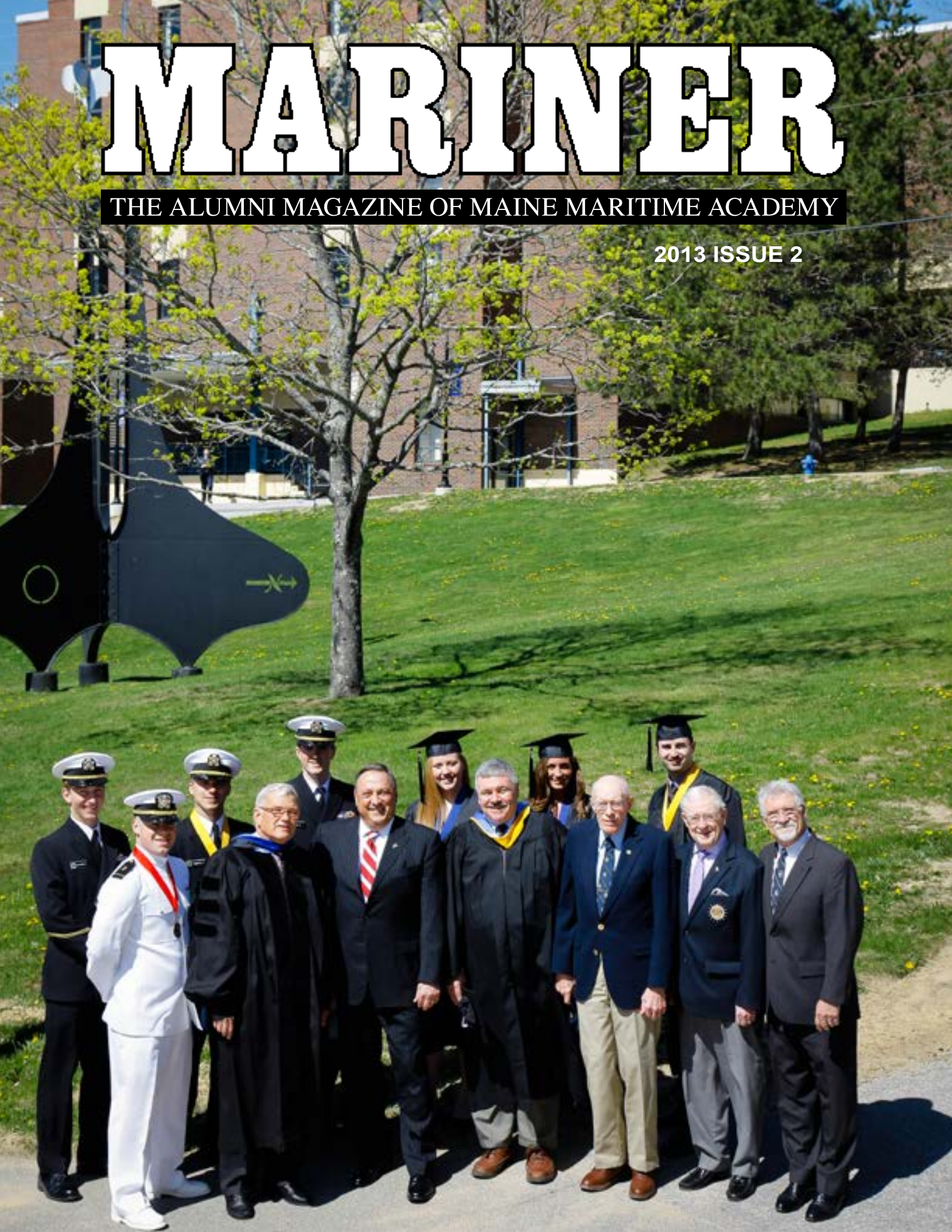


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I had many opportunities to connect with MMA alumni and friends early this summer—it was great to see so many new faces in Tampa and Baltimore. Thank you for coming out to greet the students. I also want to thank the alumni who donate in-kind services—piloting and tug services, line handling, discounted fuel—that significantly drive down the costs of the annual training cruise. This year, **Dave Gelinas '84 and Skip Strong '84** of Penobscot Bay Pilots provided services for departure and arrival; **David Knapp '86** rallied the Florida Alumni Chapter to supply services and sponsorships for the Tampa visit; **Carl Joseph '91** of the Delaware Bay Pilots Association contributed pilotage in and out of Baltimore Harbor; and **Robert J. Peacock II '71** provided piloting and shoreside services and organized town events around the ship's Eastport visit. Many alumni also donated toward student activities during stopovers. I hope you all know how much your contributions mean to the students. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Back in Castine, as we get ready for fall classes, we are also preparing to break ground for the ABS Center for Engineering, Science and Research building. Having raised \$9 million toward the ultimate goal of \$14 million, it is time to move beyond the conceptual phase and make this new building a reality. Our plan is to hold a groundbreaking ceremony during Homecoming Weekend, September 20-21. Stay tuned for announcements about this event from the Alumni office.

An extremely important step in making the new building a reality is to raise the final \$5 million. **Scott Searway '66** has issued an exciting challenge that—if we all join in—will advance us toward that goal. Twenty-three years ago Scott established and endowed a scholarship fund at MMA. Over the years he has made numerous contributions to the fund, which has provided financial aid to more than 80 students. Scott has now made a generous commitment to the ABS Center with the intent to enhance the spirit of philanthropy within the Academy family. To that end, he is challenging the entire MMA community to join him in support of this project. Scott has pledged a \$250,000 donation over the next five years for the ABS Center. The MMA community will be asked to match that donation, 2 for 1. We already have achieved 100% participation toward the campaign by the Board of Trustees and the Academy senior administrators; we will also encourage maximum faculty, staff and personnel participation. As the

ABS Center is key to MMA's reputation and future as a pre-eminent STEM institute, our participation in this challenge is crucial to the building's completion.

Another recently initiated challenge is to set the Academy's strategic course for the foreseeable future. In February, the Board of Trustees approved a strategic planning process, which will address critical issues of growth, capacity, curriculum, partnerships and revenue for the Academy. **Earle Cianchette '77** will chair the Board of Trustees Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee. All MMA stakeholders, including the students, the Board of Trustees, alumni, faculty and staff, and others whose careful reflections will add value to the process, will be asked to give input on these issues. I'm looking forward to engaging the entire MMA community as we address the vision for our future. The plan will be drafted this year and will be brought to vote by the Board of Trustees in February 2014; implementation is scheduled to begin in March 2014.

These two major challenges, and how we meet them, will have critical impact on the Academy's future. I do not doubt that we will successfully execute the difficult tasks ahead, and I am heartened by facing these challenges with you. Our community has the intellect, the resourcefulness and the ambition to do it all. Bring your ideas forward; a stronger future for the Academy depends on every one of us.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'WJ Brennan'.

MMA President, Dr. William J. Brennan

LETTERS

What a great weekend in June 2012 it was for the tenth class – 1952 – of Maine Maritime Academy! That weekend we celebrated our 60th class reunion spearheaded by the Bangor trio of **Joe Carr, Larry Blethen, and Dick Castner** assisted by **Paul Mercer '73** and his spirited assistant, Alyssa Lacroix Allen. Did I say 60th?! We were a small class of 45, divided into 14 mates and 31 engineers.

Friday evening, “Senior” middies mustered on the Seaward Porch of the new alumni house, received our info packets, got our bunk assignments, and headed for Leavitt Hall (aka Richardson Hall) where we stowed our gear and took our significant others to the Wyman Alumni House, named for Maine Senator Hollis Wyman, blueberry baron of Washington County, ME. We reminisced about the upperclassmen who sent us MUGS carrying rags and brass polish onto the Richardson Hall porch roof and proclaimed we were “lettermen” assigned to polish the letters. Unlike today, we had a full year of square corners, hitting a brace, Queen Anne’s Chair, and the game of torpedoes.

Saturday morning, we walked to Wyman House for breakfast before our bus ride to Searsport to board the TS STATE OF MAINE. At the foot of the gangway to greet us was MMA President, Dr. William J. Brennan. From Searsport, we viewed the wind towers being erected on Bull Hill before heading down Penobscot Bay for the fire and boat drills evocative of our own shipping days. The calm described by local fishermen as “glassyarse calm” made the huge BBQ on the fantail very enjoyable as we swung to port and headed up around Vinalhaven to Castine. Paul presented the Class of 1952 with caps embellished with the STATE OF MAINE, ports of call, and “scrambled eggs.”

After tying up in Castine, Paul maneuvered us off the ship into waiting vans, which took us back to Leavitt Hall for a quick wash down, fore and aft, and a short walk to Alford Student Center for a lobster/clam feed. We met up with “**Niffie**” **Smallidge**, our class emcee and all-around good guy who remembered all our nicknames such as: “Tilt,” “The Tall One,” “Bleet,” “Dunker,” “Banks,” “Jungle Bunny,” “The Horse,” and “Biff.” Our Saturday night conversations descended to the innermost parts of a middie’s life at MMA. **Bob Malaney, John Hodge, and George Paisley** held up their end of “Remembering When,” along with **Ted Manduca and John Fairbanks**. Dick Castner, was the lone mate so we bestowed the honor, after a few signals, of “Engineer for the Day” on Dick.

The Class of 1952 has lost about half our classmates whose lives were remembered at the Eight Bells ceremony on the pier Friday evening. However, sad as it was, it was also joyous to know so many of us enjoyed success thanks to the MMA experience. Sixty years later, I can only ask, “Did it really happen?” Who’s a middie? I’m a middie!”

Bruce Carter '52

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ALUMNI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Alumni,

On graduation day, May 5th, we welcomed into our ranks the newest members of our Alumni Association. I like to think of these young women and men as my newest best friends. Some of you I have met during the past few years of my travels to Castine, and many I have not met yet. To all of you, I say welcome and job well done! You have entered into an elite group of individuals who want to meet you and want to hire you. Take advantage of this network awaiting you.

While we all like to believe MMA challenged us fiercely during OUR time in Castine, the truth is that each era has tested students. However, the rewards of a Maine Maritime Academy education remain much the same if they are not even more valuable to today's graduates who will on average carry a student loan debt of nearly \$50,000. Our placement of graduates in meaningful jobs remains at or very near 98% each year. That

reward helps reduce the risk associated with repaying that debt and many times increases the speed of repayment.

The Alumni Association holds power that we must continue to encourage our graduates to use. Professional and career related social media resources like LinkedIn provide excellent opportunities for all alumni to connect with others in the working world. If you aren't sure how to begin with LinkedIn, sign up today and look me up. I receive numerous requests from alumni and current students to connect with me. As such, the number of my connections with alumni and industry experts can provide you with a trusted resource to announce your career goals. Equally important, LinkedIn provides alumni with a job-posting site to hire fellow alumni. On a regular basis I follow discussions among fellow Alumni on Linked In looking for employment opportunities as well as those seeking professional advice and support.

It is of extreme importance that alumni continue to attend and participate in Alumni Association receptions and networking events. New graduates should reach out to their local Alumni Chapters and attend a reception event. "Seasoned" alumni are curious about and interested in meeting new alumni and helping them advance their careers. I can't tell you how often I hear from people outside our alumni

ranks who say that it seems MMA alumni "take VERY good care of their own". That is absolutely true and a HUGE benefit we have all earned by becoming alumni of MMA.

Networking, reaching out, stepping out of our comfort zone, and making ourselves known to each other is how the alumni of MMA roll. This attribute can ONLY survive if we continue to make the effort to get out and introduce ourselves at alumni reception events. They are held regularly and in almost every area of the country. Contact the Alumni Office to find the nearest Alumni Chapter near where you live. It is critical also to stay in touch with the Alumni Office. If you are reading the MARINER right now but you aren't receiving email notices of alumni events in your area, then please act today and send an email to alumni@mma.edu. We won't inundate you with useless email, but will work to keep you in the loop so that you may continue to benefit from your hard earned title of "Alumnus of MMA." Keep other alumni in mind and support the "Power of the Alumni of Maine Maritime Academy."

Fair winds and following seas,

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Bon Bini Bonai

By Kara Wood

Spring break 2013 brought an exceptional experience to students who have been through the MMA SCUBA diving courses. Timothy Schroder, MMA's resident diving instructor, and Alan Verde, professor in MMA's Corning School of Ocean Studies, spearheaded a trip to the Dutch Antilles. The purpose was so students who had their PADI rescue diver certifications could take a Master Diver course to receive a number of specialties such as: peak performance buoyancy, deep diver, wreck diver, night diver, drift diver, boat diver, and nitrox diver. 13 students in majors ranging from marine transportation, marine and power engineering as well as marine biology seized the opportunity.

"Bon Bini Bonaire" (Welcome to Bonaire)! These were the first words I heard when I stepped off the plane into an experience full of adventure, education, and culture. Bonaire is a Caribbean island that, along with Curaçao and Aruba, makes up the ABC Islands. On the 113 square mile island, we quickly moved from the busy city to the slums on the outskirts, and to the desert, where our only companions were the mountains, cacti, iguanas, and wild donkeys.

Bonaire is described as a diver's paradise, and with good reason. The entire underwater world in Bonaire is a marine sanctuary, so each dive felt as if I were the first person to visit that site. As many of us in the diving course have only experienced diving in Maine, our senses went wild as we became part of the schools of fish and saw organisms that we had only seen in TV shows, books, or in jars in the lab. For me, a marine biology major, this was incredible, because I could see physiological, behavioral, and ecological processes that, in the classroom, I could only imagine. Thankfully, we had two masterful instructors (Professors Schroder and Verde) who guided us, and kept us from reaching our dive limits in the deceptively deep waters with visibilities in excess of 100 ft.

Above the water, the people of Bonaire were just as intriguing. As our friend Norman at LE-MA-SE (a restaurant in Rincon) said, "Good people come from everywhere," and in Bonaire this is especially true. The entire island was one of the most accepting communities I have ever experienced.

Unfortunately, not everything on the island was beautiful. The eastern shore of Bonaire is the unfortunate victim of washed up plastic garbage. To fill a 36" x 18" x 13" mesh bag took several minutes. To fill the 50 mesh bags provided to our group by Dive Friends Bonaire (the dive shop we used) as part of their "Debris Free Bonaire" program, took less than 2 hours. We left the east shore with three pick-up trucks, all overloaded with piles of bags and garbage that was too big to fit into a bag. As a group of 15, we helped the "Debris Free Bonaire" program reach its goal of filling its collection trailer to capacity.

The lines between being tourists, vacationers and students blurred as we simultaneously shared laughs, new experiences, and learned the rich history of the island both above and below the water. Bonaire people treated our group so amazingly that I feel an undisputed commitment to Bonaire, its terrestrial and underwater conservation programs, and its people. I hope to return to see what other underwater voyages I can make, revisit Norman, and to help make the east shore a little bit cleaner. On behalf of the entire group of divers, I thank the Academy for approving this course, and both Tim and Alan for creating this opportunity.



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“Operation Nixus”

Conducted By MMA ROTC Unit

By Amanda Bello '13

From March 22 to 24, 2013 the ROTC unit at Maine Maritime hosted over 130 JROTC cadets from the New England area for the second annual PT Challenge, codename: Operation Nixus. The event served to help mentor and physically challenge the JROTC cadets, grades 6 through 12, while helping give leadership opportunities to the ROTC students. The cadets were given the chance to try their hands at a modified Marine Corps Combat Fitness Test (CFT) and a teambuilding exercise session that included the infamous RPT keg pull (See photo). In a culminating awards ceremony, several cadets were recognized for their leadership, gung ho-ness, and a never give up “Sea Biscuit” attitude. The challenge was a coordination event with the MMA Admissions Office and was lead on the ROTC side by 3/C Kyle Marshall, '15. 3/C Marshall had this to say about the event, “The purpose of the PT Challenge was to instill the values of a healthy lifestyle, physical fitness, and self-discipline. It was also an excellent opportunity for mentoring the high school JROTC and Sea Cadet programs. Cadets learned valuable lessons of leadership and accountability from their ROTC mentors. PT Challenge 2013 gave 137 cadets an opportunity to grow and changed many individuals, leaving them with lessons they will carry for the rest of their lives.”



Richard '86 and Linda Armstrong are all smiles after seeing their son Ryan Armstrong '14 receive the Lester R. Paton Sword

Regiment Celebrates Its Own

At the 2013 Regimental Awards Banquet and Ceremony in March, several students were recognized for their distinguished service and achievements. Among them were: **Kevin Lees '13**, Meritorious Service Award; Eliza Pingree '15, Commandant's Commendation; **Kevin Grove '13**, Capt. Al Brown Award; **Mason Hall '13**, General Douglas MacArthur Award; Olivia Osborne '14, **Rear Admiral Hamm '49** Award; Ryan Armstrong '14, Lester R. Paton Award. RADM **Warren C. Hamm, Jr. '49** spoke briefly about how impressed he was walking around campus in the morning before the ceremony and being greeted with "Good Morning" by every student who passed. He told the students, "You look sharper than any year before you... If I had life to live over, I would do exactly the same thing and that is all thanks to MMA." **Commandant Nate Gandy '92**, the new Commandant of Midshipmen, stated, "I was blessed that I had this group of midshipmen as my Wedge. They gave me the opportunity to learn the job by operating the regiment smoothly. I thank them all." Later, he presented V.P. Jeff Loustaunau, COO, with a commemorative paddle and thanked him for his 13 years as Commandant.

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State Senator Emily Cain Speaks

The 12th Annual Student Life Awards Ceremony and banquet filled the evening of April 8, 2013. 151 students, the largest number ever, were recognized for their service to MMA, to each other, to the town, and to their home communities. State Senator Emily Cain, the youngest member at 24 to serve in the State House of Representatives before becoming a state senator, gave a spirited keynote address. She spoke about her first exposure to MMA when she served on the Education-Cultural Affairs Committee. She learned that MMA's needs are "unique" and that MMA is "a place hard to get to but worth all the effort." Senator Cain thanked all the students for their generous service and urged them to stretch their skills "to the State of Maine, to the nation, and the world." At the end of her speech, she charged the students to "join together to do more. Combine forces with others who value service; change the world. Don't let this night be your finest moment. Today is a great day but it's only the beginning..."

After Senator Cain's address, awards were given. The surprise award of the evening was the change of the name of the Mariner

Unsung Hero Award to the Sarah Hudson Unsung Hero Award in honor of Sarah Hudson, associate professor of ship's medicine at MMA for over 25 years. Professor Hudson, the 2012 Mariner Unsung Hero, was asked to step forward to make the award to the next recipient. By then, the entire audience was on its feet for a standing ovation. The 2013 recipient was Ryan King, financial analyst at MMA, who was cited for his clinics for the Adams School children, for advising the new Snowshoe Club, for restarting the men's and women's cross country teams, and for always being available to advise students. He told the other award winners that "Life is a great adventure but I couldn't do any of this without the tremendous support and understanding of my family."

The Mariner Pride Award went to the Junior Class Polar Bear Dip organizers for their selfless contribution to their class and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Finally, Professor Patricia Bixel, emcee, called forth Mr. Gil Tenney, Castine resident, who started an award in honor of his mother Phyllis Tenney, affectionately known during her many years at MMA as "Mrs. T." Senior basketball star and respected scholar athlete, Benjamin Russell, received the coveted Phyllis Tenney Award for reflecting in his community service the high values of the beloved Mrs. T.



Professor Sarah Hudson and this year's recipient of the Sarah Hudson Unsung Hero Award, Ryan King

Maine Maritime Academy's Center for Student Success

By Mason Hall '13

When you were at Maine Maritime Academy, did you ever need help developing ideas and then writing any of your papers? Did you find yourself struggling with math and physics, wondering if there was anywhere you could go to try to improve your comprehension of the material? Today's MMA students have these and more resources at their disposal at the Center for Student Success, where they can find the Writing Center, math and physics tutoring services, testing services, and quiet spaces to study. As Associate Academic Dean and Accessibility Services Coordinator Dr. Joceline Boucher put it, the Center for Student Success is designed to "provide tutoring to all students in need" - whether those needs be learning differences, a tricky physics homework problem, or overcoming writer's block.

Though individual tutoring and other services have existed for quite some time at MMA, the idea of consolidation of all student services under one roof came from President Bill Brennan, with Academic Dean Dr. John Barlow providing instrumental initial support for the project. Its culmination resulted in the beautifully designed Center for Student Success, located in the recently renovated Buoy House. This across the board integration of academic support services provides students with a convenient central location to seek assistance, and the Center staff does a superb job making students feel welcome, assessing their needs, and providing the tools for a successful college career.

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In the fall 2012 semester alone, individual tutors - through pairing provided by the Center for Student Success's Lynn Mosher, MMA Tutoring Coordinator - worked 1,560 tutoring hours, calculated by Dr. Boucher to be twelve hours per student per course. This incredible number means more and more students are getting the help they need and becoming more adept in their fields of study, leading to the production of more well-rounded and qualified graduates. The Center's staff counsels students to assess needs, find strengths and weaknesses, and increase self-confidence. Once a connection is made and a course is set, Center staff is able to mold proper educational support to each individual student.

The Writing Center, run by Dr. Thomas Batt, is staffed by nine trained writing consultants, representing six different majors. Formed in 2009, the Writing Center provides consultation services for students of all writing proficiencies, and last year saw record visitation - six hundred and thirty-five student visits during its Sunday through Thursday evening operating hours. Recently, due to the popularity of the Writing Center, weekday noon hours have been added, and those students who have very busy schedules can access writing help 'virtually' through live-feed online consultation.

Along with tutoring and consultation services, the Center for Student Success houses MMA's Testing Center,



a space where students with learning differences can test in a distraction-free environment with an extended time limit. Students who need extra help in math and physics, in addition to individual tutoring, have the opportunity to meet with Professors Taub, Lapham, Ciampa, Reed, and Avery every Monday through Thursday evening in Dismukes, as coordinated by the Center.

As we all well know, the tools for student success - motivation, hard work, determination, and perseverance - must come from within students themselves, but to help reinforce those internal drives, the staff at the Center for Student Success fosters self-confidence and provides the opportunity for students to work to achieve their academic goals, furnishing a foundation for future success.

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Stone Speaks To Honors Diploma Scholars

Sue Ann Gaitings, coordinator of the Honors Diploma Scholars at Brewer High School, Brewer, ME. hosted Associate Professor Laurie Stone at an event to enrich the scholars' academic curriculum. Stone spoke to a group of about 25 students and two faculty members in February 2013 on the personal side of the Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami in Japan based on her friendships with Japanese people directly and indirectly affected by the mega-disaster. ABC/Fox News attended the presentation and interviewed Stone for the February 15th evening news.



“Mapmaker, Mapmaker, Make Me A Map...”

Professor of geography, Betsy Reese, caught the attention of 90 people at a presentation she gave at the Wright Museum of WWII History in Wolfeboro, NH, on February 3, 2013. Her speech focused on the compelling role women played in making maps during WWII, when an increased need and demand for maps and charts drove the military to seek out maps from dusty archives and libraries. A shortage of draftsmen caused the military to look to women to fill mapmaking needs in order to help the Allies plan invasions, establish bases and airstrips, and locate natural resources. Reese's presentation was an offshoot of research she conducted for the “*Schooner Bowdoin on the Greenland Patrol*” exhibit which she and Captain Peg Brandon, associate professor of marine transportation, mounted at the Castine Historical Society in the summer of 2012.

The Wright Museum specializes in the care and exhibit of “artifacts illustrating the heroic efforts of ordinary people living during the extraordinary times of WWII.” Reese's lecture was part of the museum's “Cabin Fever Winter Lecture Series” held on Sunday afternoons. More information about the museum and its events can be found at www.wrightmuseum.org.

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Professor Reed Awarded “Crash” Contract

Several professors at Maine Maritime Academy not only teach full-time but also have consulting businesses in their fields. Their first-hand knowledge of industry provides students with an integral link to the real world.

One such mentor is Engineering Professor Richard Reed. His consulting firm, Crash Research & Analysis, Inc., was recently awarded a 5-year, four-million-dollar contract to investigate crashes for the US Department of Transportation. Prior to coming to MMA in 1996, Reed was in charge of special crash investigations for the US government. His professional experiences in human factors and accident causation enliven his classroom lectures. Students often recall details from the lectures and apply the information to their own jobs. In fact, on a flight to Bangor during Christmas Break, a former student reminisced with Reed about a lecture regarding the center brake light on trucks, based on a regulation written by Reed for the Department of Transportation.

Maine Maritime Academy repeatedly proves its direct and active connections to various industries. Reed represents one of those critical connections for students and fellow faculty members.

As I Leave...


By Ethan Dublin '13

1/C Ethan Dublin '13 transferred his power as Regimental Operations Officer to 2/C Owen Mims on February 4, 2013. In his change-of-command speech, Dublin charged the Class of 2016 to do one thing:

*As I leave, I ask that you do one thing. Continue the legacy in which you started. MMA is more than just a little school in a tiny town no one has heard of in Maine. You may think you don't want to do anything now, fly under the radar, go above the trip wire, and stay away from the training and all the regiment has to offer. The regiment still makes up a majority of the school's population and when the industry sees MMA, they see the regiment and its training. I challenge you to improve this institution and fix the flaws. It doesn't come from one person; it's a joint effort. You all need to take the challenge, and execute it soon. **You are MMA!***

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MMA Adds Several New Staff

In the past year, Maine Maritime Academy has added several new people to its staff. Here are some brief biographies to introduce our new colleagues.

Jennifer DeJoy

Director of College Relations

Jennifer DeJoy comes to MMA after 9 years at Pica Design and Marketing in Belfast, ME where she managed client communications, public relations, and marketing strategy and implementation. Her many experiences prior to joining Pica informed her decision to pursue a public relations career. She spent a year near Poitiers, France, doing PR for a study abroad program; worked in Seattle, WA in PR and marketing; and also for The Appalachian Mountain Club, in communications. Her desire to get back to PR in an educational setting drew her to MMA where she will be responsible for the internal and external communications for the college. Her initial approach is to examine what MMA already has implemented, and to facilitate progress on projects that have received input and review. She is also focusing on consistency in communications and promoting student, faculty and institutional achievements. She warmly extends an open invitation to all alumni, Castine community members, faculty, staff, students, and others to contact her office anytime at 207-326-2256 or jennifer.dejoy@mma.edu.



Timothy Koster

Associate of Public Affairs

Timothy Koster received his BA in English at Franklin Pierce College in New Hampshire, before attending the US Army Defense Information School where he studied communications and broadcasting. He is in the Army Reserves and served in Iraq and South Korea. His fiancée, Heather Linnell (Athletics Department Trainer), told him about the job opening in Public Affairs and he was hired in the summer of 2012. Some of his tasks involve reinstating the “Hometown News” releases to local new outlets about MMA students; examining, updating and improving the webpage design; and restructuring all the information on the website to make it simpler and more user friendly. Koster has proven to be an excellent photographer and is being called upon frequently to take photos at official MMA events (look for more of his photos in future issues of the Mariner). He can be reached at 326- 9133 or timothy.koster@mma.edu.

Darrell W. Donahue

Research Director, Center for Applied Research and Education



Darrell Donahue joined the MMA staff in the summer of 2012 after working at University of Maine for 17+ years. His last appointment at the University of Maine was as professor and associate director of the Forest and Bio-Products Research Initiative in the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering. He was drawn to the newly-created position at MMA by the opportunity to build a research program from the “ground up.” In an interview, he said, “Since being here, I have learned a lot about maritime industries and that has been a cool outcome of coming here.” Donahue has been a highly active researcher but also teacher and mentor throughout his career. His fellowship at the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Department of Homeland Security, uniquely positions him to help MMA’s researchers; and his years as a mentor of students in his research lab will benefit all the MMA students he mentors. Additionally, he has been a volunteer for many organizations, but most especially, for the Boy Scouts of America where he has been actively involved in training, development, and leadership. He has many refereed publications on topics as diverse as “Healthy Animals, Healthy Canada: The Expert Panel on Approaches to Animal Health Risk Assessment” and

“Scientific Criteria to Ensure Safe Food.” Finally, he has given many professional presentations at conferences and has written several successful grants for his research over the years. His expertise in engineering, economic modeling, risk assessment, and team development will benefit not only faculty and students but also those in industries that work with and support the Academy. He can be reached at 207-326-9133 or darrell.donahue@mma.edu.



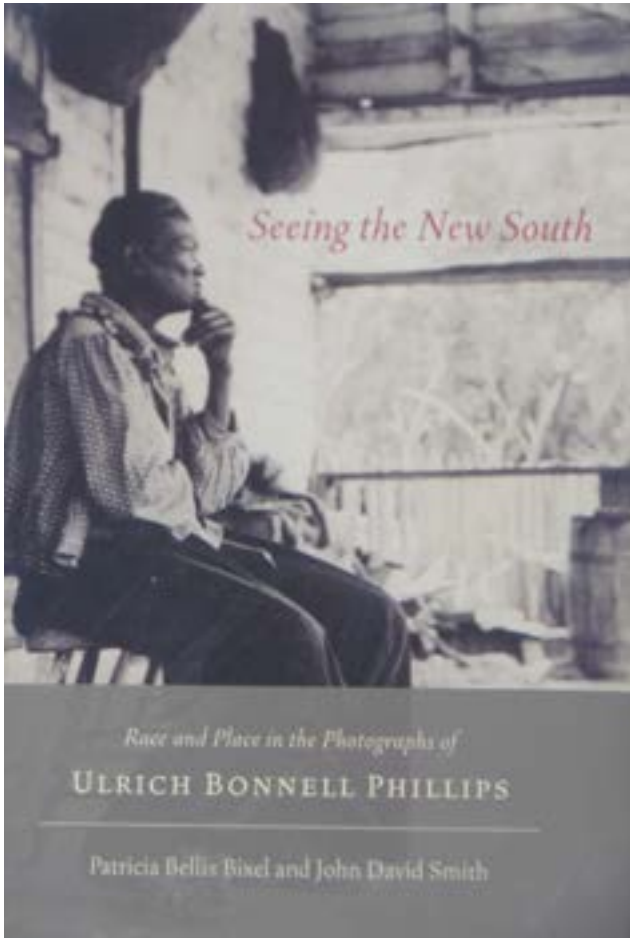
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Third Book Off The Presses

Maine Maritime Academy professors have steadily been adding to the body of publications reaching national and international audiences. Dr. Patricia Bixel, professor of history and chair of the Arts and Sciences Department, published her latest work in November 2012. She and Professor John David Smith, Distinguished Professor of History at the University of North Carolina (Charlotte, NC), co-authored *Seeing the New South – Race and Place in the Photographs of Ulrich Bonnell Phillips*. The beautifully-produced book is a fascinating analysis of the photographs of Phillips, “an early 20th century authority of African-American slavery and the Old South.” [Book Jacket] In the course of researching Phillips, Bixel and Smith uncovered around 500 rarely, if ever, seen images. The thesis of their monograph is that Phillips’ “scholarship and attitudes” had a profound effect on “the ways people investigated and analyzed the South.” [“Introduction”].

Bixel was the assistant editor of the *Journal of Southern History* for several years. She co-authored (with Elizabeth Hayes Turner) another book titled *Galveston and the 1900 Storm* that won wide acclaim and is often referenced whenever a hurricane tears through an area. Prior to that, when she was Executive Director of the Elissa Project devoted to the restoration of the 1877 barque *Elissa*, Bixel published a notable book called *Sailing Ship Elissa*. All three books are available at the Academy Bookstore.

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MMA Alumni Host Assistant Prof. Jain At Nassco

By Xenon Alidag, Communications Specialist, NASSCO

In early January 2013, Maine Maritime Academy (MMA) Assistant Professor Navneet Jain completed a two-week visit to the General Dynamics NASSCO Shipyard in San Diego, CA. The visit was made possible through an invitation extended by MMA Alumni working at NASSCO to impart valuable information about modern trends and work processes in the shipbuilding industry that may enhance the learning experience of current and future students of Maine Maritime Academy.

On his arrival at NASSCO, Jain was welcomed by former MMA students, including NASSCO President **Fred Harris** '67. Aside from receiving a comprehensive tour of the NASSCO shipyard and facilities, Jain met with representatives from various departments to discuss the requirements of their jobs and observe how their work contributes to the overall operations of the company. The meetings provided Jain with an opportunity to obtain a better understanding of how the concepts of engineering management, supply chain management, cost reduction/continuous process Improvement, planning and earned value management, quality management and program management work together and play an important role in the shipbuilding process.

"I really have an appreciation of what NASSCO and shipbuilding is about," said Mr. Jain toward the end of his visit to NASSCO, mentioning that some of the areas of interest that may be considered for educating students at MMA would include promoting opportunities for students to become acquainted with activities requiring team and cross-functional work, project management and metrics.



Maine Maritime Academy Assistant Professor Navneet Jain with NASSCO President Fred Harris and Maine Maritime Academy Alumni at the NASSCO Mission Valley Offices

Left to Right: (Front Row): Project Engineer Thomas Carey, NASSCO President Fred Harris, Production Operations Analyst Rebecca Allen Left to Right (Back Row): MMA Assistant Professor Navneet Jain, Production Associate Jackson Mohr, Contracts Administrator Samantha Lane

Vernette J. Eaton – 16 Years At MMA

Many students, faculty, and staff remember Vernetta Eaton who worked at MMA for 16 years from 1969 to 1985. She passed away on March 9, 2013 in Maine at the age of 89. She began as a telephone operator when the business office was in Quick Hall and over the years worked in the mailroom, the copy machine room, and at the front desk in Leavitt Hall. She loved reading and traveling. Her daughter, Anita Baldwin, also worked at the Academy for Sedexo from 2009 to 2013 when she retired to help care for her mother. Two sons, three daughters and one grandson survive Eaton. She was buried at Hillside Cemetery in Deer Isle, ME.

Brother Endows Scholarship For Maurice Alpert '50

By Laurie Stone

J. Robert Alpert, CEO of the Alpert Companies in Dallas, TX, established a scholarship in memory of his brother, **Maurice Alpert '50**, who passed away in October 2012 (See MARINER, 2013-1, p. 39, for his Eight Bells). Both brothers have had distinguished and widely varied business careers.

Maurice Alpert received his bachelor's from Maine Maritime Academy and went on to graduate with honors from New York University's School of Law. Immediately after finishing at MMA, he went to sea for one and a half years on a cargo vessel. After receiving his law degree, he began practice as a lawyer in charge of leasing for a New Jersey regional grocery chain, and then as a lawyer in charge of approval of all leases for Stockton, Watley & Davin in Jacksonville, FL. Although a major factor in choosing MMA was financial, he graduated with many close and invaluable friends such as Peter, Bill, and Rocky.

Robert Alpert, though not a graduate of MMA, has been a supporter through his brother's affection for the Academy. In addition to being the CEO of Alpert Companies, he has managed his own portfolio of companies since 1961 – with investments in banking, finance, real estate, and entertainment. During the last 15 years, his focus has been on investments worldwide that promote innovative technology and employment. In addition, he is one of over 300 members of a nonprofit organization, Business Executives for National Security, through which the group enhances national security by offering expertise developed over years of international business experience.

Currently an advisory director for Trio Consulting (UK), Ltd. in Stockholm, Sweden, Empire AB, and Soda Stream also of Stockholm, he is also a director of CNF of Palo Alto, CA. He is retired from the public boards of TXI, CNF, Inc, and Aladdin Industries.

In addition to his business commitments, Robert Alpert retired as Honorary Consul of Sweden-Dallas in 2003 after 15 years of service. He was knighted and received the Medal of Honor from King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden. He is also trustee emeritus of Colby College in Maine, and former chairman of the Dallas Foundation for Health, Education, and Research.

The scholarship Robert Alpert endowed in memory of his brother is titled "The Maurice D. Alpert Memorial Scholarship" and has the express purpose of helping Maine students attend the Academy. Although **Maurice Alpert '50** has passed away, his memory will live on through the generosity and kindness of his brother, Robert Alpert of Dallas, TX.



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There's Nothing To DO!

By Haley Hunt Griffin '15

MMA students often exclaim, "There's nothing to do!" However, many students claim otherwise – working as tutors, helping peers in the Writing Center, hosting community events, and doing community service. According to these active students there are not enough hours in the day!

One of the campus clubs dedicated to community service is the Academy's only fraternity: Alpha Phi Omega (APO), which, with approximately 60 members, hosts two of Castine's annual Haunted Houses (one for young children and one for older children), Red Cross blood drives, and a Klondike Derby. During the Klondike Derby, APO volunteers teach and monitor Boy Scouts who come to the Academy for a weekend to learn leadership and wilderness survival skills.

Additionally, APO encourages students to volunteer individually within their communities. During the winter months, APO members wrap Christmas presents at the Trinitarian Church's Christmas Craft Fair and shovel snow for citizens. During warmer months, students help the elderly in town with house or yard work.

Each year, APO pledges have a service project in their 6-week pledge period during which they study the history and mission of APO. This year, pledges collected snack food, supplies, phone cards, prepaid postcards, etc. to give to outgoing or returning troops flying via Bangor.



There's Plenty To DO!

Another exciting club is the Mentoring Club, dedicated to helping youngsters. Originally part of the Big Brother, Big Sister program, the Mentoring Club is now an independent, student-run organization that partners MMA students with Adams Elementary School children in Castine. Volunteers meet their mentees at the Adams School a few days a week to help with homework, visit classes, or play on the playground. During the

2012-2013 academic year, the Mentoring Club, led by

Keenan Eaton and Haley Hunt Griffin, had 20 active members (double the number of previous years). "We are becoming better known on campus and hope to provide more Adams School children with mentors next year!" said Griffin.

The Mentoring Club held a few "Mentoring Lunches" at MMA so mentors and mentees could get to know each other better over a meal. The children got the chance to become more familiar with MMA as well as their mentors. Along with "Mentoring Lunches," the club holds a "Parents' Night Out," an idea created by Eaton. During the event, mentors watch the children for a few hours so parents can go out for the evening. Activities, outdoor games, and a movie make up the evening fun.

In February 2013, the Student Business Logistics Association (SBLA) hosted the Junior Achievement Titan Challenge (JA Titan). MMA President William Brennan welcomed the students before they moved on to the business simulation challenge. Five teams of high school students competed on the online business simulator against teams statewide in order to develop a business involving R&D, marketing, and capital investments. This first MMA -JA Titan Challenge was a notable success.

SBLA also assists the Student Environmental Activists (SEA) host an annual E-waste drive. Most Aprils, the two clubs oversee the collection and disposal of old electronics such as computers, monitors, phones, or radios. Citizens and students bring their unwanted or broken devices to a designated spot on campus where a contracted E-waste company retrieves them. SBLA students track the business side of the collection while the SEA Club collects the E-waste.

Currently, 42 students serve on the Castine Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad. They respond to calls on and off campus at all hours. During power outages and tree blowdowns, these volunteers cut up downed trees, check on community members, and direct traffic. The MMA volunteers wear their fire/rescue badges proudly and serve with passion and compassion.

Other MMA students quietly volunteer to help local citizens without belonging to a formal organization. Some volunteer to help at Alumni events and many have been part of the fundraising phone-a-thons over the years. No matter how the students help out, it is clear that they find ways to branch out and get involved in the Academy and in the town. There's "plenty to do!"

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KELLI-ANN BLISS TOOK A '04 LEAP

And it paid off...

Kelli-Ann Bliss '04 became a lab director of a small, high purity laboratory on Cape Cod for her first six years after graduation from MMA. Several MMA alumni friends who already worked at the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) convinced her to apply for one of the open positions at NOAA. Bliss admits that she was hesitant to "step off into the unknown" but once she had been accepted into the NOAA Corps three years ago, she knew she had made the right decision. She remarked, "I have met some amazing people, gotten some amazing opportunities, and learned so much."

Her official title is Station Chief of the Atmospheric Research Observatory (ARO) for NOAA's Global Monitoring Division and LTjg in the NOAA Corps of officers. She is spending a year as Station Chief at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station and everyday "walks right past the geographic South Pole several times" on her trek about a third of a mile from the main station to the clean air sector where she takes regular instrument readings. Principally, Bliss' responsibilities are to "keep the scientific instruments running and transfer data to the main lab in Boulder, CO. This includes flask sampling, checking on in-situ instruments, as well as manual data collection." She discloses, "One of our instruments was developed in the 40's but is so accurate that NASA uses it to ground truth its satellites for ozone!"

Additionally, Bliss often gives tours to people interested in their science projects. During the summer, tours include "DVs" (distinguished visitors) who fly in for the day. She said, "Just before the station closed, I gave a tour to a former astronaut who had been in space five times. I also gave a three-star Air Force general a tour. During the winter (March through September), I still give tours but for fellow "winter-overs," only because it's too cold to get planes in and out until late October or early November."

Bliss is also a member of the Emergency Response Lead for Team 4, the trauma team. She works with the doctor and the physician's assistant to establish training and drills for the rest of the team. In the case of a real emergency, she would report to the scene and coordinate the response of her team for victims.

Although she hasn't any definite plans for the future yet, Bliss is "toying with the idea of going back to school for a master's degree." She is also working on getting her 1600-ton mate's license. Other than those ideas, she is enjoying where NOAA is taking her and is looking for her next billet – maybe the operations officer on a NOAA ship or a Flag LT for the NOAA Administrator. "Who knows, though?! That's one of the exciting things about being with NOAA – there is always something new to learn and look forward to doing," she exclaims.



Capt Bendixen '05 Supports 'Operation Deep Freeze'

By Laurie Stone

The MV Ocean Giant, a Crowley Technical Management heavylift ship 166 meters long and 23 meters abeam, left Port Hueneme, CA on January 17, 2013, with Captain **Sandra Bendixen '05** at the helm. Bendixen was assigned to take the ship, laden with almost seven million pounds of supplies (food, construction supplies, vehicles, parts, high tech supplies, etc.) to McMurdo Station, Antarctica, as part of the resupply effort conducted by Military Sealift Command in support of 'Operation Deep Freeze.' OCEAN GIANT arrived in February after the Maersk Perry, which delivered over six million gallons of diesel fuel, jet fuel, and gasoline in January. All the supplies from the two vessels must last a year before the next resupply mission. Bendixen's ship had its cargo off-loaded in about 8 days and then reloaded with retrograde cargo (trash, recyclable materials, outdated or unused equipment) and ice core samples destined for US scientists studying climate change.

Bendixen's first voyage as master was aboard Crowley Liners' Ocean Freedom, after which she was made port captain prior to the delivery of the newly-built, Liberian-flagged OCEAN GIANT. She took delivery of the ship in March 2012 and reflagged her as a US ship in June 2012. At that point, Bendixen was appointed the first US master of the ship and sailed almost immediately to Thule, Greenland, for a resupply mission of the Thule Air Station and Operation Pacer Goose.



After the Thule run and a vacation, Bendixen took OCEAN GIANT from Houston to Cartagena, Columbia, and then through the Panama Canal to Port Hueneme. In Port Hueneme, the ship was loaded for McMurdo and set sail, first for Lyttelton, New Zealand, for bunkers and additional cargo and then south to Antarctica. Bendixen said challenges involved "finding weather windows from New Zealand to the Ross Sea, and concentrating on ice navigation and cold weather operations." After off-loading and reloading the ship, Bendixen had to move the ship quickly to try to avoid the winter

pack ice surrounding Antarctica. At Lyttelton, NZ, she left the ship to her relief captain and headed home for a break before her next mission.

When people consider that Bendixen has only been out of college for a little under 8 years and is now responsible for sailing a large ship "critical to the Operation Deep Freeze' mission for the people who live and work in Antarctica" (Sylvester Moore, commander MSC Pacific), they understand retired master of the TS State of Maine, Captain Laurence Wade's assessment of Captain Bendixen: "Sandy is a stellar representative of an MMA graduate who excelled in her practical 'hands on' learning experience and continued to be a 'hands on, go do it officer and captain. She has been involved with different ship types and operations, both commercial and military in nature and has shown her ability to lead and learn!"

“The Best College Fraternity In The World” – MMA Alumni

Thanks to the individual sponsorship from alumni, the 44th Annual Alumni-Senior Banquet on April 10, 2013, was a huge success at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bangor, ME. About 150 seniors joined 51 alumni for a formal dinner, a chance to network, and two inspiring speeches.

Joseph Cote '82, V.P. of Cianbro-Brewer, explained four keys to success: education (a toolbox), a support system at home (family and friends), a support system at work (network of knowledgeable, honest colleagues), and building trusting relationships with good people everywhere.

Stacy Fitts '84, former State Representative for 8 years, told

the students that they “now belonged to the best college fraternity in the world – the alumni network.”

He recommended, as did President William Brennan, **Paul Mercer '73**, and Joe Cote, that all students using social media always present a professional design and tone because, he explained, “If your reputation goes to the dump, you can never make it up. Your MMA reputation separates you from the crowd.” Further, he said, “Leadership isn’t bossing around people; it’s about pushing back to make valuable things happen that benefit more than just you. Be humble – learn from everyone you meet.” In the Alumni 1-Minute Speech segment, **Mark Armstrong '85**, CFO of his family’s business – the Snowman Group – told students to “do everything with grace and humility.”

Paul Mercer '73 pointed out that a large percentage of licensed mariners come ashore after only a few years at sea but because of their MMA training, they do well at their careers. Alumni proved his point with jobs ranging from lawyers to social media designers/builders to paper mill engineers to V.P. of corporations to nuclear reactor engineers. **Joe Cote '82** ended his comments with, “Go through doors opened for you by others and make sure you turn around and open doors for others.” Finally, **Paul Mercer '73** gave out four Alumni scholarships and the Casco Bay Scholarship.



Joe Cote '82 with John Burns '85. Autumn Jones '13 looks on.

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Five alumni returned to campus to participate in a relaxed panel discussion about their careers and what present undergraduates can do to prepare for their futures. **Travis Fergola '10, Amanda Laney '10, Mike Huffman '08, Nate Bears '08, and Marcel Muise '95** all agreed that MMA had given them good starts to their careers and that the MMA “alumni network” was a phenomenal advantage.

Amanda Laney spoke of having a job that she liked in California. However, she missed Maine. Because she had had an internship at Cianbro when an MMA undergraduate, she was headhunted by **Rebecca Daly '07** of Cianbro, and soon found herself back in Maine. Travis Fergola '10, a Mariner football player, was attracted to MMA's small class sizes and close contact with professors. He, too, found himself in California wishing he could be in Maine. He called an MMA alumnus and, thanks to that contact, is now working in Maine. He said, “No one in this room has to go without a job. Just keep up your contacts with alumni.” Captain Mike Huffman entered MMA after he already



Travis Fergola '10, Amanda Laney '10, Mike Huffman '08, Nate Bears '08, and Marcel Muise '95

had his 100-ton captain's license because he wanted more varied challenges. He told the large student audience to “look around – you're going to see these people throughout your careers. Every one of them will help you and you will help them.” It's part of the MMA spirit. **Captain Marcel Muise '95** spent much of his time overseas because of their marine expertise. He suggested students “get off the bridge once in awhile and get training in finance, etc.” to broaden their skills. **Nate Bears '08** transferred from University of Maine to MMA because he had seven friends at the Academy who kept telling him what he was missing. He got a job with Celebrity Cruise Lines where he discovered that most of his fellow engineers were either Bulgarian or Greek who spoke little or no English. Nevertheless, he learned a lot by watching and listening. Eventually, he bought a self-teaching language program to study Greek. He told the MMA audience to “listen to everyone around you. Watch faces and hands because you'll learn even when others are speaking Greek!” All five panelists landed on their feet after graduation, tried out different jobs, built their alumni networks, and found satisfaction in their present positions.



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Pete Sarnacki '79, Associate Professor of Engineering, is a self-proclaimed “DIY guy to the extreme”. His latest do-it-yourself endeavor is a super-evaporator for maple syrup boiling which he welded out of scrap stainless steel. The new sap contraption is taking his 20-year hobby to new heights (it boils down 10 gallons per hour), but it’s still a hobby. After all, he is a full-time instructor with a side job, and an assortment of other interests he seems to fit in, too.

A native of Searsport and an MMA Class of '79 graduate, Pete began his career sailing the Great Lakes. After a few years, he went further west to Alaska, a career move that spanned ten years working for Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, which operates and maintains the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System. At Alyeska, Pete began as a technician, but ultimately served as marine operations supervisor, a position he held during the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989. At that time, he was supervising the construction of an integrated response vessel, which is now widely used to clean up oil spills.

When Pete returned to Maine with a new family in tow, he got a call from Groves Herrick, engineering department chair, encouraging him to apply for a faculty position to teach the gas turbine curriculum. It was a great fit for Pete and his family, and for the Academy. The shift from industry to academia meant a reduction in salary, but he liked the work environment, and especially wanted the chance to work with students. When his two sons were grown, they were also drawn to the Academy: Brendyn was valedictorian of the Class of 2008; Aaron took advanced math courses at MMA during High School.

Pete says his key role as a teacher is that of a facilitator. He says his strength is “the transfer of theoretical knowledge into real-life, practical understanding.” Pete also advises students on capstone projects and is part of a growing team of faculty and students conducting wind, energy and other research projects on campus. Pete and his students have developed and tested various thermoelectric devices for non-conventional conversion of heat energy directly into power; research that he finds both intriguing and rewarding. “The students make it all worthwhile.”

When he’s not on campus, you might find Pete at TPS America, a soils bioremediation company with headquarters in California and offices in Belfast, where he serves as Senior Engineer, or you may find him in his wood shop (he finished his house in cherry wood). He also makes his own smoked fish, is an avid gardener, a pilot...the list goes on. For Pete Sarnacki, there is seemingly no end to the projects he can fit in to a day.

Mariana Alvarez Restrepo '13

By Ann Cleveland, PhD, Chair of Ocean Studies Department

It only takes a small seed of an idea, left undisturbed to germinate and grow, that can blossom into a life's plan. Such a seed was planted when Mariana Alvarez Restrepo '13 was a young girl of seven on a whale watch trip with her family in her native Colombia. A mother humpback whale and her calf surfaced just five feet from their vessel and Mari was enchanted. She determined to make marine mammal conservation her life's work.

Mari was born in Cartago, Valle del Cauca, Colombia and moved with her family to Orlando, FL when she was nine years old. She graduated from Cypress Creek High School with an International Baccalaureate diploma; an IB degree granted her the opportunity to attend any college or university in the world. While Mari initially looked at schools in south Florida, she chose to attend Maine Maritime



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Academy because of the personal nature of the Ocean Studies program and the easy access to the ocean and vessels. Mari enrolled in several courses in the Small Vessel Operations program, which allowed her to work as a naturalist intern for Allied Whale in Bar Harbor and as a deckhand aboard the schooner Bowdoin.

Mari's excellent academic record and her practical experience studying the behavior of fin and humpback whales during her internship made her highly competitive for a NOAA Hollings Scholarship, which she was awarded in 2012. Through this prestigious scholarship, Mari will work with the Pacific Islands Research Center in Honolulu, under the Hawaiian Monk Seal Research program assessing threats to population growth of the endangered Hawaiian monk seal.

Her ultimate goal is to return to Colombia to establish the sort of marine mammal protection legislated in the United States. It is her hope that someday other mother calf pairs will not only be enjoyed but also respected. This seven year old girl has become a gifted scientist and enthusiastic conservationist who will work to insure other young children have the same life-changing access to marine animals that she did.

New Leadership of Loeb-Sullivan School to Take Masters Program Online

By Timothy Koster

The Loeb-Sullivan School of International Business and Logistics (IBL) is undergoing a change in leadership. Dr. William DeWitt, who just completed his sixth year at MMA, is stepping down as the associate dean and returning full-time to the classroom. Dr. Donald Maier has been appointed as the new dean, director of graduate studies, and department chair.

DeWitt, associate dean since 2007, earned his BA in English before serving as a lieutenant in the US Navy Reserve. He earned a master's degree in business administration and logistics, worked for Burlington Northern Railroad in operations and strategic planning, and was vice president of marketing and sales until 1995, when he returned to graduate school to earn his PhD in logistics and transportation with a minor in geographic information systems. As dean, DeWitt "has done a lot to restructure the IBL program, making it a strong international and logistics training ground that really works for industry," said Maier.

Maier joined the MMA faculty in January 2011 as an associate professor after a long career in logistics and supply chain management for several major corporations. He began his teaching career at University of St. Francis in Illinois, where he was the 2009 recipient of the Excellence in Teaching Award and the 2009 Alumni Board Presidential Award.

The change in leadership comes when the IBL program is incorporating distance learning into its curriculum and offering its graduate program online. This incorporation will allow MMA to reach full-time professionals and students changing careers. The 2013 spring semester marked the first time MMA offered a class completely taught online to graduate students who volunteered for a pilot program to test different learning management systems (LMS). Characteristics of the program included two types of courses: hybrid and completely online. The hybrid course required students to physically attend class one day a week while the 2nd course was entirely online. The hybrid classes were recorded and posted for the classes entirely online.

Because of the success of the online course, IBL aims to have its full complement of graduate courses available online by 2014. MMA is known for its world-class education in marine engineering and transportation but is less well-known for its unique IBL program, the only one in New England to "focus on international business as well as logistics" (Maier). Under the guidance of DeWitt, MMA enhanced the IBL program and its reputation, which Maier plans to continue to build upon.

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Mariners

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Maine Maritime men's basketball team had several nail-biters against strong North Atlantic Conference teams, including a win over Husson, the eventual North Atlantic Conference champions.

Freshmen Nick Holt and Evan Poirier both received NAC Rookie of the Week honors during the season, and senior Ben Russell earned College Sports Information Directors of America/Capital One Academic Division III All-District I first team. He averaged 9.7 points per game with a total of 14 games played this season.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Maine Maritime's women's basketball team reached the North Atlantic Conference quarterfinals and finished the season at 14-11 overall. The Mariners won 5 of their last 6 regular season games to earn the No. 4 seed in the playoffs.

Senior Leah Jackson earned Second Team All-Conference honors, racking up an impressive 8.1 points per game and 11 rebounds in 26 games. She was first in the conference for rebounds and 25th for points.

Freshman Mary Badeen received multiple awards, including Maine Women's Basketball Coaches Association Second Team and All-Rookie team honors. She was also awarded the title of Co-Rookie of the Year. Earlier in the season, Badeen was recognized as MWBCA Rookie of the Week four times, and NAC Rookie of the Week twice. She boasted 49 steals, 6.1 rebounds per game, and a scoring average of 13.4 points per game, making her the leading scorer for the Mariners.



Cross Country

The two MMA 2012 cross country teams in a rare moment all together instead of spread out in long lines on roads, in fields, and in woods.

SAILING

L.A. Harbor Cup Regatta

MMA sent a team of eight to the annual Port of Los Angeles Harbor Cup/California Maritime Invitational Intercollegiate Regatta in March. The team was “in the hunt the whole time” according to Coach Tom Brown, and only gave up their 2nd place standing in the last two races because of some miscues typical of a young team. Coach Brown was still satisfied with their 5th place final because the team had beaten some of the larger, more seasoned teams like the US Naval Academy and the US Coast Guard Academy. Cal Maritime took first place overall. In April, Coach Brown took 4 men to compete in the US Coast Guard Colgate meet, 4 men to the New England Dinghy Tournament at Salve Regina College (Newport, RI), and 4 men to the Massachusetts Maritime Academy Dinghy Tournament. According to Brown, without the “amazing help of Tina Pitchford, who coordinates the meets, takes photos of the teams whenever possible, and promotes the team wholeheartedly every chance she gets, the teams would not be where they are today.”

MMA Women’s Sloop Racing Team

March 23, 2013 saw a first-ever MMA Women’s Sloop Racing Team, under the tutelage of Coach Tom Brown, the well-known Para-Olympian, compete after only one practice session on a Colgate 26 sloop in the Clark Open Regatta at the US Coast Guard Academy (New London, CT). The novice team fought not only the other, seasoned teams but also the unpredictable, gusty winds. Skipper Ally Fuehrer kept the MMA team in the top 5 of the 10-boats most of the day. MMA came in 8th overall and the four women revealed their guts and enthusiasm. Brown is hoping to build a regular women’s sloop-racing program at MMA.



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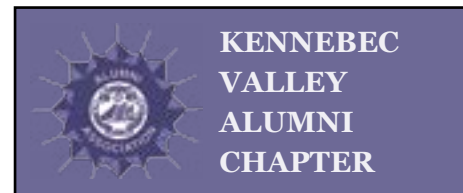
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The Chesapeake chapter has an innovative event to raise scholarship funds for qualifying midshipmen. Annually, for the past 26 years, the chapter has collected surplus or donated marine items from individuals, boatyards, and boat builders to sell at the Maine Boat Builders Show on the third weekend every March. The popular activity, called the "Marine Flea Market," is held at the Portland Yacht Service facility on Fore Street and is the largest of its type in New England. Donators receive a receipt for their gift(s) so they can take a tax deduction up to the amount allowed by federal tax laws. If you would like to donate (we cannot accept opened paint cans or solvents or hazardous materials), please contact either of us below to make pickup arrangements.



The Connecticut Alumni Chapter held its annual meeting at Artec Machine Systems in December 2012. A dozen alumni participated and caught up with each other. **Richard Slack '93** was chosen vice president.



Bob Sullivan '61 worked long and hard to get the Kennebec Valley Chapter formed. "For quite a while," **Jon Fortier '86** reported, "Bob has been carrying the load for this chapter. In fairness to Bob, it was decided that it was time for a transition of leadership roles," so Bob could concentrate on serving the chapter in other ways at his request. The chapter members have assumed some of the duties of the president on a rotating volunteer basis by several members. Fortier "thanked the members for stepping forward to make the transition smooth and also thanked Bob for all his contributions to the chapter."

At the April 30th meeting at Eric's restaurant in Waterville, Professor Douglas R. Fox, Director for the Center for Sustainability and Global

Change at Unity College, spoke about Unity's award-winning TerraHaus Project, the first American college residence hall designed to meet the international Passive House standards. Dr. Fox also explained how homeowners could retrofit their houses using some of the same technology.

Announcement: Kennebec Valley Chapter continues to support member **Tom Hall '79** in his efforts to collect books for Operation Paperback (getting books to US soldiers stationed overseas). Bring your books to any meeting or call Tom at 207-688-4294 for collection.

For any members who haven't paid their 2013 \$20 dues, please send a check to **Steve Roy '78**, 3 Robert Street, Winslow, ME 04901 (207-649-8522). Check out the new chapter website at <http://kvcmmaa.org> to get information about meetings and events both at the chapter and at the Academy. Stay tuned for more information as the chapter develops. Remember you are always welcome at our chapter meetings, which begin with a social hour and buffet dinner. Contact Jon Fortier at jon.fortier@gmail.com for information.

Seacoast Chapter benefits Maine Maritime Academy. Additionally, the chapter wanted to provide a warm welcome to all alumni in the area.

Grigware reported that the Seacoast Chapter and the current MMA employees of PNS and SUBMEPP donated \$1,000 toward the USS THRESHER (SSN 593) Memorial to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the sinking of the nuclear submarine. A memorial flagpole 129 feet tall (129 men were lost aboard the THRESHER) will be installed in the center of the Kittery Traffic Circle. Seacoast's donation allows the chapter to be part of the Memorial Park Circle of Honor, adjacent to the Kittery Town Hall. The chapter will inscribe a 24 x 24 inch paver as follows:

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Seacoast Chapter supported the Alumni-Senior Banquet by sponsoring 10 student attendees.

This chapter has a long history of active support of the Academy and looks forward to welcoming any alumni in the Portsmouth-Southern Maine area to its activities. Contact Mike Grigware at mikegrigware@gmail.com or 207-284-8630 for more information.



Above: Mike Grigware presents \$1,010.00 from the Seacoast Chapter and the 77 Alums at the Shipyard to Gerry Mylroie, President and Treasurer of the Kittery Maine Improvement Foundation THRESHER Memorial Project designer. With special thanks to Kittery Port Authority member, and Maine Maritime Alumnus, Capt Tom Smith.



Seacoast Alumni Chapter elected **Michael Grigware '87** president of the chapter in December 2012. The spring chapter meeting March 14, 2013 brought 15 members (4 first-time) together to discuss upcoming events. They are:

June 6, 2013

Summer Cookout at Sprague House, Newington, NH *"We have the heat; you bring the meat!"*

Sept. 19, 2013

19th Annual Seacoast Golf Tournament at The Links, South Berwick, ME

Date TBD

Christmas Reception

On April 18, 2013, Seacoast Chapter held a reception at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's Tirante Tavern to reach out to the 77 alumni currently working at PNS (Portsmouth Naval Shipyard) and/or SUBMEPP (Submarine Maintenance Engineering & Planning & Procurement). The goal of the reception was to raise awareness and communicate how

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1964 L-R Duke Wellington '64, Bill Cioce '64, Lou Dunlay '64 & Don McAllister '61.



2012 Luke Nielson '12

ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

1946
Garth C. Fisher '46
retired from the #M Company in 1993 and continues to live on his ranch on the west side of the Black Hills in Wyoming. He and his wife of 56 years love riding their horses and viewing the great variety wildlife in the area.

1949
Great memories! **Front L-R** Cliff Cameron, Bill Leavitt **Back L-R** Neal Dow, Dick Foley, Dave Harding (see photo at right)



Midshipmen MMA Class of 1949 at Rio de Janeiro Feb 1947.

1964

Lou Dunlay '64 was vacationing in the Saint Augustine, FL area and thought it would be a good idea to hold an impromptu mini alumni meeting. Lou knew some alumni living in the area so called around and got 4 together at the Oasis Restaurant. (See photo). Everyone had so much fun that it was decided that other alumni living in the Saint Augustine area might like to be invited to the next luncheon. If interested, give **Bill Cioce** a call at 386-986-8838.

1965

Robert D. Somerville '65, stepped down on April 30, 2013, from his role as Chairman of American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) after 43 years of service to the classification society. He began as a field surveyor and rose rapidly through the management structure of ABS until his election as President and Chief Operating Officer in 1993. In 2004, he became Chairman and Chief Executive Officer until 2011 when he passed his responsibilities as Chief Executive Officer to Christopher J. Wiernicki.

1987

Todd Lapointe '87, Director of Safety Management in the Office of Environmental Management at the US Department of Energy (DOE), received the US Vice Presidential National Performance Review "Hammer" Award for his development of key performance and safety metrics supporting the DOE's Office of Environment, Safety, and Health. He has 20 years of experience in nuclear energy, safety, and engineering.

1992

Richard F. Houghton '92, an RN and a licensed captain who sailed for 10 years in the US Merchant Marine, was appointed to the position of manager of surgical services at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital. He was an Air Force Corpsman at Wilford Hall Hospital at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX.

2000

Clarence Young '00, a captain in the Virginia Pilots Association, married Amy Crocetti, (see photo, left) a small business owner, on February 14, 2013. The couple reside in Virginia Beach, VA.



2006

Hillary Arris Berry '06 began working in October 2012 for Maine Health in Portland, ME, as a contract manager. Previously, she worked for Maine Medical Center and Bath Iron Works.

John Morse II '06

announced his engagement to Kathleen Sirois, a 2005 cum laude graduate of St. Joseph's College. She is a sixth grade math, science, and social studies teacher in Ellsworth, ME. He has his MMA degree in international business and logistics and works for the Hinckley Co. in Trenton, ME. An August 2nd wedding is planned in Ellsworth.

2007

Joshua S. Blanchard '07, an engineering operations major working for Excelebrate Energy LNG of Texas, married Amy Woodbyrne Hambrick on December 22, 2012, in Winterport, ME. She has her BS from Wake Forest University and works for Bar Harbor Bank and Trust. The couple resides in Surry, ME.

Kristin Gabor '07

received her PhD in cellular and molecular biology from the University of Maine in 2012, was a post-doctoral research associate at the University of Maine for a year, and then began a post-doctoral fellowship at NIEHS/NIH in the Raleigh/Durham, NC area in March 2013. She is researching the disorders of cholesterol synthesis, particularly as it relates to Smith Lemli-Opitz syndrome (SLOS), "a congenital multiple anomaly/intellectual disability syndrome." (Gabor, LinkedIn) As a graduate student, Gabor received many awards including The Governor John E. Baldacci Student Award, the Chase Distinguished Research Assistant Fellowship, and the Outstanding Graduate Research Award.

2010

Max Collins '10, assistant plant operator at Wheelabrator Concord Co. in New Hampshire, is engaged to marry Laura Young of Concord, NH in September 2013. She is a professional illustrator and photographer.

Kurt Pullman '10 became a dynamic positioning officer for Seadrill in February

2013 after being an assistant dynamic positioning operator for Transocean for a year and a half.

Jarred Sternberg '10, former student member of the MMA Board of Trustees, has been a lightering coordinator for Exxon Mobil in the Washington, DC area for the last two years.

2011

Elizabeth Cote '11 now works for American Bureau of Shipping in Houston, TX as an engineer.

Katie Hutchinson '11 began work as a marine operations coordinator for Koch Supply and Trading Co. in Houston, TX in February 2013. Previously, she worked as an asset management consultant for Strategic Maintenance Solutions in their Lubbock, TX office.

Kyle Staples '11 will marry Autumn Lovejoy in the summer of 2014. She is a graduate of Eastern Maine Community College and works for Blue Hill Memorial Hospital in Maine. He works for Hornbeck Offshore Services.

2012

Luke Nielson '12 (See photo on page 43), database manager at Hunter Panels in Portland, ME, recently published a book called Connected Growth: Peer-Sourced Thoughts to Improve Young Millennial Life. Nielson spent three years interviewing dozens of his peers, writing and revising, and finalizing his 350+ page book. He says, "Some might characterize the book as a 'self-help' work,

but my community of peer collaborators and I prefer the term ‘peer-help.’ The book is a comprehensive resource built for my generation by my generation.” In the soft-launch phase of distribution, young adults sharing on social networks helped it reach over 15,000 people without using any traditional media or

paid ads. The book is a non-profit effort, and the complete online version is free for readers willing to “pay” with a short post to their online profiles. Nielson has been donating 100% of the proceeds (all that remain after printing costs have been paid) from the sale of the hard copy version to scholarships for Maine’s Thornton Academy

students. He confesses he learned that, although his generation is tech-savvy, most of his peers “still like to read from real paper books.” To ensure that the book’s message is available to everyone, he raised funds on RocketHub, a popular crowd-funding network. These funds are being used to donate copies of the book to libraries

and schools. In addition to promoting his book and working at his full-time day job, Nielson has his own small media design firm called Creative Dorm (view at www.CDorm.com). Visit www.ConnectedGrowth.com to learn more about his book.



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EIGHT BELLS

Robert L. Catell '45, retired lobbyist for AT&T, died January 19, 2013 in Maine. He had a long and varied career punctuated by extraordinary events such as receiving an electrical shock, which corrected his arrhythmia and so allowed him to attend MMA and become a Merchant Marine. Everyone who ever met him praised his leadership (he promoted 15 women to management positions in the 1950s), curiosity, tolerance, and ethical, kind behavior.

Fred McPheters '45 died in Maine on April 1, 2013. He served in the Merchant Marines but returned to his love –golf – as Superintendent of St. Croix Country Club, as golf pro at Northport Country Club, and as golf pro and superintendent of Kebo Country Club. Upon retiring at age 69, he was hired to work on the grounds of Tom Walsh's hotels in Bar Harbor. This he did till his 2nd retirement at age 86.

Richard H. Elias '49, retired president of Unicom Enterprises, died in Virginia on December 15, 2012. After serving in both the Merchant marine and the US Navy, he studied international law at Georgetown University, graduating with a second BS degree. During his career, he worked as a project manager for Babcock & Wilcox, Naval and Nuclear Division, and as manager of Southern European Operations for Ingersoll-Rand, Pump Division.



Joseph Plante '52, retired vice president of Stone and Webster, died on February 20, 2013 in Maine. He was a professional engineer in 12 states and worked on projects throughout the US. He began his career with United Fruit Co. in 1952, served in the US Navy from 1954 to 1956,

worked for Bethlehem Steel Co until 1964, and during this time, attended the Maritime Reactor Training School. His certification allowed him to assess many of the US test reactors as part of the advancement of the civilian reactor program. From 1964 until his retirement in 1993, he worked for Stone and Webster where he was involved in the design and construction of numerous power plants. He was appointed to the National Coal Council where he became an officer. He was always proud of his Maine Maritime Academy heritage and considered his education there as a primary reason for his success in the power engineering field.

Norman E. Brawn '54 died March 5, 2013 in Maine. He was an avid musician and athlete. After graduation, he served in the US Coast Guard and the US Navy. From 1956-1966, he was Lt. J.G. at the Naval Reserve Manpower Center before he became a steam engineer and administrator for Bangor Hydro Company.

Guy N. Carroll, Jr. '59 died February 23, 2013 in Maine. He served 24 years in the US Navy and retired in 1981 as Commander, Naval Reserve Center in Portland, ME. Later, he became an instructor in the Marine Science Department at Southern Maine Technical College. He eventually left teaching and became the marina manager and senior captain for the Point Sebago Resort on Lake Sebago, Maine.

Mark N. Young '75 died February 9, 2013 in Maine. He was a merchant mariner for 26 ½ years working as a chief engineer for Mobil Oil. When he retired from Mobil Oil 2001, he became a lobsterman.

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