To the Class of 2020:

It has almost certainly been many decades since a graduating class at Cal Maritime has experienced the kind of senior year that your class has endured. But endure you have. Your class has seen fires, a pandemic, and widespread uncertainty. Your resilience and success in the face of adversity is a testament to your character, hard work, and resolve. Nothing that you have encountered disrupted your progress or redirected you from this moment.

This journey has been one of transformation that impacts your life, and the lives of your families, your faculty, and your alma mater. We are proud to call you one of our graduates. We have watched you grow and mature in your years at the Academy and remain confident in your very bright future. The values you learned and lived at Cal Maritime are timeless and enduring. Knowledge and professional practices change over time, but humanity will always place its highest value on a tireless work ethic, critical thinking, and servant leadership. These qualities and the resilient spirit you have demonstrated will take you far. You are poised for success, and we will forever remain your greatest supporters.

You are now entering a new stage in your life, and we know you will represent Cal Maritime well. Your future colleagues will not have to ask where you received your education – they will quickly know because you carry the qualities of our brightest graduates: humility, a sense of service to others, and a compelling desire to be the very best.

Fair winds and following seas all the days of our lives!

In service,

Rear Admiral Thomas A. Cropper, U.S.M.S.

President
Dear Class of 2020:

Congratulations on achieving this consequential milestone on the journey of a lifetime.

I am sure that, when you look back upon your commencement in the years to come, it will be with mixed emotions. Most often, you’ll be filled with pride and a powerful—and well-earned—sense of accomplishment. Perhaps sometimes you’ll relive a sense of amazement at attaining a goal that, at times, felt more than a little daunting. At other times, you may feel disappointment because of the unique and disruptive challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. I understand. The culmination of your college experience was not as you had expected—a virtual celebration following months of virtual learning, made necessary by this global public health crisis of historic proportions.

On this last point, it is my hope that you will also remember the ingenuity, adaptability, resilience and indomitable spirit you, your classmates, and your faculty and staff have demonstrated during these unprecedented and challenging times. I know I will. I will forever admire the class of 2020, and you will always hold a special place in my heart. And I have every confidence that the qualities that you have shown through these difficult days will continue to serve you well as you encounter life’s inevitable periods of hardship and uncertainty.

So today, we celebrate you — and all the hard work, perseverance and scholarship that brought you to this day.

Of course, you did not make this journey alone. We also recognize the faculty who deepened your knowledge and inspired you to see the world from new perspectives. We acknowledge the counselors, advisors, librarians, coaches and support staff who championed you at every turn. And indeed, we appreciate the family, friends and loved ones who encouraged you, uplifted you and supported you along the way. Please remember to thank these important people, and let them know how much their support means.

We call today’s celebration a “commencement” because it is not an end, but rather a new beginning. As you start the next chapter of your life, I urge you to continue to wholeheartedly pursue knowledge, truth and innovation, and to strive to elevate your community, state, nation and—indeed—the world, as you achieve your personal and professional goals.

And I encourage you to stay in contact with your campus and the larger California State University community. Connect with classmates, seek out faculty as mentors and join alumni chapters. Look for opportunities to inspire and support future generations who seek to follow in your footsteps.

As a proud CSU graduate myself, I welcome you to the world’s largest and most influential alumni community—more than 3.8 million strong.

On behalf of the entire California State University, again, congratulations to the truly remarkable class of 2020.

Sincerely,

Timothy P. White
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
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MANAGEMENT - CLASS OF 2020

The California State University Maritime Academy launched its first graduate degree program, a Master of Science in Transportation and Engineering Management with areas of specialization in Transportation, Engineering Management, and Humanitarian Disaster Management in 2011. This expanded Cal Maritime’s commitment to the development of industry leadership through the offering of an outstanding program which integrates critical thinking and best practices to enable graduates to face present day challenges and contribute meaningfully to the industries they serve.

The Master’s program provides advanced instruction in business and management fundamentals, coupled with specialized preparation for career advancement in the participant’s chosen specialization. The graduate program was developed jointly by key University faculty, with detailed input and review from well over two dozen businesses, agencies, professional organizations and accrediting bodies.

The Master’s program is offered in a fully online, asynchronous format, making instruction available to the student every day, around the clock, during the semesters in which he or she is enrolled. Students proceed through the courses as a cohort, belonging to the same group throughout the duration of the program.

Students graduating with a Master’s degree wear academic regalia which is specific to the institution, the degree level and the academic discipline in which the degree was earned. The untrimmed Master’s robe has oblong sleeves which are open at the wrist and square cut at the rear. The navy and gold lining of the hood represents Cal Maritime’s colors, while the velvet border of Science Gold signifies the realm of Science and Engineering. Following a centuries-old tradition, the Master’s degree candidates will be formally hooded in a ceremony conducted by the President, the Provost, and the Associate Provost.

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B.S., Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott
Capstone: Truck Driver Staffing Retention Problems and Recommendations

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Capstone: Reengineering of Airline Passenger Experience Post COVID-19

SCOTT KEEVER
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Capstone: Using Weather Buoys to Route our Way through Climate Change

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Capstone: Amphibious Water Transit Technology and Infrastructure for California, North and South

RICHARD LIPHAM
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Capstone: Human Error in the U.S. Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) System Operations

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Donald Maier, Ph.D.

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B.S., California State University Maritime Academy
Capstone: Challenges of Providing Healthcare Facilities to Populations in Rural Regions of East Africa and Their Solutions

ALICIA BRYANT WINTERBOTTOM
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Capstone: The Implementation of Cloud Based Terminal Operating Systems (TOS) in Small Ports, with a Case Study in the Caribbean

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B.S., California State University Maritime Academy
Capstone: Improving the Procurement Process for University Facilities Management

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~ Ensign, Student Naval Aviator, U.S. Navy  
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ALEC SIEVING
Sacramento, CA

PRESTON BOWERS °
San Diego, CA

CHRISTOPHER HYNES *
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

ALEX SAELEE
Fairfield, CA

BRISTON SLOW
San Gabriel, CA

ALEXANDER BURGER
Seal Beach, CA

RICHARD IMBRIALE
Torrance, CA

NICHOLAS SANDVOLD °
Honolulu, HI

JOSHUA SMITH **
Riverside, CA

JON CORDERO
San Diego, CA

TERUYOSHI JO
Palos Verdes, CA

MAX SCHMIDIG
Danville, CA

KEVIN SPOSATO
Vallejo, CA

GEORGE FERNANDEZ
Houston, TX

RYAN LORENZO
Placerville, CA

MATTHEW SCHMIDT *
Santa Barbara, CA

SAULO TIJERINO
Davis, CA

JUSTIN FRANKLIN
Kilauea, HI

KEITH WEBSTER **
Anacortes, WA
COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

The Commencement Awards recognize those graduating students who have demonstrated excellence in academics, leadership, civic and community engagement, shipboard activities, and athletics throughout their tenure at Cal Maritime.

HIGHEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Wyatt Juntunen  
BA, Global Studies and Maritime Affairs

Kevin Nguyen  
BS, Business Administration

John Wang  
BS, Facilities Engineering Technology

Joshua Smith  
BS, Marine Engineering Technology

Yunus Aybar  
BS, Marine Transportation

Samuel Rodriguez  
BS, Mechanical Engineering

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY MARITIME ACADEMY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Jasmin Brown  
BA, Global Studies and Maritime Affairs

TRAINING SHIP GOLDEN BEAR CAPTAIN’S AWARDS

Aldric Terral, Engine  
BS, Mechanical Engineering

Flora Van Der Schoot, Deck  
BS, Marine Transportation

EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD

Alexis Holt  
BS, Facilities Engineering Technology

ATHLETICS AWARD

Kian Patrick  
BS, Marine Transportation
The robes, hats, and hoods worn by faculty members and graduates have historical origins and significance. Even the different colors that you see on the regalia are noteworthy. During the Middle Ages, scholars wore wool or fur garments to stay warm in the drafty stone buildings at the earliest English and European universities. Most scholars wore cloaks that included a hood that could be pulled up to keep their heads warm, since many were also monks or priests and had the hair shaved from the crowns of their heads. The academic gowns and hoods were adapted from both secular and clerical garments of the time, and the hood was chosen by the early scholars to indicate the degree held by the wearer through distinctive color, trim, or binding.

The style of academic dress most frequently worn in the United States dates back to colonial times, although it was not formally adopted until near the end of the 19th century. It has remained the general standard in America since, although some variations occur at individual institutions. In the United States, black is the traditional color for academic gowns, however it is not uncommon for some institutions to allow holders of doctoral degrees to wear robes in the university’s color.

The sleeves of the robes vary depending on the degree held by the wearer. The bachelor’s robe has long pointed sleeves. The master’s robes have sleeves that are oblong and are closed at the ends with slits through which the arms may be extended. The doctoral robe has a full sleeve with velvet facing on the front and at the neck along with three velvet bars on each sleeve. The velvet may be black or of a color that symbolizes the degree held by the wearer.

The head covering most commonly used in the United States is the square tasseled mortarboard. However, berets and a variety of other styles of head coverings are worn with academic regalia in the United States and other countries. The tassel is usually black and is worn over the left front quarter of the mortarboard. Holders of doctoral degrees may wear gold tassels.

The hood is the most distinctive feature of American academic dress, which through color and design may indicate the wearer’s degrees and the institution at which the degree was earned. Hoods are lined with the colors of the institution that awards the degree, and may be faced with a color designating the degree awarded. For academic purposes the colors on the hoods indicate the different fields of study.

The following describes just a few color combinations: dark blue-Philosophy; orange-Engineering; golden yellow-Science; light blue-Education; white-Humanities; copper-Economics; and purple-Law. Hoods vary in length.

The bachelor’s hood is about three feet long, the master’s slightly longer and the doctoral version is longer still and is decorated with broad color panels.
The Triad represents the executive leadership at Cal Maritime from the three organizations within the Corps of Cadets: 
*Corps Staff, Associated Students,* and *Housing & Residential Life.* These three leaders actively engage the Corps of Cadets to develop distinct leadership styles, enhance campus life experiences, grow on successes and failures, and conceptualize new ways of learning and leading. The focus areas for each organization supports an environment which represents the Cal Maritime core values of *dedication, honor, integrity, respect, responsibility,* and *trust.*

**TRIAD**

Joseph Gowland  
*Corps Commander, Corps of Cadets*

Wyatt Juntunen  
*President & CEO, Associated Students*

Tessa Bernardis  
*Student Hall Director, Residence Life*

**ASCMA EXECUTIVE STAFF**

Luke Lassila  
*Vice President of Finance & Chief Financial Officer*

Hannah Soule  
*Director of Student Affairs*

Justin Yu  
*Director of Communications*

Jasmin Brown  
*Chair of the Board*

Natalie Calderon  
*Chief of Staff*

**CORPS EXECUTIVE STAFF**

Andre Batoon  
*Corps Executive Officer*

Travis Foster  
*Corps Master at Arms*

Theodore Brau and Sidharth Kumar  
*Corps Information and Technology Officer*
Paul Abrams  
Hilary Anand  
Loren Andersen  
Khalid Bachkar  
Nader Bagheri  
Thomas Brindle  
Steven Browne  
Tamara Burback  
Kevin Calnan  
Elisabeth Carmichael  
Evan Chang-Siu  
Christopher Chiodo  
Julianne Chisholm  
Alejandro Cifuentes-Lorenzen  
Natalia Clarke  
Thomas Clyatt  
Eric Cooper  
Dennis Cox  
Brian Crawford  
Colin Dewey  
Marin Djendjinovic  
Matthew Dudman  
Britt Elliott  
Matthew Fairbanks  
Malahat Fardadi  
John Finch  
Jonathan Fischer  
Kelly Flynn  
Christopher Frick  
David Fry  
Jack Gillespie  
Peter Grate  
Scott Green  
David Grover  
Jim Gutierrez  
Olga Gutkina  
Neal Handly  
Margot Hanson  
Lauren Hartman  
Antony Hasson-Snell  
Peter Hayes  
Steven Hiatt  
Michael Hoffman  
Michael Holden  
Valerie Holl McGowan  
Taiyo Inoue  
Christine Isakson  
Robert Jackson  
Amber Janssen  
Albert Jefferson  
Tracey Johnson  
Nipoli Kamdar  
Michael Kazek  
George Konstantinopoulos  
Stephen Kresta  
Kenneth LeVan  
Nicholas Lewis  
Tony Lewis  
Steffan Long  
Han Lu  
Katherine Luce  
Assis Malaquias  
Kathryn Marocchino  
Elizabeth McNie  
Jonathan Meier  
Dianne Meredith  
Jennifer Metz  
Rebecca Miller  
Sepandarmaz Momeni  
Keir Moorhead  
Ali Moradmand  
Jennifer Murphy  
Robert Neumann  
Donna Nincic  
Thomas Nordenholz  
Tomas Oppenheim  
Alexander Parker  
Amy Parsons  
Samuel Pearson  
Dinesh Pinisetty  
Brent Pohlmann  
Jaya Punglia  
Lisa Reilly  
Fred Reiman  
Eusebio Rodriguez  
Brendan Rooney  
Steven Runyon  
Scott Saarheim  
Katherine Sammler  
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Emily Scheese  
William Schmid  
Andrea Schneider  
Sarah Senk-Auton  
Ariel Setniker  
Joshua Shackman  
Julie Simons  
Woody Sims  
Aparna Sinha  
Louis Solana  
Scott Starr  
Robert Stewart  
Ryan Storz  
Michael Strange  
JoAnne Strickland  
Marisa Sutro  
Sarah Szewczyk  
Brandon Tachco  
Majid Tehrani  
Kristen Tener  
Michael Tressel  
Cynthia Trevisan  
William Tsai  
Clive Tsuma  
Ryan Wade  
Ian Wallace  
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Margaret Ward  
Monique Watanabe  
Daniel Weinstock  
Jennifer Wells  
Frank Yip
MISSION

California State University Maritime Academy’s mission is to:

• Provide each student with a college education combining intellectual learning, applied technology, leadership development, and global awareness.

• Provide the highest quality licensed officers and other personnel for the merchant marine and national maritime industries.

• Provide continuing education opportunities for those in the transportation and related industries.

• Be an information and technology resource center for the transportation and related industries.

VISION

California State University Maritime Academy will be a leading educational institution recognized for excellence in the business, engineering, operations, and policy of the transportation and related industries of the Pacific Rim and beyond.

BELIEFS AND VALUES

California State University Maritime Academy is defined, in part, by the system of beliefs that make us unique as an institution of higher education. They are:

• experiential learning
• ethics development, both personal and professional
• small residential campus environment
• student centered learning
• professional orientation
• having a niche to focus on in higher education
• campus civility and collegiality
• diverse living/learning community

Our values influence how we make and carry out decisions, and how we interact with our internal and external constituencies. At Cal Maritime they are dedication, honor, integrity, respect, responsibility, and trust.
Founded in 1929 as the “California Nautical School,” California State University Maritime Academy is in its ninth decade of service as a center for excellence in education and research in maritime trade and transportation.

This school was first located in Tiburon, on the Marin Peninsula north of San Francisco. In 1936, the U.S. Congress passed the Merchant Marine Act, which directed the creation and maintenance of an adequate merchant marine to support U.S. international and domestic commerce, and to meet the needs for national defense. Responding to this mandate, the federal government and the California state legislature began supporting the California Nautical School’s mission. In the early days, only three-year deck engineering programs were offered.

In 1939, the school changed its name to California Maritime Academy. In 1940, with war looming, the Academy was relocated to San Francisco. With the start of World War II, the course of study accelerated to 17 months, and many Academy graduates served in the war. In the midst of the war effort, a new permanent home for the academy was established in 1943 on a 67-acre site at Morrow Cove in Vallejo.

In 1973, California Maritime Academy became the first in the nation to enroll women in its licensed maritime program. In 1974, a four-year undergraduate program was established, laying the groundwork for accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Nautical Industrial Technology and Marine Engineering Technology were the four-year majors offered. In the late 1980s, majors in Mechanical Engineering and Business Administration were added, and the Nautical Industrial Technology program was replaced by Marine Transportation.

In 1995, Cal Maritime became a member campus of the California State University (CSU) system. In 1996, Cal Maritime introduced a Facilities Engineering Technology major. A new science and engineering lab building was completed in 1999. The curriculum further expanded in 2003, when the major in Global Studies and Maritime Affairs was introduced. Today, Global Studies and International Business and Logistics major programs are part of Cal Maritime’s School of Maritime Policy and Management. Also in 2003, the Academy dedicated its new Technology Laboratory and Classroom Building.

The University has continued to expand its resources and enjoy growing support from the private sector to meet new challenges. McAllister Hall, a residence hall named for Robert McAllister (D’42)—the largest individual, private donor to the institution—opened in 2009. The Academy also opened a new state-of-the-art Marine Simulation Center, already one of the world’s most advanced facilities for maritime teaching, training, and research. Maritime classification and engineering giant ABS made a $3 million grant to help further strengthen the School of Maritime Policy and Management, a portion of which has been used to create an enhanced and expanded classroom meeting facility.

In recent years, the University has constructed a new waterfront Dining Hall and Physical Education and Aquatics Center, featuring new gymnasiums, training rooms, and a maritime survival training center.

Strategic planning efforts have identified potential areas of continued growth in response to industry demand for skilled and well-trained graduates with a sense of purpose and global perspective, while maintaining points of differentiation that make us unique and sustaining the Academy’s relevance to the maritime and related industries. In the fall of 2020, Cal Maritime will launch its new Oceanography degree program, capitalizing on the Academy’s location and emphasis on experiential learning. The future looks strong and bright with continued support from alumni, industry, and friends.
The seal of California State University Maritime Academy incorporates the Academy coat of arms and motto, adopted in 1941 as the nation was entering World War II.

The Latin slogan below the shield, trident and flanking sea horses translates “To work, (or) to fight; we are ready.”

It was created by Academy Cadet Raymond Aker (D-42).

We Remember

James A. Butts
John A. Cleborne
Erwin N. Cooper
James A. Hendy
Erwin T. Horn
H.D. McNabe

John L. Rados
Walter Secrest
William H. Verdon
William C. Weldon
Richard B. Wilkie

Our Academy graduates lived up to our motto, serving with distinction in the Merchant Marine and various branches of the armed forces. Many saw action. Some became prisoners of war, and 11 died in the line of duty. Their names are memorialized on the cornerstone of Cal Maritime Mayo Hall and will not be forgotten. We honor their memory and that of other Academy graduates who have served or who serve today in Korea, Vietnam, and the Middle East.
ALMA MATER

Near the bay of San Francisco
tucked in Morrow Cove;
Is a school we’ll not forget, though
round the world we roam.
Light the boilers, weigh the anchors,
now we’re in the breeze.
And we wish for all our shipmates,
smooth winds and foll’wing seas.

We may sail the world twice over,
all the seven seas;
Through the straits of old Gibraltar,
— the narrows of Valdez.
But whenever hearts grow lonely,
bounding on the main,
We’ll think of you our Alma Mater,
and that will ease the pain.

Though the years may dim our mem’ries,
of our youthful ways;
The image of our dear companions
will linger in the haze.
California Maritime, we’ll
ne’er forget when we
Spent our days in love and friendship
and endless harmony.

THANK YOU

California State University Maritime Academy
extends sincere appreciation to its many friends
and supporters who have helped us achieve a global
reputation for excellence in maritime trade and
transportation education, training, and research.