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CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY AGAIN STANDS OUT IN ANNUAL USNEWS ACADEMIC RANKINGS

(Vallejo, CA – August 22, 2008)... The California Maritime Academy has once again scored well in *USNews & World Report's* annual rankings of the nation's undergraduate colleges and universities. The 2009 survey, based on responses from academic faculty and deans with knowledge of specific institutions, ranked Cal Maritime fifth among 17 ranked Baccalaureate schools in the western U.S. - second only to the U.S. Air Force Academy among public schools in that category. Cal Maritime President William B. Eisenhardt said the USN&WR rankings are a helpful mechanism to track market perception over time.

“With an enrollment of 850 students, we have to work extra hard to be noticed among our larger counterparts in the California State University system and nationwide. However, as the only maritime academy in the Western U.S., we serve students not just from California, but from the western region as well, including Alaska and Hawaii. We provide challenging deck and engineering degree programs, heavy in math and science, and newer majors in Business, and in Global and Maritime Studies, for those interested in careers relating to maritime history, law, logistics, the environment and policy.”

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“Since joining the CSU system a decade ago, Cal Maritime has undergone major enrollment growth -- eighty percent in the past eight years -- and we have made major strides in strengthening our academic programs and in expanding our resources -- a new technology center, a new laboratory and classroom building, and a new (Fall 2008) Simulator Center for the training of deck and engineering students that will be one of the world’s most advanced.

“We’ve worked hard to make ourselves more visible:

- Our Admissions staff works year round at recruiting throughout the Western U.S.
- Outreach efforts such as our annual Summer Academic Enrichment program expose underserved high school juniors to the challenges of college life and demonstrate that higher education is a goal they can strive for and achieve.
- Our students take part not only in international training cruises, but in commercial internships during their undergraduate training to gain a better perspective on the challenges and opportunities in the modern workplace.
- This October we will host the 9th Annual General Assembly of the International Association of Maritime Universities in San Francisco – showcasing us to new audiences worldwide.

“The latest USN&WR annual survey is valuable as an ongoing independent confirmation that we are on the right course. It is heartening to know that the quality of this institution and its programs is widely noticed and recognized.”

The California Maritime Academy is a unique campus of The California State University, offering degrees in business administration, facilities engineering technology, global studies and maritime affairs, marine engineering technology, marine transportation, and mechanical engineering. Cal Maritime is one of only seven degree-granting maritime academies in the United States — and the only one on the West Coast. For more information, visit the Cal Maritime website at www.csum.edu or call 707-654-1000. To “ride along” on this summer’s training voyage, click the “Follow the Voyage” link on the home page to see reports, photos and videos.