969. After graduation, he sailed for 3 years as a Naval Reserve Officer in the Inactive Reserves to fulfill his military obligation. His first ship was the SS Golden Bear, followed by the SS Samoa Bear, the SS Limon Hall, Sea- Land Aleutian Developer, and Sea-Land Anchorage. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Hunt; son, Brenner Hunt; stepson, Zachary Robinson; daughter, Shawna Hunt; sister and brother-in-law, Diane and Gary Swingle; and sister, Debbie Waage.

## CLASS OF 1970



LOREN SMITH

### Loren E. Smith, 1949-2020

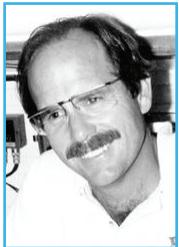
Loren E. Smith joined his family in heaven on October 20, 2020, after a 15-year battle with cancer. A fourth-generation Anacortes resident, he grew up on the family acreage as a healthy farm kid. At age 4½, he took apart an uncle's watch and reassembled it into perfect working order. A few years later, he was given a broken lawnmower, which he repaired and used it to make a go-cart with a wooden frame. As a Cal Maritime student Loren toured the Panama Canal, Brazil, Australia, and New Zealand. At the Academy, Loren often got top grades in his engineering classes. He claimed he never read the textbooks, just looked at the technical diagrams the night before the tests. In 1970 he joined the Naval Reserve after graduation as an LTJG and in readiness for possible deployment to engage in the Vietnam War. Loren was hired by The Standard Oil Company as an engineer on an oil tanker in their Pacific- Alaska route. He later went on more global routes. Tired of long-distance travel, he returned to Anacortes and worked as a machinist at Cap Sante Marina and for the Foss Maritime Company. Loren then signed on as Engineer for the M/V Anastasis (a former cruise ship M/V Victoria converted to a floating hospital), a flagship of Mercy Ships fleet based in Greece and sponsored by Youth with a Mission (YWAM), where he met his future wife Diana. They were married in Spanaway, Washington on March 6, 1981. Loren began working for Washington State Ferries and was

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its Chief Engineer for 33 years. He was a life-long deer hunter and a professional beekeeper. He was also an avid reader, consuming thousands of books. He is survived by his wife; his daughters: Dana & June (Cory Gardner); three grandchildren: Alister, Aleece, and Aric; and his siblings: Linda, Lane, and Lisa Smith.

### CLASS OF 1979



NORMAN WERNER

#### **William "Bill" Moses, 1956-2020**

William Armstrong Moses III passed after an eight-year fight with cancer on February 18, 2020, in North Tustin, California. As a young child, Bill and his father alike decided to try their hand at sailing, in hopes of satisfying

their desire for adventure. The ways of the sea quickly captured Bill's heart and imagination, inspiring a lifelong passion for all things maritime. He earned his B. S. in Nautical Industrial Technology at Cal Maritime in 1979, while holding a leadership role as a division commander, in addition to getting his license as a 3rd Mate. Bill worked as a merchant marine officer for seven years, nourishing his sense of wanderlust while traveling the world by ship. Along the way, he became a 2nd Mate and Master of 1600 ton. In February of 1980, Bill and his father bought a Cal-48' sailboat, the Intrigue. Bill became a member of the Newport Harbor Yacht Club in 1981. He and his father, "WAM II", spent countless hours sailing out of Newport Bay up and down the coast, to Catalina, and competing in sailing events with their many friends in the sailing community. He leaves behind his loving wife of 26 years, Michelle Moses; his two adoring children Sean Moses and Serena Moses Carbery, son in law Alex Carbery; his surviving sister, Candace Vickers, her husband Terry Vickers, his nephew Davis Vickers, and his niece Sara Vickers Hamlin.

### CLASS OF 2008

#### **Luc McSweeney Maheu, 1986-2020**

Luc McSweeney Maheu was born the second child of Paul and Lillian Maheu on Aug. 10, 1986, at Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley, CA. An alumnus of the School of the Madeleine, Berkeley High School, and the California Maritime Academy class of 2008, Luc worked

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LUC MAHEU

tirelessly to pursue his life-long passion for the sea.

Perhaps his love of knotwork began with his time as a Boy Scout, during which he served as a counselor at Camp Wolfeboro in the High Sierra, and finally attained the rank of Eagle in 2004. The Scouts instilled in Luc

an enthusiasm for service that took him to the Hyde St. Pier, where he volunteered regularly with his family. A championship wrestler at Berkeley High, he also raced CFJs with the BHS Sailing Team.

Early on, Luc chose the life of the sea and, upon graduation from the California Maritime Academy, he worked variously for Crowley Maritime, Kirby Offshore Marine, and, lastly, with AmNav Maritime Services. Tugboats were his specialty, and he worked vessel assist in the Gulf of Alaska to Valdez, in transit in Hawaii and, latterly, towing fuel barges from Tacoma to Juno through the Inside Passage.

A long-time member of the Pt. San Pablo Yacht Club, most recently serving as Director, and the Master Mariners Benevolent Association of San Francisco California, Luc's gregarious nature and "fraternite" earned him a place in the hearts of all whom he met.

His lifelong dream of owning and operating a schooner was finally fulfilled when he purchased the Pinky Schooner *Tiger*, thus beginning his private seafaring venture which became Tiller and Gaff. As the proprietor of Tiller and Gaff, Luc crafted bespoke marlin-spike tools and ran private charters in the San Francisco Bay. Carrying his dream eastward to his New England ancestral roots, Luc added another vessel to his fleet in the form of a Murray Peterson-designed brigantine, *Lyra*.

Luc is predeceased by his wife, Alison Brooke Maheu, and is survived by his father, mother, brother Leo, sister Lillian, fiancée Lauren Pressler, many aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, extended family, shipmates, and friends.

Luc was a multifaceted, highly skilled, and talented teller of tall tales. A true man of the sea, he will live on in our hearts and stories forever.

Safe and sound ashore again...

### CLASS OF 2013

#### **Jordan Marsh Birchell, 1990-2020**

Jordan Marsh Birchell passed away suddenly on January 2, 2020. Birchell was born on August 18, 1990, as the middle child of Ed and Marsha. He grew up in Petersburg, Alaska. Many of his childhood days were spent with friends fishing along Wrangell Narrows or Blind River Rapids. When not in pursuit of the big catch, Jordan could be found participating in the sport of the season. Whether swimming, baseball, or basketball being part of a team taught him many life lessons. A summer fishing

job led to Jordon's lifelong love of being on the water began. Not only did he make his money fishing he learned about hard work and made the reputation of being a good hand. After graduating Petersburg High Jordan went on to pursue his dreams at Cal Maritime, playing college basketball for the Keelhauers, where he was named freshman of the year. He continued to fulfill his dreams by getting his accredited certificates to become an able-bodied seaman and eventually become a first mate on tugs. He worked on tugs in Alaska, Puget Sound, San Francisco Bay, and the Delaware River. But Jordan's proudest accomplishments were found in the life he shared with his family. In June of 2014, Jordan returned to Petersburg for his brother Jesse and Amanda's wedding. He brought Rachel with him, the first girl he ever introduced to his mom. Right then all knew he was serious. They were soul mates who were blessed with a beautiful baby girl, Serena Claire Birchell. Jordan and Rachel along with family and friends celebrated their love with a beach wedding on the coast of Oregon on June 17th, 2017. This past year Jordan and Rachel decided to make a move to ensure a better job position for Jordan. After a short stay in California, they made the choice to try the east, so they packed up the family and made the adventurous trip to Pennsylvania. He got a position as first mate and the family were beginning to settle in. Jordan is survived by his parents Ed and Marsha Birchell, his wife Rachel, his children, Serena Claire and Shawn Edward, his brother and sister Jesse and Jalyn, and all the many people that Jordan called family and friends. ↴

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# Giving

# Scholarship and Awards Gala

The 15th Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala almost did not happen. First, due to the fire on campus, the event was postponed from November 2019 to March of this year. Then, when March arrived, it was the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic and organizers were uncertain as to whether to go forward with an in-person event. With great agility and nimbleness — and very little notice — they shifted the Gala to a virtual online auction. The result? The 15th Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala was the California Maritime Academy Foundation's (CMAF)'s most successful yet, raising \$175,000 for cadet scholarships.

The Gala was the wrap-up of Cal Maritime's 90th year celebration. Though attendees did not have the opportunity to enjoy each other's company in person, they were able to bid on a large selection of items from the comfort of their own homes, "in their pajamas," as the committee liked to say. Many thanks to the attendees who converted their event registration to direct donations to the CMAF Gala Scholarship Fund. And, of course, the Gala would not have been possible without the support of the sponsors listed here.

Whether in person or online, the California Maritime Academy Foundation is looking forward to "seeing" attendees at its 16th annual Gala in early 2021. Please email Chelsea McClain, University Relations and Engagement Director, at [cemcclain@csum.edu](mailto:cemcclain@csum.edu) if you would like to sponsor the event or donate an auction item.

## CONGRATULATIONS

to the Cal Maritime Alumni and Industry Award recipients. The Cal Maritime community wishes to express our gratitude virtually, and when possible, in person, for their extraordinary contributions to the school.

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Bill Andrew '78 and Ken Passé '69

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Ally Pierce '99 and Todd Roberts '95

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# New Permanent Home for Anchor Center

The California Maritime Academy Foundation has purchased 201 Georgia Street, a two-story, 11,844 square foot property in downtown Vallejo. Once renovated, the building will become a permanent home for the University's Anchor Center, which is currently housed in leased properties just steps away at 253 and 255 Georgia Street.

The purchase, totaling \$1.9 million dollars, was executed through the California Maritime Academy Foundation, the Academy's philanthropic arm. It was funded in large part through a bequest by alumnus **David Posch** '69, who left the bulk of his estate to the Foundation in an unrestricted bequest.

"This is an important purchase for Cal Maritime and wonderful way to honor the legacy of David Posch" says **Robert Arp**, vice president of advancement and executive director of the Cal Maritime Academy Foundation. "Owning 201 Georgia Street strengthens our connection to downtown Vallejo and gives us an opportunity to grow Cal Maritime's presence there, extending the mission of the University beyond the confines of the main campus."

In addition, Arp noted, ownership will free up financial resources currently being expended monthly on the nearby leased space.

Like the current Anchor Center, the new building will feature flexible spaces, which may include classrooms or areas devoted to meetings, Academy and community events, offices, and continuing education programs. It will also house the archives, which were moved from the main campus to the existing Anchor Center in 2019. Eventually, the campus could partner with the private sector to build a multi-floor mixed use complex, potentially housing faculty and married students.

"We look forward to working with the city and local developers in exploring the best ways to use this property to its fullest advantage. We're hopeful it will become a vital addition to the ongoing renewal of Vallejo's historic downtown," says Arp.

The property's attributes include its location as a transportation hub, close to bus lines and the Vallejo ferry terminal. The purchase also includes an adjacent parking lot, opening ample opportunity for resident and visitor parking for the new Anchor Center. 

# Machine Shop at Cal Maritime

BY FRANCELINA A. NETO, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

The School of Engineering's Machine Shop is one of the most highly trafficked spaces on campus, with over 300 engineering cadets utilizing the shop each year. All MET (Marine Engineering

Technology), FET (Facilities Engineering Technology) and ME (Mechanical Engineering) have major requirements that take them to the machine shop for at least two courses, plus senior design projects,

each year. And now, with thanks to **Dean Gridley** '70 for his ongoing philanthropic support, these cadets have access to state-of-the-art fabrication equipment in the newly upgraded Machine Shop.

The recent upgrades include two state of the art Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machines and three new vertical mills. Three new lathes are expected to be of service in spring 2021. Looking to the future, the out of date power system is being updated to accommodate further improvements to equipment and cadet instruction, while improving access and the safety of the working areas.

The training that the fabrication tools provides creates an opportunity to acquire hands-on skills and imbues knowledge of how to engineer and manufacture essential items, the core strength of Cal Maritime's engineering program. The cadets cherish their overall experience, which includes high quality instruction and instills them with skills that they will use throughout their lifetime, not only in their workplace but also in their personal life. Most cadets approach machine shop as a fun place to relieve the stress of engineering homework or problem sets. The opportunity that the machine shop offers for face to face instruction, even during current COVID restrictions, is all the more important to cadets now, many of whom may be feeling isolated due to social distancing protocols and remote learning

The School of Engineering is very grateful for the donations and upgrades that will improve its teaching capabilities and will enable them to keep up with evolutions in state of the art equipment, and catapult the future graduates for a wider range of career opportunities in the maritime profession. 



ERIN PIERSON '02



# Erin Pierson Assumes Alumni Board Post

**Erin Pierson** '02 took the helm of the Cal Maritime Alumni Association as National President July 1, 2020. A 2002 graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, she received her Unlimited Tonnage 3rd Mate License through the US Coast Guard.

Erin began her career with Marine Terminals Corporation, now known as Ports America, as a Superintendent at the Hanjin Terminal in Long Beach. During her tenure she was promoted to Operations Manager where she held various roles including Health and Safety Manager providing extensive support to operations staff leading numerous safety programs.

In 2015, Erin joined Foss Maritime Company as Manager of Safety and Security for Foss's Terminal 5 facility. She played a leading security role working with various local, state, and federal agencies in support of the Shell Venture. Currently in Foss's HSQE department, Erin works throughout the West Coast and Alaska including Foss's Seattle shipyard providing support to all areas of operation.

"My priority for the Alumni Association is to continue building a solid foundation with the campus and administration. I want to bridge the gap between the association and foundation, something that was particularly important to my predecessor, **John Betz** '76 (MT) '15 (MS). My personal goal is to be visible to cadets on campus as soon as COVID allows. That will enable me to build relationships with current students, provide informal mentoring, and help to connect fellow alumni and cadets pre- and post-graduation."

Erin returned to Northern California in July after 15 years in Southern California including a short stint in Seattle still with Foss. She is enjoying being a new homeowner living in Cal Maritime's backyard in Vacaville.

**Eric Cooper** '05 (MT) refers to Erin as "an anchor for the alumni association "when describing her commitment to Cal Maritime. "She has the desire to do so much for her alma mater for years to come."

"Erin Pierson's dedication to the academy and our alumni association can only be characterized as exemplary" says Betz. "I for one can't wait to see where her leadership takes us."

Erin enjoys spending time with her 7-year old rescue, Sheba and tending to her new yard. 



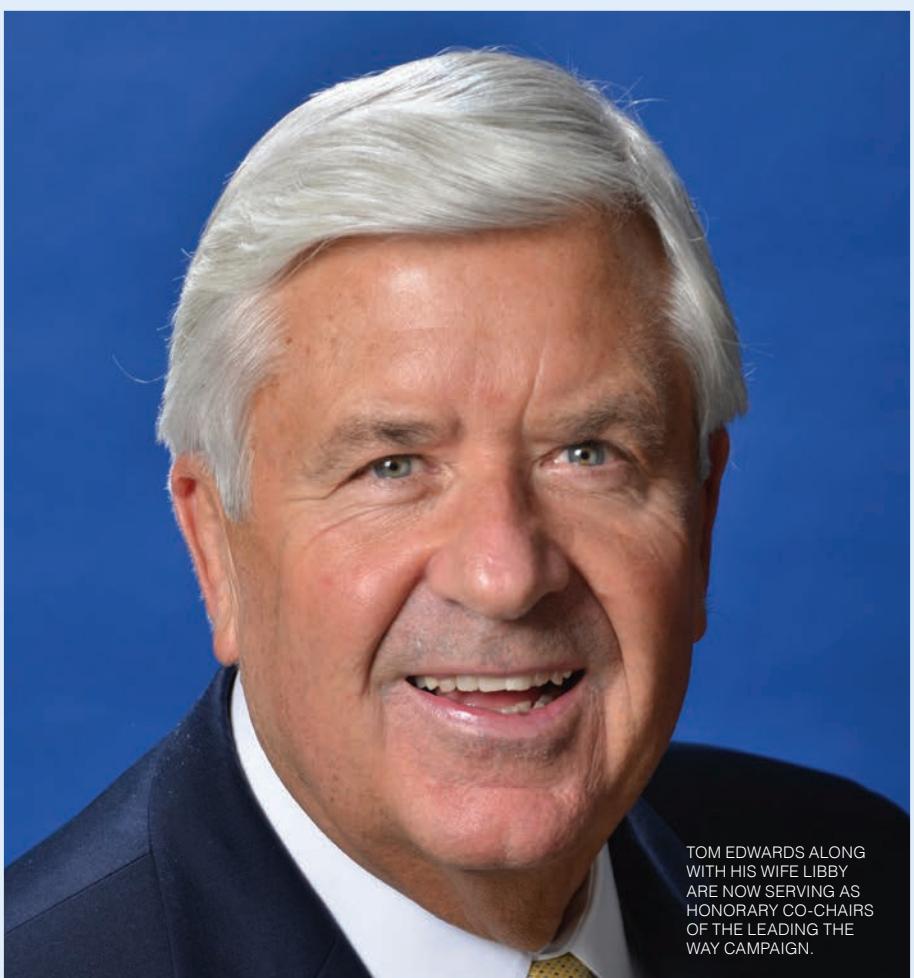
CAPT. JOHN BETZ '76 (MT) '15 (MS)

## BETZ NAMED FOUNDATION BOARD CHAIR

This past July, the California Maritime Academy Foundation, the charitable support auxiliary of Cal Maritime, welcomed its new Board Chair, **Capt. John Betz** '76, MS '15. (Juris Doctor, UC Hastings College of the Law, 1996.) Capt. Betz takes the reins of the Foundation after six years of extraordinary service by outgoing Board Chair Tom Edwards, the benefactor of the Edwards Leadership Program.

After graduating from Cal Maritime, Capt. Betz sailed the for next 17 years on Chevron Shipping Company's ocean-going tank vessels. He began his career as a third mate and eventually served as shipmaster and Alaska pilot. Chevron Shipping recognized Betz for numerous achievements, including developing an employee indoctrination program and inventing a patented apparatus that prevented fatal lifeboat accidents.

Captain Betz is currently a Port Pilot at the Port of Los Angeles, the largest container port in the western hemisphere. His job entails guiding large ocean-going vessels to and from their berths in the Port of LA. Captain Betz is the vice-chair of the Los Angeles-Long Beach Harbor Safety Committee. He also works as a maritime consultant and litigation expert.



TOM EDWARDS ALONG WITH HIS WIFE LIBBY ARE NOW SERVING AS HONORARY CO-CHAIRS OF THE LEADING THE WAY CAMPAIGN.

The California Maritime Academy Foundation (CMAF) would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to those board members who concluded their board service on June 30, 2020. **Scott Merritt** '83 joined the board in 2017 and chaired the audit committee. **Jack Orme** '70 served two terms on the board and chaired the External Relations Committee, which is responsible for assisting the University Advancement department with its fundraising efforts. Jack was also instrumental in developing the Foundation's strategic plan. Last, **Tom Edwards** joined the board in 2011 and served three terms, with the last six years as chair. Together with his wife, Libby, Tom funded the Edwards Leadership Program. We are delighted that Tom and Libby are continuing their volunteer service to Cal Maritime by serving as Honorary Co-Chairs of the Leading the Way comprehensive campaign.

In 2015, Captain Betz returned to Cal Maritime and earned his Master of Science in Transportation Management. The systems-based processes he learned there inspired him to develop a revolutionary private-sector approach to end homelessness. Together with his wife, Heidi, Captain Betz currently owns and operates HAAVEN HOME LLC, which operates six

fully-furnished, comfortable homes providing housing for more than 40 formerly homeless men and women.

Captain Betz was raised near Los Angeles, California. He received an Honorable Discharge, from the US Marine Corps in May 1975 and an Honorable Discharge from the US Navy Reserve in February 1984. 



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## New California Maritime Academy Foundation Board Members

Since the last issue of *Cal Maritime Magazine* went to press, the California Maritime Academy Foundation (CMAF) has welcomed the following new board members: **Kris Rietmann Abrudan**, **Gladys Brown** '01 (ME), **Tim Coombs** '80 (MET), and **Beth Kirkpatrick** '99 (D). The following members have rejoined the board after having previously served on the CMAF board: **Lynn Korwatch** '76 (D), **Chris Peterson** '86 (NIT), and **Mike Rodgers**.

Rietmann Abrudan is Communications Director with the Washington State Department of Transportation. Brown '01 is the Airport Director of the Yuma International Airport. Coombs '80 recently retired from Chevron Shipping Company as General Manager Offshore and Marine Terminals. Kirkpatrick '99 is Assistant Vice President of Ocean Marine Surplus and Specialty Lines at Crum & Forster. Korwatch '76 is the Executive Director of the Marine Exchange of the San Francisco Bay Region. Peterson '86 is Vice President of Operations at Crowley Maritime. Rodgers is Managing Director at Wells Fargo Asset Management.

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## Alumni Giving Challenge

2019-2020

## Alumni Participation Rates

2019-2020

<b>1942</b>	16.67%	<b>1974</b>	13.51%	<b>1999</b>	8.51%
<b>1944</b>	16.67%	<b>1975</b>	18.60%	<b>2000</b>	2.17%
<b>1946</b>	50.00%	<b>1976</b>	24.05%	<b>2001</b>	10.98%
<b>1953</b>	17.65%	<b>1977</b>	20.00%	<b>2002</b>	8.33%
<b>1954</b>	15.00%	<b>1978</b>	4.00%	<b>2003</b>	1.25%
<b>1955</b>	27.78%	<b>1979</b>	8.33%	<b>2004</b>	3.13%
<b>1956</b>	5.88%	<b>1980</b>	3.30%	<b>2005</b>	4.30%
<b>1957</b>	26.32%	<b>1981</b>	6.25%	<b>2006</b>	2.97%
<b>1958</b>	29.41%	<b>1982</b>	5.48%	<b>2007</b>	2.48%
<b>1959</b>	12.50%	<b>1983</b>	5.68%	<b>2008</b>	2.94%
<b>1960</b>	3.03%	<b>1984</b>	5.56%	<b>2009</b>	5.22%
<b>1961</b>	18.18%	<b>1985</b>	12.16%	<b>2010</b>	5.80%
<b>1962</b>	21.95%	<b>1986</b>	4.08%	<b>2011</b>	6.15%
<b>1963</b>	21.28%	<b>1987</b>	7.95%	<b>2012</b>	2.53%
<b>1964</b>	31.48%	<b>1988</b>	7.55%	<b>2013</b>	4.93%
<b>1965</b>	22.92%	<b>1989</b>	7.69%	<b>2014</b>	3.90%
<b>1966</b>	13.16%	<b>1990</b>	3.64%	<b>2015</b>	1.61%
<b>1967</b>	16.36%	<b>1991</b>	5.56%	<b>2016</b>	3.45%
<b>1968</b>	11.11%	<b>1992</b>	4.92%	<b>2017</b>	2.33%
<b>1969</b>	40.00%	<b>1993</b>	3.13%	<b>2018</b>	2.42%
<b>1970</b>	13.33%	<b>1994</b>	4.71%	<b>2019</b>	1.59%
<b>1971</b>	4.00%	<b>1995</b>	3.57%		
<b>1972</b>	6.38%	<b>1997</b>	3.51%		
<b>1973</b>	8.51%	<b>1998</b>	0.00%		
				<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>6.64%</b>



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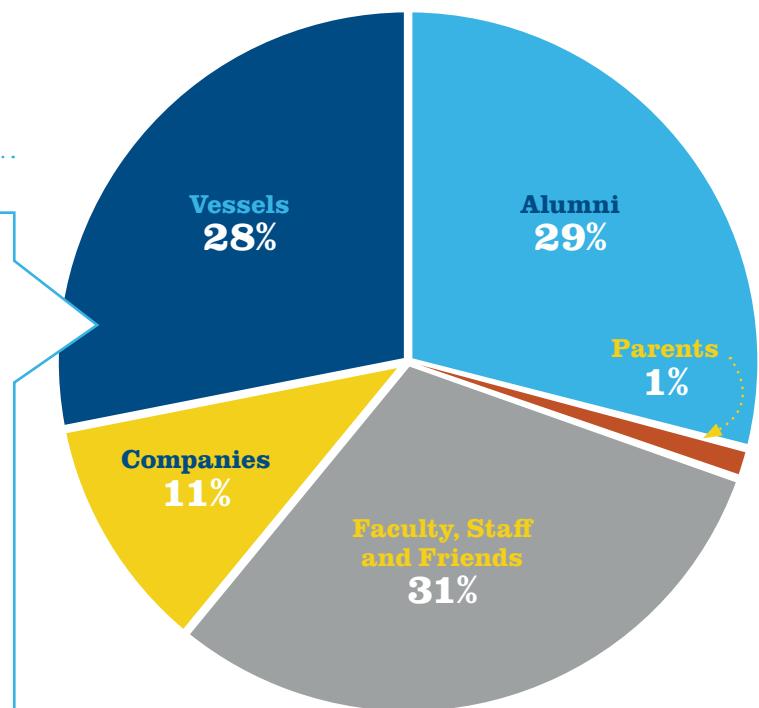
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## Total Giving by Constituency

2019-2020

<b>Vessels</b>	\$1,995,000
<b>Alumni</b>	\$2,058,213
<b>Parents</b>	\$102,059
<b>Faculty, Staff and Friends</b>	\$2,166,557
<b>Companies</b>	\$779,063

**Total \$7,100,893**





# From the Stern



## MOVING IMAGES

**Oliver Chen** '21 (MT) is a busy guy. He's a senior, runs cross country, majors in mechanical engineering, and is in Air Force ROTC. Yet somehow, he finds many hours to devote to something that started as a hobby but has since grown into much more.

"I shot my first video on a hiking trip to Mammoth a couple years ago, just capturing fun times with friends," he explains. But after editing it together, he immediately realized he wanted to do more with the medium. "My commercial cruise was coming up and I thought 'dang' I have to record that experience because no one's ever seen it — not many people really know what Cal Maritime cadets do." At the same time, he started watching some of the work done by various videographers and settled on an "indie style" that he wanted to emulate, never actually taking a class on cinematography or editing.

Armed with an iPhone and a GoPro, he boarded the USNS Big Horn in May of 2019 and headed to the Middle East to begin his commercial cruise requirements. He recorded some of the beauty, teamwork, isolation and even drama of that journey, which included being followed by the Iranians through the Strait of Hormuz. He captured soaring aerial images from the deck and tight fast-moving footage of his shipmates at work down below.

"It was a defining moment in my life," says Chen. "I got a cool mission, cool officers onboard to teach me and the cadets that were with me were amazing. They all made me feel very welcome and made sure I learned what I wanted to. In return I was able to document everything." Chen compiled the footage and set it to music in his own emerging indie-style.

Back on campus the moviemaking has continued, with some extra equipment. Adding a drone and his dad's DSLR camera to his arsenal, Chen shot videos of his cross country team, cut together an aerial day-in-the-life at Cal Maritime project, and recently trained his camera on orientation, where he caught the



energy and experiences of new cadets as they got their first taste of life on Morrow Cove, including pulling oars in Monomoy boats and jumping off the dock to swim to shore. In the edit room he amped up the color and added compelling music. The result might just pique the interest of a high school student looking into colleges right now. These cadets are clearly living their education, not watching it on a computer screen.

Chen isn't switching careers or going to film school. He plans to head to the Air Force and has every intention of using his Cal Maritime education. But he's thrilled to be walking away with an extra skill — and one that has helped build campus pride and showcase what life at the academy is really like.

"Here we don't do what other students do in college. I just want people to understand that." ↴



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