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NEW RESIDENCE HALL APPROVED FOR CAL MARITIME



Vallejo, CA – September 24, 2007)... The Board of Trustees of The California State University has approved construction of a \$15.1-million residence hall on the campus of The California Maritime Academy in Vallejo, CA. The new facility, set for completion in the fall of 2009, will provide on-campus living space for an additional 132 Maritime Academy students.

Cal Maritime President William B. Eisenhardt said the additional residence facilities are crucial to helping the school serve an 800-plus student population which has grown nearly 80 percent in the past eight years. This year, the Academy admitted over 270 cadets, its largest freshman class ever.

“While most CSU campuses primarily serve their immediate geographic areas, Cal Maritime’s unique programs draw students from throughout California and the Western U.S. including Hawaii and Alaska and that makes us a residential campus. Cal Maritime has undergone major growth in recent years – a reflection of the quality of our programs and their importance to the region.

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That has created what I like to term ‘good challenges’ and one of those has obviously been residence capacity. Our current residence halls can house just under 450 students. Nearly 70 more live on board our training ship, *Golden Bear*. However, another roughly 300 students live off campus. This new facility will help narrow that shortfall.”

Diane Rawicz, Executive Director of CMA Services, said planning for the new residence hall began in 2003 and has been thoroughly reviewed by CSU system planners. The new building will be located on the upper campus, across from the school’s Bodnar Field athletic area. Construction of the three-story stucco-faced structure will begin in 2008 with completion targeted for the fall start of the 2009-2010 academic year.

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