Dear Campus Community,

As we finish a week-long series of programs and events for our annual *Spirit Week* event, I am reminded of what we do really well --- we *connect*. As a global industry, we seamlessly connect people and consumer goods from around the world; as an institution of higher education, we connect people and opportunities; as an academy, we connect pride and accomplishments. Through the collaborative efforts of Chelsea McClain, Kristen Tener, and several others, this year’s spirit week programming included various competitions, spirit wear, athletic games, food, and fun activities for cadets, families, alumni, friends, faculty, staff, and community partners.

And what better opportunity than this to brag about all of the reasons to celebrate this great institution: Cal Maritime *1st among public colleges in the western region, 11th national and 1st in the West for social mobility outcomes*, and Cal Maritime Athletics *earned its seventh Gold status in the Champions of Character program from NAIA* to name a few. It is the hard work and dedication by each and every one of you that makes Cal Maritime truly successful. Feel free to visit our *Accolades* to learn more about the impact we have on our cadets and the industry.

In the meantime, here are some highlights of activities since the start of our semester.

**Overlook Dedication — October 12**

Looking for a great place for a sunset selfie or a group photo with Morrow Cove and San Pablo Bay as the background, or perhaps looking for a spot above to reflect on the great work below? Feel free to explore the newly completed Overlook, located at the top of the campus behind Upper Residence Hall.
Clean Air Day
Cal Maritime Participated in Clean Air Day on Wednesday, October 2. This event gave faculty, staff, and cadets the opportunity to reflect on how each individual can play a part in reducing emissions entering our atmosphere. Many organizations and campus groups such as Charge Point, Lightning Electric Van Manufacturer, Cal Maritime Sustainability Marine HydroKinetic, Cal Maritime Wind Project and Mobi Gen demonstrated their clean air technologies to the campus. These sustainable technologies will allow Cal Maritime to reduce its carbon footprint and meet CSU sustainability policy and goals.

Trustee Wenda Fong
On Friday, September 20, CSU Trustee Wenda Fong visited our campus to get better acquainted with all that we do here at Cal Maritime. Arguably the most distinctive nature of our campus is the hands-on learning and leadership development of our cadets, and Trustee Fong was excited to see that in action. With cadet leaders guiding the way, she spend the majority of her time meeting with cadets, faculty, and our professional staff in Student Affairs. The highlight of her experience was the Coastal Clean-Up event, a community outreach event for our cadets, led by JoEllen Myslik, Cal Maritime’s coordinator for community engagement. Please visit our website to learn more about our community engagement programs and outreach activities.

Budget Planning
The Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) convened its first meeting earlier this month, which means our annual budget planning process is in full swing. One of the recommendations highlighted in the shared governance assessment conducted in the early Spring 2019 was to strengthen the efficacy of the budget committee. The committee’s principal aim is to determine whether proposals being developed are aligned to the strategic priorities of the campus and advise the president directly. In doing so, they advance the integrity and transparency of the budget planning process and ensure alignment of budget decisions with the campus mission and needs. The BAC will convene monthly to receive updates on current planning efforts, and help guide campus-wide discussions and presentations.

Preview Day — October 26
This annual event (this weekend) provides opportunity for prospective cadets and their families to learn about our majors, take tours of the campus, simulators, training ship, and residence halls, as well as interact with (and ask questions of) current cadets.

CSU Trustee Campus Visit — November 1
Two more CSU Trustees are slated to visit our campus --- Trustee Juan F. Garcia and Trustee Romey Sabalius. Trustee Garcia is one of two CSU student trustees and a political science major at Cal Poly Pomona. Trustee Sabalius is a faculty trustee, and a Professor of German in the Department of World Languages & Literatures at San Jose State University. Both joined us for Day on the Bay this year.
16th Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala — November 2
This annual event (a week after Preview Day) is Cal Maritime’s premier fundraising event for the Academy and its cadets. In addition to an evening of dining and camaraderie, the Gala presents a wonderful opportunity to network with alumni, parents and friends of the University, as well as colleagues in the maritime industry - all while raising scholarship support for today’s generation of cadets through ticket sales and auction items. We will also recognize our critical industry partners, alumni and friends in a pre-Gala ceremony. I hope to see you there!

Gratefully, TC

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P.S. Enjoy these fantastic days and nights of great weather on Morrow Cove. There is no place as beautiful in the CSU!