Introductions

Office of the Commandant
- David Taliaferro - Commandant of Cadets
- Danielle Pelczarski - Deputy Commandant/Deck Company
- Anthony Konecni - Engine Company Commandant
- Carissa Lombardo - Maritime Policy and Management (MPM) Company Commandant
- Natalia Abrego - Administrative Assistant

Cadet Leaders
- Daniel Isaacson - Corps Operations Officer
- Harriet “Hattie” Lawler - Engine Company Commander
- Ian Cheverez-True - Deck Company Commander
- Cole Dean - MPM Company Executive Officer
California State University Maritime Academy

Evolution of the University:

- California Nautical School - 1929
- California Maritime Academy - 1939 (Pictured)
- California State University Maritime - 1995
- California State University Maritime Academy - 2015

California State University Maritime Academy is the 3rd oldest Maritime Academy in the country.
What is a Maritime Academy

- Maritime Academies are unique institutions that focus on training cadets in the hard technical skills and soft leadership skills to work in and with the Maritime Industry.

- Maritime Academies offer a unique education that weaves leadership training and development into the daily lives of its cadets.

- Maritime Academies adhere to nautical tradition and require their cadets to wear uniforms, maintain grooming standards, and develop strong teamwork skills.

- Maritime Academies share some commonality with the Federal Service Academies and are also distinctly different.
Unique Education
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- Leadership Laboratory
- Multiple Opportunities
- Problem-Solving
- Time Management
- Teamwork
Commandant’s Vision

“Developing the next generation of leaders with and for the global, maritime industry.”
Our Team

- The Office of the Commandant is a professional staff that specializes in leadership development
- This team works hand-in-hand with the Corps of Cadet leadership - Corps Staff, Associated Students, Res Life, and Athletics
- There is a Commandant assigned to each Company
What It Means to be a Cadet

- Professional expectations

- Strong bond with fellow cadets created through academically and professionally challenging environment.

- Growth Mindset
  - View challenges as opportunities for growth and development
Formations

- Held at 7:20am Monday, Wednesday, Friday and at other times for special occasions

- A chance to pass information, make sure all Cadets are accounted for, and formally recognize cadet achievements.

- Benefits - time spent around Division, encourages punctuality & teamwork
Uniform and grooming standards help to teach and prepare Cadets for their professional environments

Knowing what to wear, when to wear it, and the ability to keep a professional presence

What’s New? Patagonia Outerwear, Carhartt Outerwear, Under Armor gym gear
Watch

- Watchstanding is a four-hour period where multiple Cadets are responsible for an area, the equipment, and fellow Cadets.

- All watches are designed to give progressive responsibility by year group and the opportunity to share knowledge amongst peers.

- All watches require a high level of situational awareness and overall professionalism, which translate quickly into whatever career path Cadets choose.
The Corps Structure is unique in that it groups you with people that have similar majors and career goals.

As a first-year Cadet, you will be grouped with upperclassmen who have taken all the classes in your schedule and have overcome many of the challenges you will face.

Within each company are 4 divisions.

Divisions are essentially your family while at Cal Maritime.
Questions

- Describe what you have enjoyed most about the Corps experience.

- What are some strategies you use to balance all of the requirements of the University? (i.e. coursework, social time, watch, clubs...etc)

- What does it feel like to be a female in the Corps of Cadets?

- What advice would you give an incoming cadet to be successful at Cal Maritime in their first year?
More information

Cadet Boat Program:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30RZcMyOcHw&feature=youtu.be

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