



KEELHAULER

Family

2020 - 2021 Guide

President's Welcome



Dear Cal Maritime Parents and Families:

I am delighted to welcome you to Cal Maritime. I know that you must be very proud of your student.

As both President of the University and the parent of a Cal Maritime graduate, I can tell you that your student has embarked on a unique and extraordinary journey of growth and learning as a Cal Maritime cadet. As parents and family members, you play a critical role in ensuring the success of your student and of the University.

Cal Maritime is truly a remarkable place. Inside the classroom students enjoy regular contact with our world-class faculty, small class sizes, and a diverse academic experience within comparable opportunities for hands-on experience. Outside of the classroom, Cal Maritime offers a second-to-none leadership development program, internships and international travel for all students, and exciting career prospects following graduation.

We consider parents and families some of our most valuable partners, and believe that a strong network of Cal Maritime families is integral to the success of our campus community. Therefore, we are pleased to announce the establishment of the Keelhauler Family Program. The purpose of this program is to involve you in the life of our campus and to enhance the experience of your student at Cal Maritime and beyond.

Once again, we welcome your family to the Cal Maritime family!

All the Best,

Thomas A. Cropper, President



Keelhauer Family serves families of enrolled students.

We share information to empower parents, host events to create community and provide support to navigate the University.

This partnership with families promotes student success and generates goodwill for the campus.



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[COVID updates](#)

KEELHAULER PRIDE

TRAINING SHIP GOLDEN BEAR (TSGB)

The Training Ship *Golden Bear* (TSGB) serves as the primary training platform on which cadets apply technological skills introduced in the classroom. Each summer, cadets in their first and third years depart with licensed faculty officers for two months during the annual Training Cruise. All students, whether in the license programs or not, can interact with other cultures and learn about the peoples who are their hosts. They can also experience connections to the larger world and develop an understanding of how their selected vocations will function in the context of an international setting.

NATURAL BEAUTY

Located on a compact but scenic waterfront campus in Vallejo, California, California State University Maritime Academy (Cal Maritime) is a unique and specialized campus of the 23-campus California State University system. Serving 1200 students, we are one of only seven degree-granting maritime academies in the United States and the only one on the West Coast.

ATHLETICS

The CSU Maritime Academy sponsors fourteen intercollegiate athletic teams, including seven - men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's cross country and men's golf - that are members of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and the California Pacific Conference. There are also seven intercollegiate club teams participating in men's and women's water polo, dinghy and offshore sailing, men's and women's crew, and rugby. Building teams and developing leaders have long been recognized as a critical element for successful athletic competition. Students can also participate in a variety of intramural sports and recreational activities. The Physical Education and Aquatics Center offers classes, work-out facilities, and an Olympic class pool. Bodnar field features a synthetic turf field for soccer and rugby and a two lane jogging track.

<http://www.cmakeelhaulers.com>





KEELHAULER PRIDE

EDWARDS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (ELDP)

Learn Together. Grow Together. Go Together.

The Edwards Leadership Development Program (ELDP), funded in part by a generous gift of the Tom and Libby Edwards Family, provides a distinct, palpable leadership advantage in combination with a world-class education. Starting Fall 2019, ELDP will consist of three areas:

- *The Edwards Leadership Seminar Series: A cohort-based, foundational leadership experience that serves as a catalyst for learning and leading in the global maritime environment.
- *Peer Coaching: A cohort-based, skill-building workshop that allows cadets to deepen their knowledge of leadership principles by helping fellow cadets apply their learning and recognize their development
- *Partners and Events: This will allow allows cadets to apply new knowledge in off-campus settings, explore different points of view, and work with other educators and leaders.

FOOD SECURITY & UNIFORM LOCKER - CHANGE NAME

Cal Maritime's Food Security program provides food vouchers for meals at the Dining Center to students in need. These vouchers are donated by cadets from their meal plans or from generous monetary donations made by faculty, staff, parents of current students and alumni. Additionally, our campus food pantry dispenses emergency food to members of the campus community who endure food insecurity and food hardship. The program works to to help them meet their dietary needs.

We also maintain a Cal Maritime Uniform Locker. Students have the opportunity to donate their gently worn uniform items to the closet for their classmates to utilize when they are in need of newer uniform shirt, pants, jacket, collar device and other uniform items. This effort is managed by student leaders at no cost to the students.

CAL MARITIME LINGO

Academic Advisor - a faculty member who helps students develop an academic plan toward graduation

Academic Probation - Students are placed in this standing when earning below a 2.0 Cumulative, Campus, Major, and/or two out of three term GPA

Administrative Academic Probation - Students are placed in this standing when they have repeated or need to repeat more than 16 units

GE - General Education

GPA - Grade Point Average (calculated by dividing grade points earned by the number of credits attempted)

Hold - A penalty placed on student's account preventing him from registering

Priority Registration - ability to register for courses prior to regular registration period begins

Add/Drop Period - window of time at the beginning of a semester when students can add or drop a class without any penalties

TRIAD

6-bar student leadership team (Student Hall Director, AS Executive President & Corps Commander) focusing on different aspects of student life fostering a holistic college experience for the corps of cadets.

RESIDENTIAL HALL OFFICERS

Employment opportunity for students to be leaders in their residential communities, making a difference in the lives of the students they serve.

ASCMA OFFICERS

Officers of the Associated Students of California Maritime Academy. Student Government body focusing on peer needs.

CORPS OFFICERS

Leaders at different levels of Corps of Cadets who provide support, guidance, and coaching in the various responsibilities associated with being a cadet (i.e. Formation, watch, etc)



CAL MARITIME LINGO

Britespace - Cal Maritime has switched to a new learning management system (LMS). An LMS is web-based software that helps instructors develop and organize learning materials, offer exams or quizzes, and allow students to track their learning and grades. Our new system is [Brightspace](#)

Roadmaps - an outline of students' four year course plan. Due to prerequisites, co-requisites, and the limited number of certain course offerings, students are directed to follow their roadmap when registering for courses. Many courses are offered only once a year, and even if a course is offered more than once a year the course may be reserved for a specific cohort

University Advisors - Staff members promoting student success by helping students with navigating University requirements, policies, forms, and opportunities to achieve students' academic goals

THE PASSPORT!! ADD information



CAL MARITIME LINGO



ASCMA

Associated Student at California Maritime Academy

FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid



FERPA

Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act

Company Commandants

Professional staff serving as resources, mentors, and leadership coaches.



Corps of Cadets

The collective student body is called the Corps. The Corps of Cadets is organized into three Companies based on academic major: Deck Company for the Marine Transportation major, Engine Company for the Engineering Technology and Mechanical Engineering majors, and Maritime Policy and Management for the Global Studies & Maritime Affairs and the International Business & Logistics majors.

PORTAL/MYCALMARITIME

Official website for conducting campus business

PORTPASS

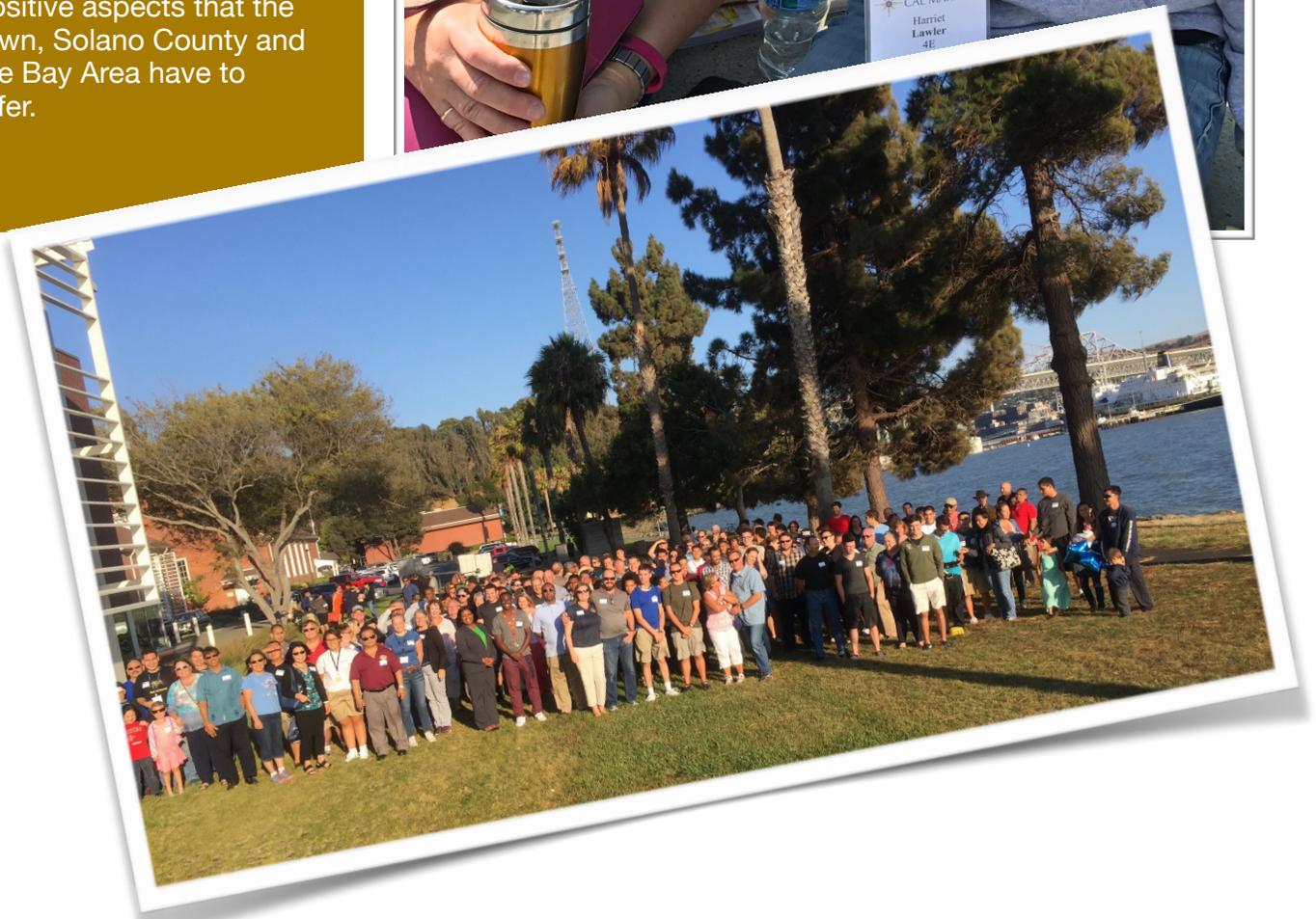
Official campus identification card

PASSPORT NAVIGATE

Virtual App for announcements and appointments

CADET COMMUNITY CONNECTION (C3) PROGRAM

The Cadet-Community Connection offers cadets an opportunity to have a local "family connection." The Hosts, caring residents from the local community provide friendship, understanding, encouragement, plus a sense of family and the feeling of having a "home away from home" to incoming freshmen as they meet the challenges associated with a demanding first year. Through interaction with their Community Hosts, first-year cadets will learn more about Vallejo and experience the many positive aspects that the town, Solano County and the Bay Area have to offer.



CAMPUS PROFILE

INCOMING STUDENTS -

Enrollment: 285

Women: 25%

Men: 75%

FACULTY

Full-time: 76%

Faculty:Student Ratio: 16:1

MAJORS

Business Administration
Global Studies & Maritime
Affairs
Maritime Transportation
Mechanical Engineering
Facilities Engineering
Marine Engineering
Oceanography

MINORS

Business
Global Studies
Marine Science
Law
Naval Science
Power Generation

TUITION/FEES

<https://www.csum.edu/web/fiscal-services/fees-tuition-and-charges>



SUMMER SENDOFFS

The CSU Maritime Academy Alumni Association invites all incoming freshmen and their families to our Summer Sendoff events, as a way to welcome you into our family. These informal events will be held in many of our cadets' home areas during the summer. Local alumni and current area cadets will participate so that you can ask questions of them, as well as meet some of your classmates.



CAL MARITIME

Summer Send-offs

For more information, visit ALUMNI.GSUM.EDU/SENDOFFS

The banner features a yellow background with a sunburst pattern. At the top center is the Cal Maritime logo, a compass rose with a star. Below the logo, the text 'CAL MARITIME' is written in a sans-serif font. The main title 'Summer Send-offs' is in a large, blue, cursive font. A blue wavy line representing water separates the title from the bottom section. On the left, there are icons of a beach umbrella and a lounge chair. On the right, there are icons of a beach ball and a yellow building. The text 'For more information, visit ALUMNI.GSUM.EDU/SENDOFFS' is centered below the wavy line.





A NEW PARADIGM...

Your student is living on campus and her life is filled with new challenges and activities. Adjusting to everything new - class schedule, way of life, friends, town, support system and more. Staying connected with you students is more important than ever before and it means regularly talking about matters like deadlines, grades, wellbeing, responsible behavior during social activities.

New students appreciate occasional family visits to catch-up and grab a bite to eat ,including a quick trip to the shopping mall. But their busy schedules don't always have wiggle room for more, so surely ask your student about the timing of your visit.

In short:

- Don't Worry
- Expect them to change
- Be Positive
- Encourage small risks and self-advocacy



CONSISTENT STUDY HABITS

Advise your student to create a study schedule and stick to it. Ask them if they have formed a study group with classmates. How often does he study with the group?



CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Advise your student to get involved in sports, clubs or other organizations on campus. **An engaged student is a successful student!**



HOMESICK?

Don't ask your student that question! But remember, once the initial overload of activities subsides, homesickness is normal. Encourage her to make new friends and adjust to the new lifestyle.



SUCCESS STRATEGIES

- Attend every class
- Visit Professors during office hours
- Read (and re-read) course syllabus for assignments, due-dates, expectations, office hours and much more
- Use a calendar for scheduling socializing, extracurricular activities, study-time and other obligations
- Work in study groups
- Advocate for yourself and utilize resources offered by the campus



LIVE



THRIVE



SUCCEED

FAQs

What is FERPA and how can a parent gain access to necessary student information?

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) protects the privacy of student educational records. Once a student enters college, the rights of access to the student's records transfer to the student. This means that all academic information regarding your college student goes directly to the student unless the student has given specific, written permission to release that information to someone else. Students may choose to grant California State University Maritime Academy permission to share protected information, including financial, academic, and disciplinary information, with you, by completing the Authorization to Release Student Information on the Registrar's Office website. Without your student's signed form on file, campus personnel are not authorized to share educational records with parents or guardians.

ENTERPRISE SERVICES

Enterprise Services in the Division of Administration and Finance provides leadership and operational oversight of the Residence Halls, Dining Center, The Bistro and Keelhauler Café, the Keelhauler Shops, Conference and Events, and the Cal Maritime Portpass. The departments within Enterprise Services create an array of core services and amenities in support of campus life.



SIMPLE EATS

Cal Maritime meal plans offer students flexibility, convenience and value they crave. Students can choose from a variety of dining options throughout their day; from grab-and-go to all-you-care-to-eat. Our food focuses on wellness and sustainability, showcasing the simple ingredients in our meals, snacks and beverages—helping our guests stay healthy and fueled throughout their day.

Residential Meal Plans

19 Meals per Week

15 Meals per Week

15 Meals per Week + \$195 Flex Dollars

10 Meals per Week + \$420 Flex Dollars

Commuter Meal Plans

35 Meals for the Academic Year

*available only for students living off-campus

Block Meals: Meals can be used at the all-you-care-to-eat Dining Center or you may take advantage of the meal equivalency program at Morrow Cove and Keelhauler Café during lunch and late night. Make sure to use all your meals during the week they are allocated, as they do not roll over week-to-week.

Flex Dollars: Flex Dollars are similar to a debit account and are good for the academic year in which they are purchased. Use your Flex Dollars at any location on campus. Unused Flex Dollars from fall semester will roll over to spring semester, but will expire at the end of the academic year.



New! Free Guest Meals & More

New this year, students will receive an additional 10 free guest meal swipes per semester to use on friends and family. Additionally, students may use up to two of their weekly meal swipes per meal period.

For more information or to purchase today, visit -

dineoncampus.com/calmaritime



RESOURCES

707-654-1176
Police Department

707-654-1000 Front Desk
707-654-1183 Mail Room

707-654-1359 Quarter Deck
707-654-1195 Duty Officer
707-654-1302 Bridge

707-654-1071
Career Services

707-654-1275 Financial Aid
707-654-1030 Cashier
707-654-1200 or 1203 Student
Records

707 654-1186 Bookstore
707-654-1212
Dining Services
707-654-1400
Residential Life

707-654-1170 Health Center

707-654-1048 IT Support
707-654-1120 Facilities

707-654-1090 Library

707-654-1786
Assoc. Dean of Student
Engagement



Connect with other Cal Maritime family members on the Keelhauler Family Facebook group >>

