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RADM Thomas Cropper, USMS  
President  
California State University Maritime Academy  
200 Maritime Academy Drive  
Vallejo, CA 94590-8181

Dear Admiral Cropper:

It is with great honor and pride that I congratulate the graduates of the 2022 California State University Maritime Academy.

I would also like to congratulate the moms, dads, families and friends who are celebrating with the graduates. Your tireless support and efforts helped these mariners through trying times along their journey. For that I say thank you!

Graduation marks the finale of four years dedicated to hard work and preparation. Your ability to have stayed the course through years disrupted by COVID is a true testament of perseverance. In addition, the skills that you've learned while attending Cal Maritime will not only prepare you for extraordinary careers in the maritime industry, but make you trail blazers wherever life leads you. Whether you have earned degrees in marine transportation, mechanical engineering, or global studies and maritime affairs, exciting career opportunities lie ahead for you.

You are joining the proud ranks of Cal Maritime graduates who have supported American prosperity at sea since its first class gathered in 1929. In the ensuing years, Cal Maritime has established itself as a world-class destination for maritime education and the only one of its kind on the West Coast.

From the entire MARAD family, congratulations and fair winds and following seas to the Class of 2022!

Sincerely,

Lucinda Lessley  
Acting Maritime Administrator