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On the Cover: Nate ‘15 and Josie Dublin balance 8-month-old Nolan and a whole lot more. Photo by Billy R. Sims



Getting A Lift

IN JULY, a class of professional mariners, most of whom happened to be MMA alumni, participated in a Fast Rescue Boat (FRB) course offered by Continuing Education. Training in the course provides skills required to meet U.S. Coast Guard certification to handle and maintain fast boats primarily for safety and search-and-rescue situations.

As part of the course, and probably the “most fun,” mariners don immersion (Gumby) suits and practice self-rescue and a combination of lifting techniques to bring others aboard, as shown here with a one-on-one lift in progress at the MMA waterfront.

“The most challenging parts of the course,” says Instructor Allison Tunick, “are learning the many regulations, and on the water, completing sector searches and pacing exercises where the FRB comes alongside a large vessel in order to transfer victims or equipment, or to reconnect to a mothership’s davit.” ■

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Taking the Jump

I NEVER KNOW WHO I'm going to meet on my daily walks to campus. I look forward to those spontaneous conversations, and there is one constant I can always count on: the caliber of student I will engage with each and every day.

Recently, as my wife Heather and I came up over the dock from an afternoon on our boat hauling our lobster traps, we came across Hollister Poole '15 and Ryan Collet '15, who were having photographs taken in advance of their wedding in Castine later that day. It was a joy to see them taking another one of life's major steps and memorializing it at the MMA waterfront.

Catching up with these young alumni caused me to reflect on a freshman student I met when I was in the early years of my presidency at MMA. He was standing a bridge wing watch at about two o'clock in the morning and, in talking with him, I learned that he knew what kind of house he wanted to build on what piece of land with money he wouldn't earn for several years. The conversation



President Brennan gets 2018 Ship Jump started for the class of 2022 with a leap from TSSOM.

made an impression, and when I saw him at a recent Homecoming, he had advanced his license, worked in the industry, and had that house on that land that he had envisioned years before as a student at MMA.

More than 250 students will take part in Ship Jump again this year.

Our students share a drive to succeed. I believe that is true across the years and classes, and in my 10 years, it is definitely true among our young alumni. Our students are focused. They have goals. They are not only involved in campus life and committed to their studies, but they are also respectful, dynamic members of the community. I'm truly looking forward to meeting the Class of 2023 and welcoming them to campus. I will be joining them on the training ship at the end of August to take the plunge at Ship Jump.

It's hard to believe it was a decade ago when I was roped into taking the first plunge as a fundraising ploy. It worked, and then it became a tradition for me to line up with the students and start the new year by taking that step into the air above the harbor.

More than 250 students will take part in Ship Jump again this year. And, even if they're apprehensive, they will look me in the eye, and they'll know that we're all in this together. They will be up for the challenge. ■

Young Alumni, Pay It Forward

NEARLY 20 PERCENT of all MMA alumni have graduated within the last 10 years. As you’ll read in “What’s On Their Minds?” (pg. 20 in this issue), while recent MMA alumni share many of the values and traditions of the classes before them, they face a fast-changing career landscape and the pursuit of an elusive but important work-life balance.

We recognize and support young alumni and their future success. If you are among this cohort, we encourage you to consider giving back to MMA through volunteering. Annual Fund gifts are always appreciated, but there are many other ways to help those who follow in your footsteps at MMA:

- Offer ideas on how to engage and serve our alumni
- Gather area alumni for an event, even if you don’t live near an alumni chapter
- Represent MMA at an area college fair
- Speak to admitted students in your area to reduce their pre-MMA anxieties
- Be a panelist at on-campus or area forums
- Serve on the Alumni Association Board or other alumni committees
- Assist on an Industrial Advisory Committee (For more about this, see Curriculum Currency, pg. 16)

The Alumni Association is so pleased to see young alumni engage with our alma mater while juggling family obligations and professional advancement. The contributions of our volunteers are greatly appreciated and are the foundation for future growth and prosperity of Maine Maritime Academy and the Alumni Association. As always, feel free to contact me or the Alumni Relations Office at 207-326-2337 to discuss opportunities.

Homecoming 2019 is September 19 – 22, 2019. We are busy planning a festive and enjoyable return to campus for you. There will be a Welcome Reception on Friday evening, the 20th, for all alumni. Honor classes (graduation year ending in 4 or 9 as in ’54 or ’69) will march on during pre-game ceremonies on Saturday and have a reserved area for gathering on Alumni Alley for the game.

Take care and stay in touch,



Joe Cote ’82



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Campus Currents



“The Man” Retires

The Master of the *Pentagoet* leaves the helm with pride.

THE SLACK IN *PENTAGOET*’S bow dock line is not to Capt. Harry Stevens’s liking. He unwinds it from the bollard in an efficient whirl of motion, pulls it snug and secures it. He walks to the deck exit, crosses onto the dock and steps away from *Pentagoet*, which he has used to teach vessel handling to thousands of students. It is July 31, and after 27 years with MMA he has retired.

Stevens is a revered figure (aka The Man) on the waterfront, known for his high standards of instruction and meticulous care for the 39-year-old tug.

“A lot of people have said it’s the finest boat they’ve ever seen for its age,” says Stevens.

He first worked for MMA part-time as an AB on *State of Maine* training cruises, but hopped aboard *Pentagoet* as Chief Engineer in 1992,

later becoming Captain. Since then he has taught (or co-taught) three programs that have helped launch many careers: ship handling, tug and barge operations, and workboat operations. Stevens typically taught 100-plus students per 14-week semester.

“When students first come aboard, a lot of them are nervous,” says Stevens, “but I tell them, ‘Relax. We’re going to do this. And the more you do it, the better you’re going to be.’ That’s why I never drive the boat. They do. And they have to have hands on the equipment to learn.

“It’s amazing to see them from day one until they finish. Their confidence increased. They can handle it. And that gives me great pride.”

Instilling a good work ethic is as significant to Stevens as proficiency handling the 1,400



The venerable *Pentagoet* has served almost three decades of students, all under the careful watch of Capt. Stevens.

Photos: Billy R. Sims

horsepower tug in challenging maneuvers and tasks. “When you get a job,” he says, “be on time and do whatever it takes to get the job done. Don’t be afraid to get your hands dirty. Have pride in what you do, no matter what it is you’re doing. You’re from Maine Maritime Academy, and that means a lot is expected of you.”

“A lot of people have said it’s the finest boat they’ve ever seen for its age.”

For the *Pentagoet*, Harry says, “I have a great love for the boat. I’ve been with her for many years, pretty much on a daily basis, and it’s just the best thing I’ve ever been able to do or been allowed to do.”

For his waterfront coworkers, he says, “We’re like a family. We take care of one another. There’s a lot of stuff going on here, so we have to work together. We know we have to get these different jobs done, we do it, and we’re a pretty tight group overall. I love the people I work with and always will.”

As he walks along the dock away from the *Pentagoet* for the last time as Captain, he pauses and turns back to take an appraising look. “The feelings right now are of pride and sadness, but knowing that the boat is going to go on and on,” he says. “The program’s going to be strong, and I feel I was a part of making that happen.” ■

For a video tribute to Capt. Stevens, visit mariner.mainemaritime.edu.



OCEAN STUDIES

MAJOR PROGRESS
NEW ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE PROGRAM MAKES STRIDES.

AS THE CORNING SCHOOL of Ocean Studies approaches its 30th anniversary, the department is excited for their new Coastal and Marine Environmental Science (CMES) major. This major will complement the established and outstanding Marine Science and Marine Biology baccalaureate programs.

Twenty-two faculty and staff members from multiple departments across the academy participated in a two-day National Association of Geosciences Teachers (NAGT) Traveling Workshops Program focused on development of the major in May. This workshop, spearheaded by Dr. Lauren Sahl, provided the tools, guidance and structure required to help build the new CMES major. It brought the appropriate stakeholders together and allowed everyone to have a voice in the major’s development. One of the most important outcomes of the workshop was that it demonstrated an interest in the new major from faculty in other departments, and a willingness to

help implement it, either by teaching new courses or through other means.

To further facilitate the development of CMES over this coming year, the Ocean Studies department split an endowed Sawyer Visiting Professor position between two experienced marine and environmental science research professors to guide the CMES major forward. The department welcomes the expertise and vision of Drs. Patricia Glibert (University of Maryland’s Center for Environmental Sciences) and Sandra E. Shumway (Department of Marine Sciences, University of Connecticut). The Ocean Studies department is enthusiastic these two individuals are building on the collaborative relationships forged during the workshop and are drafting an innovative and successful coastal and marine environmental science major. ■

— By DR. JESSICA F. MUHLIN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND CHAIR ELECT, OCEAN STUDIES

PHOTOS: (LEFT TO RIGHT) SARAH O’MALLEY, LANCE BISHOP, MATTHEW BRANCACCIO

VESSEL OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY

Bowdoin Back
in Action

Refit and annual cruises completed

AFTER 31 YEARS of service as MMA’s sail training vessel, Schooner *Bowdoin* was back in blue water this summer for her 98th year of sailing.

Built in 1921 for Arctic exploration, *Bowdoin* recently completed her annual training cruises to the Canadian Maritimes.

During last winter, *Bowdoin* was in Boothbay Harbor for the completion of a major refit to ensure the vessel will continue to be capable of international offshore sailing operations with students aboard for training. The work included hull planking and frame repair below the waterline that is the final stage of a two-phase project that began with an above-the-waterline and deck rebuild

over the winter of 2015-16. Approximately 42 futtock sections (frame pieces) and some 70 planks were replaced.

The last time work of this magnitude was done on *Bowdoin* was in the early 1980s when a majority of the frames were replaced along with the deck.

The recent restoration could not have been done without the hard work of the shipwrights and staff at Bristol Marine, The Shipyard in Boothbay Harbor, the support of the MMA administration, faculty and staff, and the amazing outpouring of support from previous *Bowdoin* captains, crew, friends and MMA alumni. ■

— By CAPT. WILLIAM MCCLEAN,
SCHOONER BOWDOIN



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

MORE FUN, FREQUENT EVENTS

THE CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD (CAB) is a group of dedicated and creative students who work for the Office of Student Activities to plan, market and host events for all students. Those students are: Rachel Bunker, Kyla Desmarais, Ashley Elder, Sarah Gilmore, Keith Jordan and Avery O’Neal. The office has grown over the last couple of years to offer more, higher-quality events for students.

Examples of a typical month of CAB programming consists of Monday Night Bingo, Tuesday Night Trivia, Waypoint Wednesday, movie nights, weekend trips, and gaming tournaments. CAB also hosts many large-scale and traditional events such as the Welcome Back Extravaganza, the Community Involvement Fair, Homecoming, Late Night Breakfast, CABin Fever Week, and Finals Week programming.

CAB is always looking for new and unique event ideas to host and often brings ideas from fellow classmates to the table. Some of the more unique programming that CAB offered this past year was a celebration of National Pickle Day, a Mechanical Shark riding contest, a MadLibs water challenge, and the wildly successful Duck Day.

You might wonder what in the world is Duck Day? Well, it started with 200 miniature rubber ducks hidden on campus. If a student found one, they would turn it into the prize table for a chance to win one of 200 prizes available. The event boosted campus pride and engagement as well as the spirits of the 200 happy prize winners.

Through both the social and educational programming that CAB offers, students are provided opportunities to enrich their college experience and hopefully have some fun along the way. ■

— By MATTHEW BRANCACCIO, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, STUDENT ACTIVITIES

CAMPUS CURRENTS

TAKE THE QUIZ

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

HC260 SUSTAINABLE ENERGY & SOCIETY was developed as part of the Environmental Sustainability Minor. In the course, students learn about current energy use, the history, policies and technologies that led to our present state of energy supply and consumption, and the relationship between environmental and energy issues. Here are sample quiz questions:

1. In 2018, the U.S. net imports (imports minus exports) of petroleum were:

 - a) 234 million barrels per day
 - b) 23.4 million barrels per day
 - c) 2.34 million barrels per day
 - d) None of the above; the US was a net exporter
2. What country was the top source of U.S. petroleum imports in 2018?

 - a) Canada
 - b) Saudi Arabia
 - c) Mexico
 - d) Venezuela
 - e) Iraq
3. What percentage of 2018 total energy consumption in the U.S. was supplied by renewable energy (hydroelectric, biomass, geothermal, solar, and wind)?

 - a) 6%
 - b) 11%
 - c) 16%
 - d) 21%



Answers: 1. c) Imports were about 9.93 million barrels per day (MMb/d) from about 86 countries, and exports were about 7.59 MMb/d to 190 countries and four U.S. territories. Resulting net imports were about 2.34 MMb/d. 2. a) Canada 3. b) 11%. Total energy consumption was 101 quadrillion Btus (quads); about 11.5 quads from renewable sources; 8% from nuclear; and 81% from fossil fuels. (Statistics:US DOE EIA website (www.eia.gov).



ATHLETICS

Signing Day a Different Way

MMA ATHLETICS HAS TRANSFORMED the typical “Signing Day” associated with college athletics. The traditional Signing Day represents the commitment of a high school student to a specific athletic department. Over the past six years Mariners Athletics has adapted that concept to promote the post-graduate success of MMA student-athletes. The Mariners Athletics Signing Day now showcases the career opportunities our students receive, a valuable benefit that sets MMA apart and is useful for recruiting.

An outstanding example is Rebekah “Beek” Campbell, a five-year member of the Women’s Basketball program, who works for PepsiCo.

“I started as a sales intern with PepsiCo in Bangor in July 2015,” says Campbell. “After obtaining my IBL degree, I was offered a full-time position in the Taunton, Massachusetts facility as a sales representative in April 2016. After a year of running my own sales route, I was promoted to Customer Development Manager and dealt exclusively with independent customers. In July 2017, I was promoted to Sales District Manager, my current position.”

“I am responsible for a team of nine sales representatives,” says Campbell. “My responsibilities include coaching best practices, communicating sales activity, assisting in general selling and problem-solving for my people. My territory sold 1.12 million cases in 2018 and is projected to top that in 2019.

“I was also able to apply much of what I learned at MMA to my first sales role and felt comfortable pushing myself to grow the business and expand my skill set for future leadership positions.

“I have been extremely fortunate to forge relationships with a wide pool of MMA alumni, Pepsi employees or otherwise, because of how strong the Mariner network is. That network opened the door for me four years ago. I am proud to be a Pepsi employee and an MMA alum.” ■

— By MARINERS ATHLETICS

PHOTOS: (LEFT TO RIGHT) SHUTTERSTOCK, COURTESY OF REBEKAH CAMPBELL, TONY LLERENA



SPECIAL EVENTS

Student Life Awards

Outstanding leaders and community members recognized

AT A BANQUET HELD IN APRIL, the MMA Student Life Awards Committee recognized outstanding members of the MMA and Castine community whose contributions include service projects, athletics, employment and volunteer programs, and other co-curricular activities. The following were recognized at the ceremony:

- The Athletic Integration Award recognizes the positive contributions intramural, club or varsity athletes make to the campus community. It is awarded to a student athlete who has impacted campus life through leadership and collaboration with others. Winner: Abigail L’Abbe.
- The Emerging Leader Award recognizes two first-year students who have emerged as leaders and who can be expected to contribute significantly to the campus community and the welfare of their fellow students during their time at MMA. Winners: Gabrielle Guinto and Nickolaus Lewis.
- The Non-Traditional Student Impact Award is presented to a non-traditional student who has used his or her life experiences to make a significant impact in the campus community including, but not limited to, campus life, academic achievement, leadership, and community service. Winner: Bryon Fogg.
- Outstanding Collaboration Award recognizes a member of the student body who has collaborated with multiple constituencies. This student has led with integrity to unify the student body and make significant contributions to the greater campus community. Winner: Mary Shea.
- The Award for Outstanding Contribution to Residential Life is presented to a student who has made significant contributions to the community and experience of students living on campus. Winner: Justin Waceken.
- Social Entrepreneurship Award recognizes a student, or group of students, who have pursued an innovative idea with the potential to enhance community or to address

Above: Honorees at the banquet.

The Student Life Awards Committee selected 44 individuals and seven organizations for consideration. For the entire list: mainemaritime.edu/about-mma/press-releases

Right: Gil Tenney (left) and President William J. Brennan (right) congratulate Kyle Fallon on receiving the Phyllis Tenney Community Service and Leadership Award.

a pervasive community issue. Winner: The Non-Traditional Student Association.

- The Student Employee of the Year Award recognizes a student worker who has demonstrated a high quality of work, leadership skills, and impact on the department in which he or she works. Winner: Avae Traina.

- The Student Government Leadership Award recognizes a student affiliated with the Student Government Association who has shown immense integrity and perseverance in striving to improve student life and welfare. Winner: Keith Jordan.

- Mariner Pride is a community-wide nomination that honors an organization, event, or activity that enhances Mariner Pride by bringing people together and helping to strengthen the campus community. Winner: the Inter-Academy Monomoy Challenge.

- The Sarah F. Hudson Unsung Mariner award is a student-nominated award given to a faculty or staff member for demonstrating outstanding community service and support of student life. Winner: Alexander “Zanny” Stwertka.

- The Phyllis Tenney Community Service and Leadership Award is presented to the student who has displayed outstanding dedication and loyalty to MMA, commitment and service to the Castine community, exemplary leadership skills, and has also achieved great success academically and socially at MMA. Winner: Kyle Fallon.



All of the nominees in the above award categories brought the total number of individuals acknowledged to 60-plus. They all make us proud to be part of the MMA community. ■

OPENING DOORS CHANGING LIVES

The Scholarship Campaign for Maine Maritime Academy



Harrison Clark '20

The financial support Clark receives has kept him on track to realize a future as an aviator and systems engineer.

Why did you choose to attend MMA?

MMA had three very distinct qualities I was looking for: a Marine Corps ROTC program, a location in Maine (where I was born and raised), and a fairly small school that is well respected for engineering. I did not want to be just a number at a big university.

Describe your involvement with MMA as a student.

I have had a fairly wide breadth of experiences at MMA. I am a Systems major going into my fifth year, and was part of the regiment for four years. I am pursuing four minors: Mathematics, Naval Science, Naval Architecture, and Business Logistics. I was part of the regimental training

staff for one year, and a resident assistant the following year. I am a tutor at the Buoy House for a dozen courses, and a teaching assistant for fundamentals of engineering operations. I founded the ROTC Color Guard and Drill Team, where I was Drill Commander and Color Sergeant for three years. I was a division officer with the ROTC unit for a year, and a midshipman training officer for one year.

What about your MMA experience do you value the most?

The opportunity to work with the Marine Officer Instructor and Assistant Marine Officer Instructor in the ROTC unit. I had no military background, no family in the military, and really no idea what

Harrison Clark represents many deserving MMA students who are committed to rigorous study, appreciative of the opportunities MMA offers, involved in leadership roles, and undeterred by hard work.

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THIS IS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF PROFILES OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AND CAMPAIGN DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED IN THE GOAL OF RAISING \$20 MILLION FOR AN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. CURRENTLY, \$16.65 MILLION HAS BEEN RAISED

I signed up for, but the staff at the ROTC unit trained me well enough that I was in the top 10 percent of my OCS class. The Marines at the ROTC house are a fantastic resource for aspiring officers.

How are you able to handle the financial cost of attendance?

I am at MMA on my own. My aid comes from a three-year scholarship from the Marine Corps that covers my tuition and fees. It does not cover room and board, which a four-year Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps scholarship does along with the RADM Thomas K. Shannon Leadership Scholarship Fund, that combined also help me pay down my student loans from my freshman year, when I didn't have the Marine Corps Scholarship.

I also work 15 hours per week during the school year, and I have taken paid watch on the ship for eight of the 15 school breaks that I have had. Every chance I get, I work.

What has receiving the scholarship provided by RADM Shannon meant to you?

Receiving the scholarship has allowed me to pay off more of my student loans, of which I have a lot. My debt is 200 percent of my salary when I graduate, which is a daunting number.

What sort of career track do you intend to pursue?

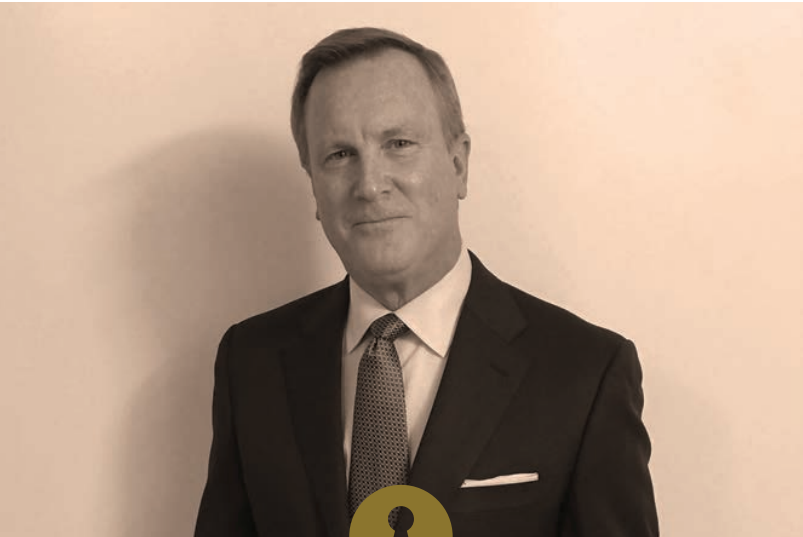
An hour after graduation in 2020, I will be commissioned in the Marine Corps as a second lieutenant. My contract is for eight years after I earn my wings. When I am 33 years old, I will be eligible to separate from the Marine Corps or stay as long as they will have me.

Eventually, I would like to come back and fly for LifeFlight of Maine.

What are some of the principles that guide you?

Several things are usually in the back of my mind: Marines strive for excellence in everything they do. The world owes you nothing; if you want it, earn it. You do what you have to for family. ■

—By BILLY R. SIMS



Rear Admiral Thomas K. Shannon '82

What do you hope to achieve as a member of the Opening Doors, Changing Lives Scholarship Campaign Steering Committee?

My wife, Kristi, and I have been supporting a regimental scholarship, and serving on the committee was a natural extension of my interests. To me, this is one avenue to make a positive difference for those who will follow our footsteps into the maritime industry.

What motivated you to join the committee?

Self-funding my college education was hard, but it could be done. That is not the case today. Escalating education costs have outpaced any pay scale for the kinds of jobs available to college students. I joined this effort to do my part in hopes of giving our academy students a fighting chance at completing their education and getting off to a good start in their careers.

Describe your career track.

At the time of my graduation, there was a paucity of employment opportunities in the maritime industry, predominantly caused by the cancellation of federal subsidies, so I accepted a three-year contract with the United States Navy. Three years turned into 35 years in the blink of an eye.

I began as a deck officer on a Bath-built frigate, and enjoyed a career slanted towards a lot of sea duty. I worked hard, learned from every assignment, and rose through the ranks to eventually command a couple of ships; went on to command an aircraft carrier strike group and ultimately was appointed Commander of the 120 ships of the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command fleet. Along the way, I enjoyed a range of challenging assignments in naval education, surface warfare, joint military operations, and as a staff adviser for the Secretary of Defense.

Your advice for MMA students?

Your achievements beyond Maine Maritime Academy will be largely dictated by your ability and your desire. Do everything you possibly can to maximize those two elements.

How You Can Help

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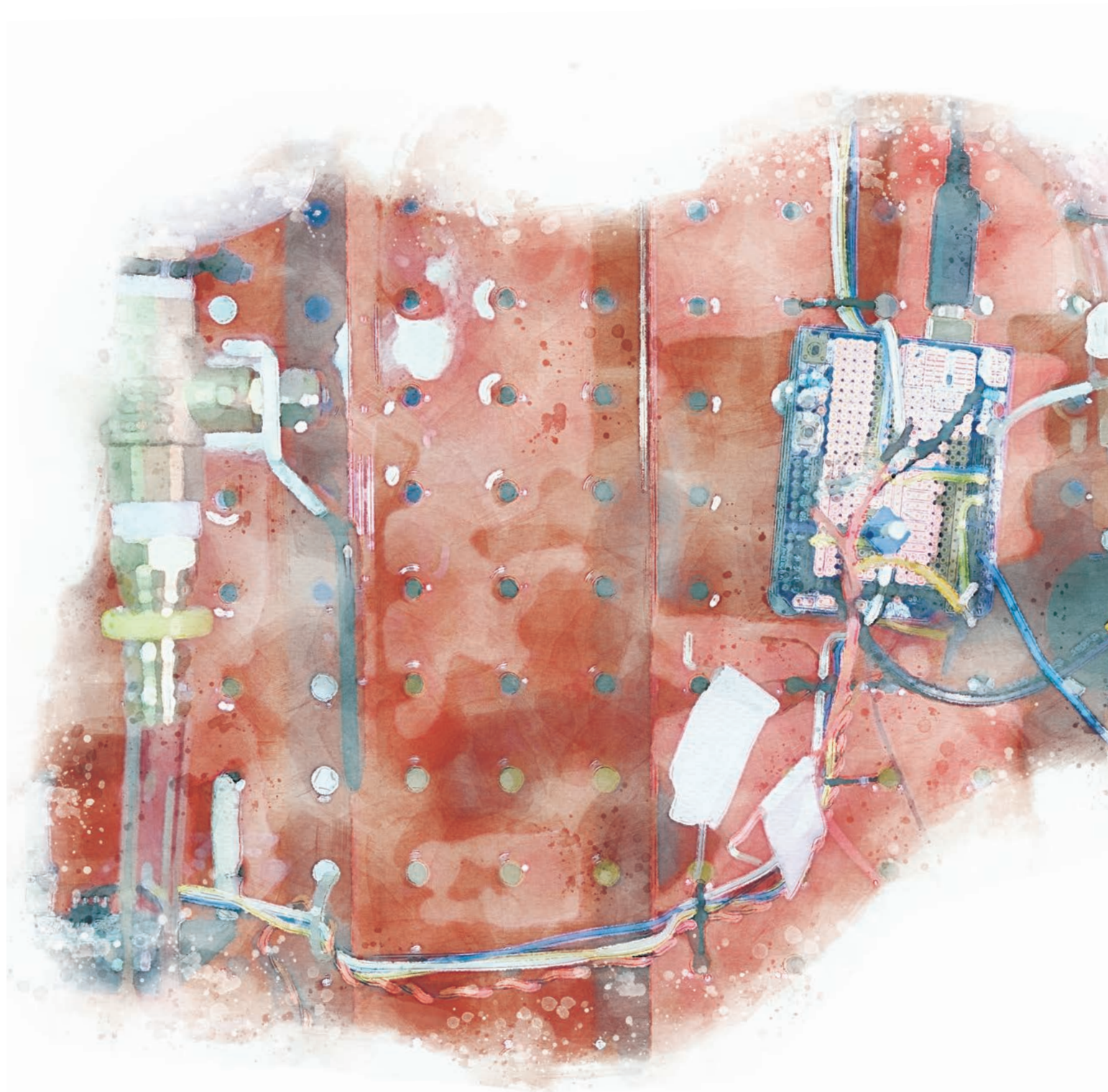
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How MMA harnesses the power of Industrial Advisory Committees.

by Billy R. Sims

THERE is a slight smell of smoke in the Instruments and Electronics Lab of the ABS Center for Engineering, Science and Research, the origin of which is an idea to create a fire for learning.

Associate Professor of Engineering Donald McCann lifts a soldering iron from a microprocessor wiring connection for a tank level control system (shown left) and says, “One down and 10 to go.”

The assembly will be ready in time for a new fall semester automation lab, based on a suggestion from the engineering department’s Industrial Advisory Committee (IAC).

“The IAC played a large role in establishing the need for our engineering automation classes to have an associated lab with the class,” says McCann. “They also helped us select topics for individual labs, including a Programmable Logic Controller system that the students will wire up, test and troubleshoot.”

To help guide the future of MMA, its major areas of study—Engineering, Marine Transportation/Vessel Operations & Technology, International Business and Logistics (IBL) and Ocean Studies—call on professionals, including alumni, to provide advice from the perspective of their industry and expertise.

“IACs are valuable in helping us maintain the currency of our curriculum as well as providing input for the strategic planning we do to anticipate future needs,” says Dr. David Gardner, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

“The academic departments are leaning forward in the kinds of advice they are soliciting.”

MISSION

The IACs keep the departments apprised of the changing needs of those who employ MMA graduates. They help keep programs relevant and aid the process of conceiving new educational programs based on industry needs.

While the four major areas’ IACs differ in configuration and charter, they generally meet bi-annually and on an ad hoc basis. Members may also spend time with students or employ them in field experiences.

ENGINEERING

“We also help MMA meet accreditation requirements by providing our meeting reports and evidence of IAC impacts,” says Industry Chairman of the Engineering Department IAC, Attapol Sookma ’96, Test and Evaluation Trials Coordinator for Bath Iron Works.

“Suggestions we’ve made include changes in all programs; added environmental studies; updates to the electrical, electronic and automation tracks; additional engineering laboratory equipment; and technical communications courses.

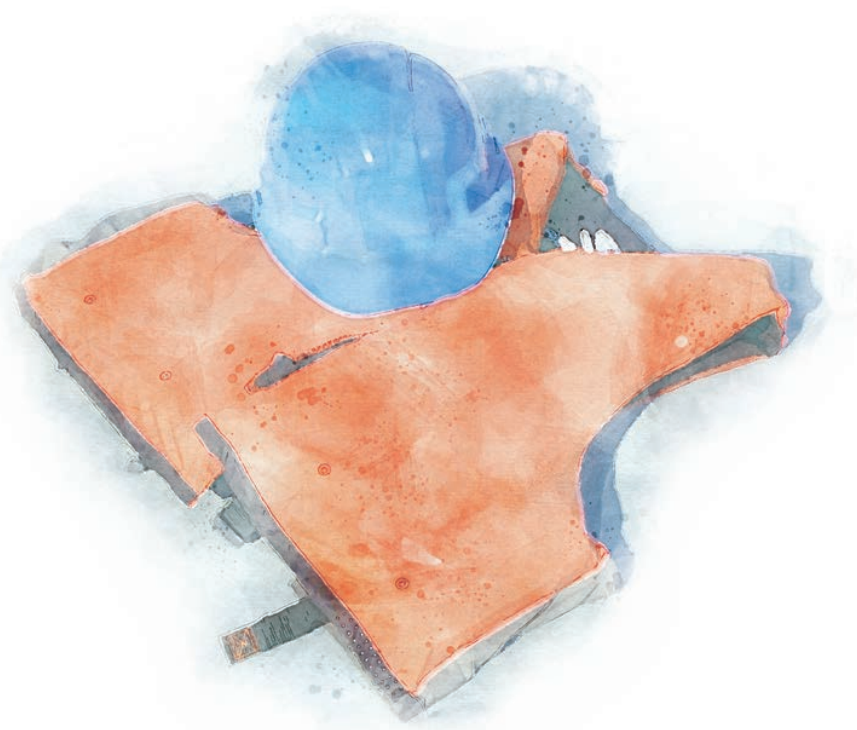
“We have also suggested future topics like Infrastructure, Cyber Security, and the Internet of Things (connectivity, data handling, and automation response).”

MARINE TRANSPORTATION/ VESSEL OPERATIONS

Safety culture has been one of the primary Marine Transportation Operations (MTO) and Vessel Operations & Technology (VOT) IAC topics for the past two years. The department has been adapting

Curriculum

Currency



classes to instruct students on evolving regulations and company policies including the “Stop Work Responsibility” most companies have adopted, says department committee coordinator and Assistant Professor David Price ’82

The MTO/VOT committee has 10 members, a mix of alumni and non-MMA grads who Price says have been working well for the department. “All members have in their best interest helping the students and the school.”

The most recent meeting included discussions about the importance of safety and its emphasis as one of the most drastic changes in the industry.

Price reports that safety awareness is now incorporated from day one of the freshmen curriculum, and further progress is expected.

Gardner notes that *TS State of Maine* Chief Engineer Sandy Cameron ’84 has taken the lead in shipboard safety training in collaboration with faculty. This begins with basic familiarities with potential hazards such as navigating hatchways and extends to equipment and machinery operations and maintenance.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND LOGISTICS

Kirk Langford became Chair of the International Business and Logistics school last year. “We are back on track and moving forward. So I want to step up engagement with the IAC in the year ahead,” he says.

Key issues for the IAC include making IBL a preferred choice for potential students to increase female and other underrepresented groups at MMA. “This is a known issue,” says Langford, “and

we are working with Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Dr. Elizabeth True, Admissions, and Athletics, but we need IAC input on this goal.”

Langford is considering adding new concentrations to department offerings, as well as electives and “strengthening the faculty bench in IBL. IAC input is needed here as well.”

One of more than a dozen members of the IBL IAC, Anthony Caruso Jr., Director of the Bangor International Airport in Maine, sees a vital role for the group and its unique ability to assist the department. “As professionals who work within different aspects of transportation and logistics, we can provide perspective from ‘inside’ the industry,” says Caruso. “We offer updates on regulations or changes that have lasting effects.”

In the highly regulated aviation industry, specifically, there are constant changes related to security, inspection services, aircraft operations, and international passenger and freight logistics. “We provide insight to the industry that is not available elsewhere,” says Caruso.

The committee meets with IBL students, which provides an exceptional opportunity to interact, gauge their understanding of relevant professions and gain feedback on the IBL program, which is conveyed to enhance program development.

OCEAN STUDIES

The diverse backgrounds and professions represented in the Ocean Studies IAC are one of its primary strengths.

“I’m often asked by prospective students and their parents, ‘What jobs are out there for your graduates?’” says Dr. Ann Cleveland, outgoing

Industry trends that IACs have emphasized include safety in marine transportation and vessel operations; opportunities for jobs and research in aquaculture; and changing regulations and logistics requirements in the airline industry.

chair of the department. “I can point to members of our advisory committee as examples. We have researchers, teachers, activists, a Senate staff member, a technician, and a nonprofit leader who runs a science club for girls.”

Among this diverse group is Dr. William Ellis, Associate Professor of Oceanography and Associate Director of the University of Maine (Orono) School of Marine Science. Ellis is also a former MMA Ocean Studies faculty member. “I don’t consider MMA and UMaine competitors for students because our programs are different in good ways,” he says. “MMA has a pretty unique niche in that it offers degrees with vessel operations certifications and an emphasis on academics combined with on-the-water experience. We compare notes on a variety of issues, and it’s mutually beneficial.”

Ellis notes that the alumni connection is a strong element of the committee. “The opportunities provided by the group are a big plus,” he says. “I’ve been at the table when someone will say, ‘I’m a graduate of the program, and I want you to send me students.’”

The committee has advocated for the department’s acquisition of the newest technologies, instrumentation, and vessel research equipment. “We’ve urged adapting the curricula to include more on climate issues and aquaculture,” says Ellis. “A lot of people view aquaculture as a hands-on version of marine science, and MMA is known as a hands-on education institution.

“There is agreement that the academy needs to stay engaged with aquaculture.” Message received: a Gulf of Maine Research Institute committee includes MMA President, Dr. William Brennan.

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EVOLUTION

Harnessing the power and potential of the IACs is a challenge, “a good challenge,” says Engineering Professor and IAC coordinator Barbara Fleck. “The committee meetings provide a chance for Program Coordinators to report on the issues they see, such as the need to incorporate environmental issues and sustainability into existing courses, and a good place for discussion and brainstorming.

“I would love to have the IAC leading curriculum changes to reflect what they see in the workplace. Another idea would be for IAC members to submit case studies or practical problems that come up from their work experiences that can be used in the classroom.”

FEEDBACK

MMA serves a vital role in providing industry with a well-educated and informed workforce. Without the link back to industry and what the current and future demands are via the IACs, the MMA curriculum and the future workforce would be out of sync and irrelevant compared to competitor schools.

“MMA and the IACs together provide the leadership role in keeping up our reputation and brand,” says Sookma. “There are more ways industrial involvement can help shape MMA’s relevancy, but I believe the IACs are most effective since essentially they provide feedback from the customer.” ■

To learn more about how you or a professional you know might serve MMA in an advisory capacity, contact Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Faculty, Nicole Dyer: nicole.dyer@mma.edu.

What's On Their Minds?

A survey of recent MMA alumni reveals their priorities and unique advantages as they enter the working world.

by Billy R. Sims · photographs by Billy R. Sims & courtesy of Anthony Franchetti and Julianna Diehl



Like most young MMA alumni, Anthony Franchetti quickly found a job.

BARELY A MONTH after graduating as a Marine Transportation Operations major, Anthony Franchetti '19 was set to catch a plane to Trinidad, where he will work as Third Mate aboard a drillship for Transocean Ltd.

"Yes, I have a job sailing on my license and am very fortunate," he says.

Luck may have played a role, but more likely, he, like other recent graduates and those who came before them, landed a job as a result of hard work and study while a student.

"At MMA, we used to joke as graduation drew near that we could see the light at the end of the tunnel," says Franchetti. "What you don't know is what lies beyond the tunnel. What will work and life be like once you're on your own?"

Recent alumni, classes from 2009 to 2019 and numbering some 2,100 graduates, share many concerns with those of past decades. Yet they are entering a different world, where balancing job, family, and finances and having a fulfilling lifestyle are buffeted by the pace of change in technology, the economy and differing expectations.

Seeking Answers

In May, with interest in learning more about their concerns and how MMA might address them, the MMA Office of Alumni Relations fielded an on-line

survey of approximately 1,400 recent alumni, of whom 131 responded (11 percent).

"Because of record enrollments, graduates from the past decade represent nearly a quarter of all MMA alumni," says Alumni Relations Director Jeff Wright. "That's an important and unique cohort we want to assist. The recent alumni survey is just one way to learn what's on their minds, to identify their needs and to solicit ideas."

This article explores the results, comparable national data and the points of view of four representative alumni.

In what region do you reside?

Of those who participated in the recent alumni survey, almost half live in Maine. Another 21 percent live in New England.

Do you work in an industry related to your MMA degree?

Eighty-five percent of respondents answered: yes.

Ten years ago, on the heels of the Great Recession in 2009, Omar Chaar was embarking on his first job with excitement and anticipation, just as Franchetti is now. And while many college graduates in the U.S. faced bleak employment prospects, Chaar, an International Business and Logistics major, had a job lined up with his diploma in hand.

"I was hired by Strategic Maintenance Solutions, a Maine-based company founded by two MMA grads whom I had interned with for two summers," says Chaar. "The company's focus is on helping businesses improve maintenance and reliability activities through computerized management systems."

Chaar started as a field engineer and is now Director of Industry Solutions for SMS, which employs some 150 people and works with life sciences, oil and gas, maritime, power generation and government clients in the United States and internationally.

"Frankly, the job market was pretty hot in 2009 for most MMA grads. Salaries were good," says Chaar, "and my student loan debt was manageable."

In 2010, 94 percent of MMA graduates were employed within 180 days, according to the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD). Data for the Class of 2018 indicates 90 percent of graduates were employed within 90 days.

In fact, consistent employment opportunities have provided many MMA graduates with a stable financial foundation early in their careers.

Job Satisfaction

Almost 90 percent of survey respondents said they are very or mostly satisfied with their jobs.

Julianna Diehl, who graduated in 2017 with a dual



Omar and Allyson Chaar with one-year-old Xavier. "When I'm working, I try to put everything I have into whatever I'm trying to accomplish," says Omar. "During family time, I try to disconnect, focus on them, and enjoy new things."

major in Marine Science and Small Vessel Operations, recounts that the primary reason she enrolled at MMA was to be around boats and learn more about science. "The MMA program was the only one of its kind that allowed me to do both and earn a degree and a 200-ton license."

Diehl is a marine technician who works aboard research vessels for the University of Hawaii. Her primary roles are as an operator of multi-beam ocean floor mapping equipment and navigator for one of the vessel's remotely operated vehicle (ROV).

"I put the skills I acquired at MMA to work every day," she says.

"What I find most satisfying is the challenge. I could never settle for a job that's the same day in and day out," says Diehl. "Since the types of research projects we assist with are continually changing, so are the elements of problem-solving and working with different people."

"I'm making the most of the opportunity to learn and see a beautiful part of the world."

What are the most pressing issues facing you today?

When asked to rank their most pressing issues, 57 percent of survey respondents said work-life balance is most urgent, while 43 percent ranked family uppermost.

Like the majority of other respondents, while focused on career success, Diehl is also concerned about "work-life balance," the meaning of which depends on individual interpretation.

For Diehl, who is single, mobile, and for whom debt is not a concern, work-life balance translates into making the most of opportunities at work and leisure. She balances her life at sea with travel around the Pacific region, including a recent trip to Japan, Thailand, and the Maldives. "Without this job," she says, "I wouldn't be able to take so much time off to travel."

Nathan Dublin '15 graduated with a Marine Engineering Technology degree and is Second Assistant Engineer on a drillship in the Gulf of Mexico for Rowan Companies, and the definition of work-life balance for him closely equates with managing family affairs as a key priority. He and his wife, Joanna, have an eight-month-old son, Nolan, and working in the shipping industry “takes a special kind of family,” he says.

“Typically, your income is great, so debt is not an issue. But I work three weeks on and three off, and being gone for a total of six months a year becomes harder as your children grow older” says Dublin.

“We manage it well. My wife’s dad was in the Navy, so she understands the lifestyle, but I can see a point where it will become more difficult.”

National Trends

Work-life balance as a priority for recent graduates is mirrored on a national level as well, with multiple surveys indicating its importance as a factor in choosing jobs. It is a sought-after attribute and, many experts say, an expectation that sets the current decade’s workers apart from those who preceded them.

“Earlier generations were probably too afraid to ask for flexibility. The mind-set was that work comes first,” says Rose Ernst, national director of G10 Associates, in a recent article in *Money* magazine.

In a 2017 survey of more than 81,000 business, computer science and engineering students by Universum, work-life balance ranked number one as the highest-listed job value, which in this survey was defined by work flexibility and variety.

Nearly one-third of millennials say managing their work, family, and personal responsibilities has become more difficult in the past five years, according to *Money* magazine. And nearly half are working more hours compared to older workers.

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Nathan Dublin spends a cumulative six months away from his wife Joanna and son Nolan annually. But for now they are managing the push-and-pull well.



Money Management

In the MMA survey responses, debt management did not rank as much of a concern as it does to graduates on a national level, where student loan default rates continue to climb.

A report by *Yahoo News* states more than a third of those carrying debt do not expect to pay it off in their lifetimes. This is not the case for Franchetti, who expects to quickly pay off student loan debt because of his salary and lifestyle choices, such as continuing to live at home with his parents initially and driving an older used car.

While the national student loan default rates stand at 13 percent, for MMA graduates it is 2 percent.

The sea change in the cost of higher education at American public colleges and universities is particularly striking. Over the last quarter-century, average tuition rose by 85 percent, adjusting for inflation, while average state spending measured on a per-student basis declined by roughly 5 percent.

How much impact did MMA have on who or where you are today?

Twenty-eight percent of respondents answered, “most impactful experience to date,” while 60 percent rated it “very impactful.”

“MMA shaped my confidence,” says Diehl. “As a relatively young female, I was in charge of a lot of older men on the back deck for different scientific deployments.

“But I had a strong base of skills, and it made me comfortable to lead the operations and maintain a safe and efficient environment.”

For Omar Chaar, the impact of MMA is equivalent to the quality of relationships he formed with fellow students and alumni. “Those relationships shaped me into the person I am today,” he says.

“Being able to work at a company founded by MMA graduates (Jason Oney '96 and Dan Hobart '94), the types of people who work there, what I’ve gained from involvement with the academy, the faculty and administration ... when I look back on it all, that’s what I’m most proud of and feel has impacted me the most.”

Network Matters

While alumni survey respondents acknowledged the role of MMA in their lives, also of crucial importance is the alumni network. The survey probed the role of social media in helping alumni stay connected with MMA news and each other.

It asked which type of alumni events might be most interesting. More than 70 percent of recent alumni respondents ranked opportunities for networking as their top choice.



What can MMA do to assist you?

“One of the priorities for the MMA Alumni Relations Office is to connect and find the most effective ways to communicate with and serve recent alumni,” says Wright.

“We’re exploring better ways to introduce recent alums to other grads in their area, for example,” he notes. Diehl, who uses social media to connect with classmates who may be passing through Hawaii while traveling or working, suggests exploring how a database might be made available to aid such efforts.

“If alumni keep their contact info current with us,” says Wright, “we can help in a variety of ways.

“Alumni Relations coordinates the Class Agent program, through which representatives from almost every MMA class serve to connect classmates so they can engage with other alumni.” (For more on Class Agents, see page 31.)

Wright cites research that shows most job openings are not advertised, and some 70 percent of employment is found through networking, according to the Bureau of Labor.

“The MMA alumni network is as strong as ever,” he says. “We are happy to assist young alumni with employment announcements, introductions, and pass along contact information to potential employers in cooperation with the Office of Career Services.”

Alumni Relations is also developing a Mentor



Julianna Diehl works aboard ocean research vessels based in Hawaii and says she’s taking advantage of the opportunity to learn and “see a beautiful part of the world.”

Program that pairs junior and senior students with MMA alumni in related professional areas. “As the program develops, we’ll be seeking volunteers to serve as mentors,” says Wright.

Franchetti hopes the new MMA Center for Professional Mariner Development in Bucksport will offer certification courses and training that he now has to pursue at other locations. “It could save me and my company money in the long run and help me continue on my career track.”

When Franchetti looks ahead, now that he is “out of the tunnel” and in the light that shines on his future, his goal is to one day be “sailing on a captain’s license, and maybe starting a family.”

A shore-side job may become more attractive in the future for Nathan Dublin, “but for now, I just want to stay on track with our family plans, our life plans.”

While no one can predict his or her future, “young alumni can look at the success of others from MMA reaching back more than 75 years as examples,” says Wright, “and know that we are here to support them, and the skills and knowledge gained here will transfer to whatever endeavor they choose to pursue.

“Above all, stay in touch with us, and let’s keep the conversation going,” he says. ■

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Good Chemistry

The world-renowned Jackson Laboratory is home to some 13 MMA alumni who exemplify how the academy's educational approach prepared them for a surprising range of jobs.

by Laurie Schreiber · photographs by Thomas Fouchereaux & Tiffany Laufer / The Jackson Laboratory

Brooke McDonald's MMA coursework in finance, logistics and management proved valuable in her job as Senior Financial Analyst at The Jackson Laboratory.

BROOKE MCDONALD '08 took a circuitous path from her time as a Maine Maritime Academy graduate student to her position as a senior financial analyst at The Jackson Laboratory (JAX) in Bar Harbor.

After earning her bachelor's degree in finance from Bentley University in Waltham, Massachusetts, she enrolled in the MMA Loeb-Sullivan School of International Business and Logistics Global Supply Chain Management graduate degree program. Her goal was to expand her knowledge to the maritime industry and take it to a global setting.

Upon graduation in 2008, she was hired by Cianbro, the Maine-based general contractor, as a financial analyst. In 2014, she came across a JAX job posting for a grants financial analyst. Attracted by the opportunity to work for a nonprofit research organization, McDonald found that MMA's graduate coursework—in areas such as finance, logistics, and management—translated well to her new position.

"The coursework required us to apply principles to solve real-world scenarios. The IBL program encourages teamwork, collaboration, and out-of-the-box thinking," she says. "This is all relevant to my work at JAX every day."

When you think about it, McDonald's path made sense. As one of some 13 MMA graduates employed by JAX, her story reflects the ability of an MMA education to prepare graduates for just about any type of career, whether it's directly related to the student's original course of study or not. Thanks to MMA's approach, with a focus on hands-on learning and innovative thinking, students gain more than a programmatic education. They learn how to follow the natural progression of their interests and adapt the core of their education to new employment opportunities.

The MMA cohort at JAX is an excellent illustration of these principles. MMA graduates occupy positions, from finance and logistics to law and engineering. MMA alums from practically every major department are represented at JAX—an example of how MMA's ability to produce stellar graduates in the maritime industry transfers to entirely different technologies and businesses.

Like MMA, The Jackson Laboratory is similarly focused on innovation and creative thinking. JAX opened in 1929 as one of the world's first cancer genetics research institutions. Pioneering the use of mice in disease research, its mice and research programs have contributed to important medical breakthroughs in areas like organ transplants, glaucoma prevention and treatment, obesity

management, stem cell research, a spinal muscular atrophy cure and leukemia treatments.

Today, JAX is a world leader in genetics and genomics research, with more than 70 scientists in Bar Harbor and at The Jackson Laboratory for Genomic Medicine in Farmington, Connecticut.

In 2018, JAX opened its state-of-the-art vivarium, The Charles E. Hewett Center, in Ellsworth to enable wider access to JAX mouse resources. Overall, its mission is to discover precise genomic solutions for disease and enable others to improve human health. As part of that mission, JAX provides the world's largest collection of research mouse strains to thousands of researchers in more than 60 countries.

That vibrant environment has proven an attractive draw for MMA alumni. Darrell King Jr. '02, a Power Engineering Technology alumnus, understands the significance of JAX's mission through his position as Chief Engineer. King enrolled at MMA after four years in the U.S. Navy as a helicopter crewman and aviation electrician.

After graduation, he worked primarily in the power industry, then took up the opportunity to work at JAX in 2018. There, he and his team run the utility plant for the Bar Harbor campus. Top-of-the-line operations are essential, not only for people but also for the millions of mice that are under JAX's care at any given time.

"We're here around the clock," King says. "We monitor and are responsible for responding to changes in environmental conditions outside normal operating parameters. So, if there were a temperature or humidity alarm in one of the mouse rooms, for example, our stationary engineer would take action to correct that."

King credits MMA with giving him a foundation in steam generation and engineering and overall background to get his foot in the door at JAX. He also credits MMA's co-op program—three-month paid work experiences in real-world settings—as essential for moving his career forward.

"The chance to be at a power plant and to learn how to operate as a team member was one of the things that shaped how my career unfolded after graduation," King says. "In later years, the experience of leading a team drew on those past experiences."

"One of the things that's drilled into you and you learn quickly, particularly aboard a ship, is the importance of teamwork and working together as a unit," agrees Brett Witham '93, a Marine Engineering Technology graduate. "When you're in an engine room on a ship, you work with and rely on your watchmates. If you don't have good communication and teamwork, bad things can happen. The same can be said in any organization.

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Operating in the corporate world is not dissimilar to working on a ship. You really can't do it alone. You need a good team around you. You need people who support you and who will work together toward a common objective."

Of all the journeys MMA alumni have taken to JAX, Witham's is perhaps the most surprising.

Originally from Fairfield, Witham was the first person in his family to go to college. He had heard of MMA through older graduates from his high school. He liked its promise of career preparation.

"There was a neighbor who graduated a number of years earlier and had shipped out and seemed to

be doing quite well for himself," Witham recalls.

After graduation, Witham took "a pretty typical career path for a marine engineer," he says. He worked on a variety of vessels, including a spill response boat in New Orleans, an oil rig off Malta, casino boats, and a tanker.

Earning a good living right out of the gate, he realized he had the means to pursue other interests. In 1998, he enrolled at the University of Maine Law School. Graduating in 2001, he worked for a private law firm in Auburn, then for Verrill Dana in Portland, where he became a partner. After more than a decade, it was time for a change.

Marine Engineering Technology graduate Brett Witham '93 still relies on his MMA experience as The Jackson Laboratory's Deputy General Counsel.

"The opportunity presented itself at Jackson Lab and I thought, 'Wow, this is a unique opportunity,'" says Witham, who serves as Deputy General Counsel. "It's a nonprofit organization. I can focus on and work with one client to further a mission based on helping others. We're really trying to do good things like cure cancer. That, and having the opportunity to do that on the coast of Maine, was very attractive."

Although his career now is wholly different from his MMA training, the underlying aspects of that training translate well to law, especially when it comes to MMA's hands-on focus.



“Having exposure to leadership and decision-making roles at that early stage pays huge dividends later, when you’re put into business environments and you need to be decisive and effective within a team from the moment you land—that’s a tremendous responsibility you get very early on at the academy,” Witham says. “That’s invaluable and translates well into any corporate environment. Some organizations have decent training programs. But, the reality is, you’d better be ready to perform and be effective on day one. The exposure to that through a co-op, very

Cody Gray ’17, IT Contracts Analyst, sees shared values between JAX and MMA—striving for excellence and getting the job done, then moving forward to new goals.

early on in a career, really facilitates developing the tools necessary to succeed later in life in any environment.”

MMA’s ability to prepare students for a wide array of life’s opportunities is a reoccurring theme, says Capt. Joe Curtis, MMA’s director of career services and a 1997 graduate himself.

“Whether you’re in the regiment or not, the skills and hands-on training you gain on campus give students the ability to work in just about any industry out there,” Curtis says. “If you look at our alumni over the years, a lot of them are not working in the industries they thought they would



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you get to apply it to real life.”

Cody Gray is at the beginning of his career but already sees how his MMA experience translates to new opportunities. A 2017 IBL alumnus, he’s now an IT Contracts Analyst at JAX. Like other MMA alumni, Gray’s journey to JAX was a bit circuitous. Straight out of college, he moved to California to do system maintenance on combat ships, working both on the engineering side and in warehousing and contracts. Missing Maine, he applied to JAX.

“A couple of days later, they reached out to me,” he says.

It turned out that some of the MMA coursework that he never thought he’d use—particularly business law, international business law, and procurement—has proven especially valuable.

“The law classes sharpened my eye in looking at contractual documents,” Gray says. “My procurement course taught me the RFP process, something I never would have expected to do.”

Gray notes that MMA and JAX have shared characteristics.

“I guess ‘eager’ is a good word,” he says. “Everyone is eager to get projects done, to move forward, to expand and develop.”

“The lab strives for excellence,” says King. “That’s certainly part of the culture at MMA as well—the goal to reach for excellence and not accept anything less.” ■

This is a partial list of MMA alumni who work at Jackson Laboratory. Names listed with class dates, MMA major and JAX job title. Source: LinkedIn

- Luke Damon ’07, Marine Engineering Technology, Plant Assistant Chief Engineer
- Brett Witham ’93, Marine Engineering Technology, Associate General Counsel
- Brooke McDonald ’08, Global Supply Chain Management, Senior Financial Analyst
- Cody Gray ’17, International Business & Logistics, IT Contracts Analyst
- Jacob Sigouin ’17, Power Engineering Technology, Stationary Engineer
- Emma Johnson ’12, International Business & Logistics, Manager, Global Logistics
- Mitchell Farren ’11, Marine Engineering Operations, Utility Plant Operator
- Nicholas El-Hajj ’13, Marine Systems Engineering, Stationary Steam Engineer
- Kelsie Hilton ’16, Marine Biology, Animal Care Technician
- Darrell King, Jr. ’02, Power Engineering Technology, Chief Engineer
- Liam Pitchford ’19, International Business & Logistics, Marketing Coordinator
- Jessica Seavey ’08, International Business & Logistics, Research Administrative Assistant
- Robert Economy ’80, Marine Engineering, Boiler Operator

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Alumni News



Class Agents in Action

IN JULY OF 2017, the MMA Alumni Association introduced the Alumni Class Agent Program. A Class Agent is a volunteer from the class who helps keep his/her classmates current on MMA events and initiatives and assists in maintaining contact with alumni.

The goals of the Class Agent program are simple: assist the Office of Alumni Relations with sharing information and updating contact information; encourage or cultivate submission of class notes for *Mariner*, *Shipmate* and other academy communications; share professional experiences and successes of classmates; and identify classmates who may be candidates for alumni awards, such as Wall of Honor and Outstanding Alumnus.

Since its inception, 80 class agents have volunteered to represent 63 of MMA's 75 classes. Last month, Shawn Longfellow '86, member of the MMA Alumni Association and chair of the Alumni

Engagement Committee, sent a letter to the unrepresented classes. His efforts produced three additional agents. Most representation has come from the classes of 1956 to the present; only four classes in that time span still need a Class Agent: 1981, 1999, 2001, and 2002. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Jeff Wright at jeff.wright@mma.edu.

The Class Agent concept has been of great benefit to alumni and the Office of Alumni Relations. "We receive alumni updates almost daily, and for the past two years, the *Mariner* Class Notes section has been full of news of career changes, life events, sea stories and adventures," says Jeff Wright, Director of Alumni Relations. "It has exceeded our expectations."

"Keeping everyone in the loop, getting class biographies published, and planning events has been very rewarding," says Jerry Gotlieb, Class Agent for 1961. ■

John Ingram (sixth from right, broad brim hat) and Tom Hall (far right), class agents for 1979, join classmates and spouses for an afternoon cruise aboard *Pentagoet* during their 40th reunion in July.

SAVE THE DATE

Up Close Presentation

Sept. 12 | Komar Headquarters
90 Hudson Street, Jersey City, NJ

Inter-Academy Monomoy Challenge

Sept. 14 | SUNY Maritime
Throggs Neck, NY

Seacoast Scholarship Golf Scramble

Sept. 19 | Sanford Country Club

Homecoming 2019

Sept. 19–22 | MMA campus

MMA Alumni Assoc. Annual Mtg.

Sept. 21 | 10 am | MMA Campus

MMA Career Fair

Oct. 17 | MMA Alexander Field House

Up Close Presentation

Oct. 17 | Westin Memorial City
945 Gessner Road, Houston, TX

Up Close Presentation

Oct. 24 | Embassy Suites Airport
Portland, ME

Up Close Presentation

Nov. 21 | Embassy Suites
Pioneer Square, Seattle, WA

State Academy Reception

International WorkBoat Show
Dec. 4 | The Westin, New Orleans, LA



TIDEWATER CHAPTER

GREAT GATHERING

THE TIDEWATER CHAPTER met on April 25 at The Grain in Norfolk, Virginia. A great turnout of area alumni were on hand to thank John “Chip” Callan ’88 for his dedicated service to the group and welcome new president Mike Ward ’10. Jeff Wright, Director of Alumni Relations, gave an update on campus activities and initiatives. Robert Jacobs, incoming freshman, attended with his father Jake Jacobs ’85 and won the Maine lobster raffle. Best of luck at MMA, Robert. Photo courtesy of Sid Kasarabada ’04.

NED ANDREWS CHAPTER

NEW PRESIDENT

BEN CAMERON ’93 is the new Chapter President of the Ned Andrews Chapter of the Maine Maritime Academy Alumni Association. The rest of the board membership includes Leo Hill ’79, Vice President; Mark Haines ’86, Treasurer; and board members Capt. John D. Ingram ’79, Chris Riley ’81, Chris Ferreira ’93, and Alton Leeman ’92. The chapter will have a meeting in October and plans for another in Spring 2020.

E-MAIL ADDRESS UPDATES NEEDED

IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING the electronic newsletter *Shipmate* every other month, then the email we have on file is incorrect or non-existent. We encourage all alumni to update their email by contacting alumni@mma.edu.



SEACOAST CHAPTER

SHORESIDE BARBECUE

THE SEACOAST CHAPTER of Portsmouth, New Hampshire hosted the MMA Alumni Association Board meeting on June 19. Following the meeting, the Sprague House estate, located in Newington, New Hampshire on the shore of the Piscataquis River, was the site of the chapters’ annual You Bring the Meat, We’ll Bring the Heat barbecue. There were some 40 alumni in attendance, with spouses and friends also enjoying the beautiful locale, weather and camaraderie. Special thanks to Alumni Association Past President Jim Proulx ’85 and Seacoast Chapter members for hosting such a great event. Photo courtesy of Ivy Robichaud ’05.

FALL 2019 UP CLOSE PROGRAMS

DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS Jeff Wright will visit alumni in selected locations this fall in another Up Close presentation tour. The purpose of each Up Close visit is to network and share the compelling story of change, growth and success at MMA. The presentation highlights academy statistics, recent renovations and upcoming initiatives, and includes the latest news on the Center for Professional Mariner Development. Presentations will be in Jersey City, New Jersey; Houston, Texas; Portland, Maine; and Seattle, Washington. Postcard invitations will be mailed to area alumni; RSVPs requested. Past Up Close events have been held in New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, South Carolina, Florida and Virginia.



SUMMER SOLSTICE CRUISE

ON FRIDAY, June 21 the MMA Alumni Association hosted a Summer Solstice Sunset Nature Cruise around Acadia National Park and Frenchman’s Bay. Initially, more than 75 people signed up, but weather was a concern for most of the day, and proved to be a deterrent for some. However, the weather cleared and 42 hearty alumni, from 1952 to 2017, and friends boarded Bar Harbor Whale Watch Company’s new *Acadia Explorer* for an enjoyable nature cruise, with narration about the environment, history, and culture of the area. During the cruise alumni enjoyed their favorite beverages and conversation. This initial sail was very well received and plans are to kick off each summer with a similar outing. See you next year! Photos: (Top) Dale Daigle ’83 ventured down from Limestone, Maine, returning to Bar Harbor for the trip. It was his first time in Bar Harbor since he worked for The Jackson Laboratory in the mid 80s. (Bottom, l to r) Margaret Higgins, Bob Malaney ’52, Connie Boardman and Ralph Boardman ’79 enjoying the Summer Solstice Cruise.



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

ALL WELCOME

MIKE CHAMBERS ’80 sent us a festive photo of a recent dinner at the Delancey Street Restaurant in San Francisco on May 4. The restaurant is a key training facility of the Delancey Street Foundation, the country’s largest self-help residential organization. (First row, l to r) Liz Chambers, Mike Chambers ’80, John Thurau ’55, Mary Jean Daigneault. (Second row, l to r) Jonathan Ogle ’82, Capt. Chuck Viebrock ’64, Rebecca Viebrock, David Lipsky ’79, Cheryl Lipsky, Frank Porcellini ’84, and Kevin Daigneault ’84.

VOLUNTEERISM INCREASES

THE MMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION is pleased to see a dramatic increase in alumni volunteerism in the past two years. As a result of improved communications and expanded programming, the Association recognizes more than 200 volunteers who have graciously assisted in coordinating campus and/or regional activities and initiatives.

Class Agents	80
Speakers / Panel Members	30+
Industrial Advisory Committees	30+
Mentors	26
Alumni Chapter Contacts	21
Alumni Association Board	16
Class Pursers.....	13
Advancement Committee	8
Opening Doors, Changing Lives Committee.	5
MMA Trustees	5

“ The sunset nature cruise offered an opportunity to learn about the environment, history and culture of the area. ”

ALUMNI NEWS

JACKSONVILLE GROUP POSSIBLE

DURING THE UP CLOSE program held in Jacksonville, Florida on May 7, alumni in attendance discussed organizing an area group to host a couple of alumni events per year. An estimated 130 alumni reside in northern Florida and southern Georgia. If interested in this effort, contact David Lane '68: huhmame@yahoo.com.

ANNUAL FUND PARTICIPATION SOARS

THE LEVEL OF ALUMNI PARTICIPATION in the Annual Fund during the past fiscal year was the highest ever, achieving nearly 17 percent when the fiscal year closed on June 30.

Alumni are getting behind the Annual Fund Vision 20|20 challenge, striving for 20 percent participation this fiscal year to qualify for \$750,000 in scholarship funding from the Harold Alfond Foundation.

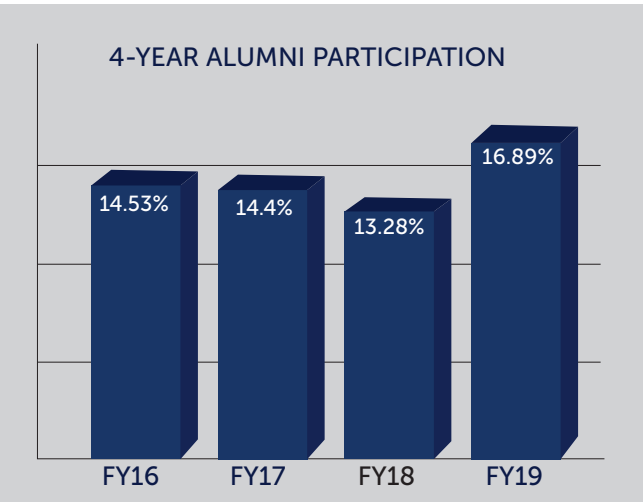
What accounted for the recent increase? In part, May's Maritime Alumni Challenge, where MMA competed against three other maritime academies, and grew from 417 donors in 2018 to 539 donors in 2019, an increase of 29 percent. Additionally, a crew of alumni volunteers stepped forward to actively spread the word among classmates, encouraging their participation in the Vision 20|20 challenge.

"The energy within the alumni community seems to strengthen with each passing month," says Karen Brace, Maine Maritime Academy's Annual Fund Manager.

"Alumni are communicating with each other about the challenge. With 1,222 donors having given at least \$1 to the Annual Fund last year, the alumni I talk with are confident that 1,480 donors will step forward to reach the 20 percent participation mark by June of 2020.

"When you see participation rising 3.6 percent between FY18 and FY19, the 3.1 percent increase needed this year to qualify for the scholarship funding seems doable.

"We're grateful to all the alumni who are making this happen—it's amazing to see everyone pulling together."



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Class Notes



ENTREPRENEUR

Couple Renovates Iconic Inn

IN OCTOBER OF 2018, Casey '05 and Ellen '17 Reynolds purchased an idyllic slice of land on the Maine coast. This particular slice, just outside of Camden and abutting Camden Hills State Park, sits on the edge of the ocean and has long been an iconic destination for a steady stream of summer visitors.

For more than 80 years, the Beloin family owned and operated several small cabins and a shoreside motel on the property. The Reynolds had been looking for a business opportunity in the area, wanting to take advantage of Maine's dynamic tourist industry, and relished the "challenge of creating something new and beautiful out of something old and lasting," says Ellen.

At the time of the purchase, Ellen was staying home with two sons while Casey was working as Chief Engineer for the O'Hara Corporation's fishing vessel *Araho* in Alaska. With only a few months until the beginning of their first season,

the family threw itself into the work of renovating the property.

"Because of their age and proximity to the ocean, the buildings required significant repairs," Ellen remembers. "We knew we were getting ourselves into a big challenge, so it hasn't been too shocking, but it has definitely been quite an undertaking.

"We worked around the clock and we were a little crazy for a while—repairing the buildings, figuring out our inventory, and taking reservations for the coming season."

In the end, all the hard work paid off and the Reynolds celebrated the opening of Drift Oceanside Inn in May 2019. While Casey (an MEO major at MMA) continues to work aboard *Araho*, Ellen manages the inn's day-to-day operations, putting her International Logistics Management degree to good use. And, now that the season is fully underway, the family has "settled into a comfortable rhythm of

focusing on creating happy vacations" and enjoying their new roles.

"It meant a lot to Casey and me to honor and respect the history that came with this place. Of course, we are adding our own touches and making changes where they need to be made, but we want those who have come for years to still feel as welcomed and at home as they always have," Ellen says.

"Drift provides a quintessential Maine experience," she explains. "It provides time to slow down, take walks in the woods, gather shells on the beach, and watch ships pass by. It's very reminiscent of days gone by, and somehow allows people to shake whatever life stressors they may be feeling at home."

In honoring the property's legacy, the Reynolds have created a bright new future for their family, for their business, and for the future guests of Drift Oceanside Inn. ■

—By EMILY BAER

PHOTOS: COURTESY OF CASEY & ELLEN REYNOLDS

1944



Classmates Lynwood Harivel (95 years old) and Leonard T. Daley recently met for lunch in Juniper, Florida and reminisced about their days at MMA, among other things. Photo: Lynda Harivel.

1950



From Bob and Judy Berquist: "When we moved into our new apartment community two years ago, we met our new neighbors Jim and Judy Berger. At the same time our grandson, Joshua Koellmer, was getting ready to begin his first year of college at MMA. When Jim found out about this, he was so eager to tell Josh that he had graduated from the academy in 1950! They have developed a wonderful friendship while comparing their experiences and realizing all of the changes that have taken place during the years since Jim's graduation. Josh will be heading out on his training cruise in May and will return to school in time for his second year of football."

1952



Bruce Carter was featured in

the *Ellsworth American* (Maine) on April 4, 2019. Carter shares his various professional experiences and community service to the town of Franklin, his boyhood home. He has been retired for a number of years but still serves as Franklin's tax assessor. He enjoys genealogy and reading about history.

1954

Carl R. Morris retired from McCain Foods International at age 75 as Senior Vice President of Manufacturing at their 56 worldwide plants, after 47 years. He was recently inducted into the New Brunswick Potato World Hall of Recognition for his work in development of the potato industry.

He currently resides in Hermon, Maine and Goodyear, Arizona. He still plays golf and pickleball and travels with his wife Terry. He fondly remembers his time at the academy and the times his band Moose Morris and the Moldie Middies played at Castine (and other) town hall dances and radio stations.

1956



The Class of 1956 held its annual breakfast in Hallowell, Maine this spring. In attendance were (l to r) Charlie Hall, Charles Harriman, Richard Whittier, Bill Lowell, Rodney Scribner, Bill Mahoney and Dave Fenderson. Also attending were Herb Phelps '57 and Bill Sawyer '57.

1958

RADM John Bitoff was honored to read the poem *Omaha Beach* during the 75th anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 2019, at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

1959



The Class of 1959 was on campus on June 24-26, 2019 celebrating their 60th reunion.

1961



While cleaning up his desk recently, class agent Jerry Gottlieb came across an old 35mm slide entitled "TV State of Maine, just prior to our MUG Cruise" in January of 1959. Gottlieb engaged his classmates with an email that asked, "Since the MUG cruise was the first time away from home for most of us without our parents in tow, and being 17, 18, 19, or 20, what are your thoughts?" Answers to be forthcoming. The class held a mini-muster at DiMillo's Restaurant on July 17.

1964



MMA's first four-year attendees, the Class of 1964 was on campus on June 17-19, 2019 celebrating their 55th reunion.

1969

Richard Carver reports he is retired. He and wife Lea live in Rockland, Maine and have two grown children, Charles and Christina.

1970

Dennis King works as a direct care professional at HISway, LLC, which offers services to individuals who are part of the developmental disabilities population. King lives in Kuns, Idaho.

1970



Mike Winget hosted a group of MMA classmates and friends on a fishing trip in Los Suanos, Costa Rica. Pictured are (l to r) Mike Winget, Bob Grant, Jim Dunbar, William Coffin, Jay McGowen, Lee Parsons, and John Webster '73.

1971



Capt. David Sulin (right) met up with Perry Mattson '64 at MMA Commencement in May. Sulin represented the Portland Marine Society at the awards ceremony held prior to graduation.

1972



Chuck Spalding is the licensed engineer operating the vintage 1907 steam Lombard Log

SEA STORIES

Man Overboard!

I'M A VESSEL OPERATIONS and Technology grad and have been working for Edison Chouest Offshore for the past six years. I'm a mate aboard the *Contender*, a 140-foot, z-drive tug that's one of five in the escort class 4517.

We do mostly tanker escort work out of Valdez, Alaska but are equipped to handle oil spill response. We drill often to be prepared. With the tankers, we do tether exercises and emergency tow drills, and with the tug's equipment we do boom and barge deployment drills.

In April 2018, I was aboard another of the company's 4517s at the shipyard in Fourchon, Louisiana, that was set to undergo sea trials. As it was fresh from the shipyard, I spent my first day aboard making lists of supplies needed, which included many small items, from shackles to handheld VHF's.

The second day we were to be towed away from the dock out past the jetties by another smaller tug for sea trials. The water depth in port was too shallow for us to safely run our drives, so we were not under our own power.

One of the deckhands was directed to cast off the lines from ashore and make his way back aboard via a gangway suspended by the tug's crane.

We were on this big bend in the bayou where the current rips pretty good, and as soon as he cast the last line and started up the gangway, our tug slipped away from the dock despite the other tug's presence. The Master was in the wheelhouse on the radio with the other tug telling them, "You need to keep us pressed in. We've got a guy on the dock to cast off lines and he needs to come back aboard."

Too late. The gangway was ripped off the dock, and the deckhand went into the water.

I was on deck, but the only other radio was with the guy who was in the water. I directed one of the ABs: "Stay here and don't lose sight of him."

I ran up to the wheelhouse to alert the captain, and then I sprinted back down to oversee getting our guy back aboard.

My next thought was to deploy the Jacob's ladder—but there were no shackles to attach it to the deck.

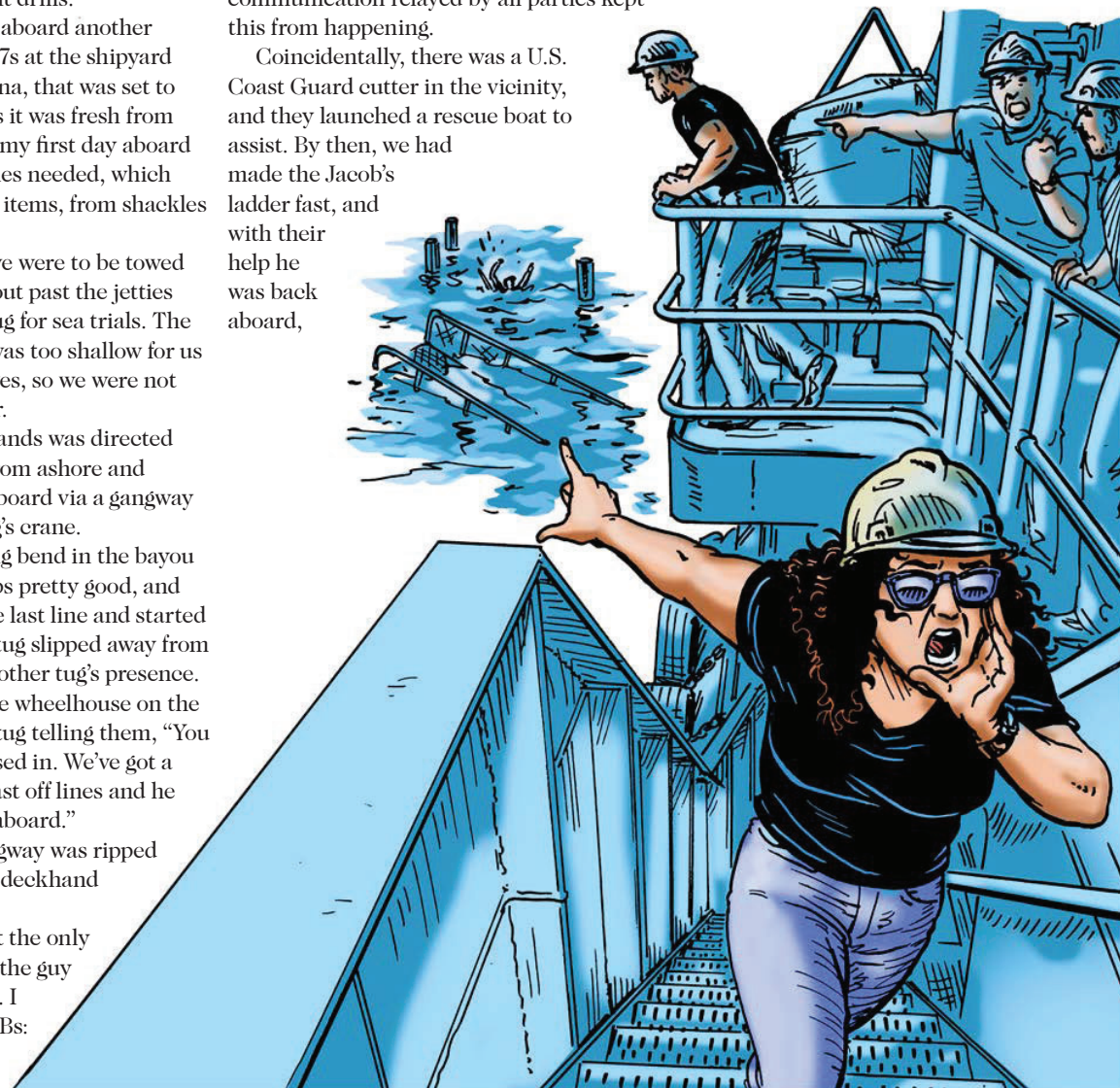
Luckily, we weren't far from the dock, and the man overboard swam back to the pier and clung to the pilings. But my biggest fear was that our tug might swing back in and crush him as the other tug tried to regain control of us. Good communication relayed by all parties kept this from happening.

Coincidentally, there was a U.S. Coast Guard cutter in the vicinity, and they launched a rescue boat to assist. By then, we had made the Jacob's ladder fast, and with their help he was back aboard,

unhurt. He did, however, spend the rest of the transit with the nickname Aquaman.

This experience brought home some of the lessons I learned at MMA—to be prepared and know your vessel. I was with a crew that had only worked together for two days, but with the constant training and drills we all go through in the profession, we were able to safely get a crew member back onboard with limited supplies and equipment. ■

—By CHELSEA PETTENGILL '12, 2ND MATE



Hauler at the Maine Forest and Logging Museum in Bradley, Maine.

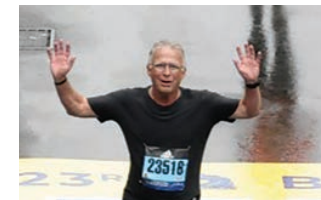
1975

Wayne MacIntire and his wife Kathy have retired to Shreveport, Louisiana. MacIntire worked for International Paper.

1975

Class Agent Raymond Mann reports he and his wife went on an expedition in April that started in Chile, stopped at Easter Island (Rapa Nui), and then sailed on to retrace the mutinous voyage of the *HMS Bounty*, as in *Mutiny on the Bounty*. They visited many ports including Pitcairn Island (where the mutineers settled, population 58), Rititea, Manana, Avera, Rurutu, Bora Bora, and Tahiti, French Polynesia.

1975



Pat Pickard crossed the finish line at the 2019 Boston Marathon with a time of 4:54:30. Nice job, Pat!

1976



The Class of 1976 had a mini-muster on June 9 at the Rising Tide Brewery and Fore-side Tavern with nine "76ers" in attendance. Pictured left to right are Dave Witherill, Bill Finley, Bill Full, Donna Ponte (spouse), Greg Ponte, Pete Gorman, Walt Rankin, Jane Rankin (spouse), Sue Martin (spouse), Henry Martin, Art

Hall, and Brad Larrabee. Photo: Maryann Larrabee.

1979



The Class of 1979 was on campus on July 17-19, 2019 celebrating their 40th reunion.

1981

Mark Amundsen was introduced as the new Director of Marine Operations of the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority on April 16, 2019. Amundsen brings more than 30 years of experience to the position. Most recently, he served as operations manager for Singapore Technologies Marine, operating ferry services in Europe. Previously, he was Managing Director for Nova Star Cruises Ltd., a ferry service operating between the U.S. and Canada; and Director of Ship Repair at Irving Shipbuilding Inc. in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

1981

Raymond Deptula retired from the U.S. Navy in 2005 after 24 years as a naval officer/aviator. Since then, he has been working in the defense/aerospace industry, mainly in business development and program management. He and his wife Julia live in Merritt Island, Florida with their daughter Allison.

1982

Doug Eyes recently completed a rewarding career as a Department of Defense intelligence officer and built a new home on Amelia Island, Florida. That, coupled with his and his wife

Patricia's property in the mountains of North Carolina completes, he says, "our plan for a 'Mountains to Sea' lifestyle."

1984



The Class of 1984 was on campus on July 22 -24, 2019 celebrating their 35th reunion

1984

Wendy Silliker Holbrook is working for Long & Foster Real Estate, specializing in serving homebuyers and sellers. Silliker has eight years of experience in real estate and lives in Ambler, Pennsylvania with her husband and three children. She is an avid road cyclist, skier and scuba diver.

1986

Todd Anderson is Assistant Superintendent of Power and Recovery for Graphic Packaging International, LLC, in West Monroe, Louisiana. Anderson and his wife Liz live in West Monroe and have three grown children Corrine, Garret and Jacob.

1986

Adam Guziewicz is preparing to retire from the U.S. Navy this summer and relocate to Knoxville, Tennessee after many years in San Diego.

1986



Classmates (l to r) Marc Eisenhaur, John Paulsen, Shawn Longfellow and Wayne Norton

met up out West in April and golfed at the Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, Bandon, Oregon.

1988



Dru DiMattia, retired merchant mariner, (second from right) served as Chair of the Merchant Marine Memorial Committee to construct a WWII Merchant Marine and Navy Armed Guard Memorial at Eco Park, Cape Coral, Florida. The memorial was dedicated on May 26, 2019. The memorial features a granite memorial stone, plaque, U.S. Merchant Marine flag, and a bronze wheel, donated by Padgett Swann Co., Brian Orme '00, (left) General Manager.

1988



Mark Winter (USN, retired) was speaker at the Military Officers Association of America luncheon on June 22, 2019 at the White Mountain Hotel and Resort in North Conway, New Hampshire. Winter is a graduate of the University of Maine School of Law and state office representative for Sen. Susan Collins. He lives in Freeport, Maine with wife Meredith and children William and Eleanor.

1990



CLASS NOTES

Lance Burton, professor at MMA, sent the photo on previous page of his family connection to MMA over the generations. Pictured are (sitting, l to r) Roger Marks '59 and father-in-law Lance; (standing, l to r) sister-in-law Laurie Marks Flood '93 and daughter Jennifer, who graduated from the IBL program in May.

1990



Col. Robert Curtis had a great MMA alumni turnout at his recent retirement ceremony. "Sideshow" was a U.S. Marine Corps aviator and served for 33 years, four enlisted (1982-1986) and 29 following his NROTC commission from MMA. Pictured are (l to r) Rene Mares Justice '91, Randy Flood '90, Dan Clayton '89, Bob, Tim Barry '89, Lisa Burton, Lance Burton '90, and Dave Brown '91. "It really made it special having the MMA crew there," he says. Congratulations, Bob and thanks for your service. He is working for Northrop Grumman.

1991



Steve Leen was featured in the May 23, 2019 issue of the *Sun Journal* (Maine) in which he reflects on his career and family. Leen is chief engineer on a commercial fishing boat in Alaska and, among other things, holds a patent for a soccer ball juggling trainer called Zero G. He is married to Tracyn Thayer and has two daughters

and two stepsons.

1994



Brian Jones has worked as International Logistics Manager for Nucor Corporation, America's largest steel manufacturer, since 2013. In April of this year, he was appointed to the Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee (MTSNAC). The purpose of the committee is to provide information, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation, through the Maritime Administrator, on matters relating to the maritime transportation system and its integration with other segments of the transportation system, including the viability of the U.S. Merchant Marine. He currently resides in Charlotte, North Carolina with his wife Ellen and their daughter Teagan.

1994

Tim Kerr is living in Baltimore, Maryland with his wife Keshil and child Brannon.

1996



Jeff Wallace has worked for the City of Bangor, Maine for 10 years. During the first nine years, he managed the city's home repair program. He has been a certified Code Enforce-

ment Officer since 2014 and the director of Code Enforcement since April 2018. He lives in Bangor with his wife Kristen and two children Zachary and Sarah. Jeff, Kristen and Sarah joined the Alumni Summer Solstice Cruise out of Bar Harbor in June.

1997

Trevor Boutaugh is Shift Supervisor at Rumford Power. He lives in Turner, Maine and has four children.

1999

Jeffrey Benedict is a membrane manufacturing associate for Relpligen Corporation, Marlborough, Massachusetts. Benedict and his wife Rebecca have three children and live in Winchendon, Massachusetts.

1999

Alexander Carlin is an engineer with Transocean. He lives in Boynton Beach, Florida with his wife Sarah and children Anna, Tommy and Lilly.

2005

Jay Comber is Plant Manager and Project Engineer for Pleasant River Lumber Company of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine. Comber and his wife Lindsey live in Dover-Foxcroft with sons Andrew, Nicholas and Nathan.

2005

Capt. Dave Mason was on campus for Harry Stevens' retirement party in July. Capt. Mason is president of Rugged Marine Surveys, LLC. Mason lives in South Portland.

2005

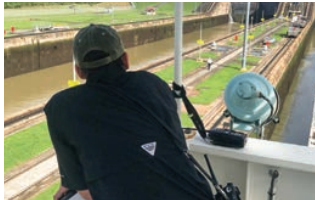
Andrew C. Strosahl, member of the MMA Alumni Association Board, has been appointed by the Maritime Administration to the Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee (MTSNAC). Strosahl, an attorney with The Lawrence Law Firm, PA in South Berwick, Maine is a licensed master mar-

iner of unlimited tonnage, any ocean. He and his wife Jessica live in Dover, New Hampshire.

2007

After graduation, Ralph Bohm was involved exclusively in the deep-water offshore drilling sector, first with supply vessels then drillships, working out of Singapore, Brazil, Netherlands, and Canary Islands. Since 2015, due to the worldwide correction in deep-water offshore drilling, he has trained professional drivers in over-the-road, Class 8 trucking operations and is involved in a lease/purchase program with a late model Class 8 Freightliner truck. Prior to attending MMA, he was a professional driver for more than 20 years. He says his time at MMA restored a more disciplined approach to his professional life and he currently uses this same discipline in day-to-day activities in the long-distance trucking theater.

2008



Alejandra Fernandez was selected for the Panama Canal pilot training program last year. Here he is guiding a ship into a lock.

2008



Luke Velho, sailing as a first engineer aboard the *M/V Polar Discovery*, sent this image of Maine Maritime Academy alumni (l to r) Velho, Second Engineer Caleb Philbrook '13, Chief Mate John Parsons '96,

Third Engineer Cody O'Brien '18, and Third Mate Isaac Mitchell '16. Mitchell attended the Alumni Summer Solstice Cruise in Bar Harbor in June.

2010

Lindsey Fassler Maffeo '10 and '16 works at General Dynamics Electric Boat and is living in East Lyme, Connecticut.

2011

Willie Leathers joined Capt. Will McLean, Captain of the schooner *Bowdoin* during its recent hull restoration. Among other duties, Leathers worked on the patterns for the new frames.

2011



Matt Ward has formed Bigelow Aviation, LLC, an airplane rental company located at Sugarloaf Regional Airport in Carrabassett Valley, Maine.

2012



Michael Choate '12 and Christina Lynn Boser were married on Santa Cruz Island, California. Their introduction and eventual wedding was the subject of a *New York Times* article *She Was Stuck in the Sand. He Was Promptly Stuck on Her* on April 13, 2019.

2012

Matt Garard is a mate with Moran and lives in Belfast, Maine with his wife Skye.

2012

Nate Mosley has been working

on the Great Lakes since he graduated. He is sailing as Chief Engineer on a large ATB with VanEnkevort Tug & Barge, Inc., mostly hauling taconite pellets from the mines in Minnesota to the steel mills in Detroit, Chicago, and Cleveland. Mosley is preparing to build a house in Franklin, Maine.

2013

Charlie Bellafiore reports that "life is good." Currently living in South Portland, Maine he ships as a second mate on a Maersk container ship with a 10-weeks-on, 10-weeks-off rotation. He enjoys playing music when home with his band *The Moosetones*.

2013



Capt. Matthew J. Berry joined the Virgin Islands Port Authority (VIPA) management team as the new St. Thomas/St. John District Marine Manager. Born in St. Thomas, Berry will manage all operations of the harbors, marine terminals, piers, docks, channels, bulkheads and other facilities directly related to maritime activities and services in St. Thomas and St. John. He will oversee a staff of 55 marine division employees.

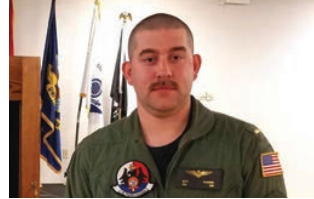
2015



Shane Lizotte '15 and Danielle Smith were married on

Memorial Day, May 27, 2019 in New Gloucester, Maine. Shane works for Arctic Storm Group Management, LLC and Danielle works for RSU 5. The couple first met in second grade at Durham Elementary School (now Durham Community School) in their hometown of Durham, Maine and reconnected after high school through a mutual friend. Shane proposed in December 2017 at Sutherland Pond where the couple had shared their first kiss several years prior. The wedding party included Frank Benedict IV '15 and Cody Laberge '17.

2015



Matt Plocinski received his commission in the U.S. Navy upon graduation, his naval aviator wings in 2017 and is now flying MH-53 Sea Dragon helicopters out of Norfolk, Virginia. He was featured in the *Berkeley Heights* (New Jersey) online news on May 22, 2019.

2016



Paul Jans and his wife Liz are in Vancouver, Washington. Jans works for the Army Corps of Engineers on the hopper dredge *Essayons* as a third mate. He just received his Second Mate license and is preparing to test for his 1600T Master license. Liz works at a local greenhouse and just received her yoga teaching certificate.

2017

Steven Greco is a transporta-

tion coordinator, inland barge for ExxonMobil. He lives in Spring, Texas.

2017

Morgan Maxwell is a lab technician for the international AmSpec Group of South Portland, Maine. AmSpec provides inspection and testing services in all the major transit and trading locations globally with support from domestic and international locations. Morgan lives in Glenburn, Maine.

2018



Zachary Ellis has a position as an assistant engineer with a worldwide shipping company, and was commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Navy Reserve in April 2019. He was the subject of a feature article in the *Laconia Daily Sun* (New Hampshire) on April 19, 2019.

2018

Megan Perkins Jacobs is employed within the Duke University Biology Department as an Associate in Research with the Benfey Lab. She lives outside of Durham, North Carolina with her husband Matthew and dog Milton.

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Share what you've been doing with your fellow alumni. Tell us about career changes, latest achievements, hobbies and adventures. Photos welcome. Include your class year and contact information, and send to alumni@mma.edu.

Eight Bells

The tradition of Eight Bells pays respect to deceased mariners and signifies that a sailor’s “watch” is over.

CMDR. HERBERT K. ELLINGWOOD ‘44

died on April 1, 2012. Herb was a veteran of WW II and the Korean War. He retired from a career in commercial banking as well as from the Naval Reserve as a Commander. He was a loving family man and good friend with a wonderful sense of humor. Herb was an avid golfer and patriot.

DR. ROBERT C. RAMSDELL ‘44

died on January 20. Bob’s life was marked by his boundless curiosity and kindness. He loved to sail and travel, and was always ready for a new adventure. He graduated from Winchester High School and attended MMA where he graduated first in his class before serving in the Pacific in the Merchant Marines during World War II. After the War, Bob graduated from Tufts University and Tufts University School of Medicine. As a doctor he served in the U.S. Navy in Key West, before moving to Andover to establish his practice of more than 30 years.

ALAN B. RICH ‘44

died on Feb. 25. He left Deering High School in his junior year to join the second class to graduate from MMA in 1944. He served on Liberty ships in the North Atlantic and the Mediterranean in World War II. He remained a mariner at heart for the rest of his life. He started a plumbing and heating company which developed a well-earned reputation for professional workmanship and dependability. With the birth of his son, Alan embarked upon dedicated advocacy for the developmentally disabled. With a personal loan for \$5,000 and a lot of recruited volunteer assistance he founded the Woodfords School for Trainable Children. From the original five students in the early ‘60s, by 1980 The Woodfords School served nearly 200 students from Cumberland County. When services for the disabled were decentralized in the mid-80s, the school evolved into Woodfords Family Services.

HORATIO C. COWAN, JR. ‘46

died on May 8. Horatio (Ratio) grew up in Rockland. He graduated from MMA as a deck midshipman. Starting out on a freighter serving the northern European waters and then as a navigator on the *SS United States*, his ocean travels provided him with many adventures, including being iced in for two months in the North Sea. He enjoyed a 30-year career in GE’s gas turbine facility. After retiring in 1990, Ratio and Mary returned to Rockland and enjoyed sailing, gardening, grandchildren play dates and civic activities.

G. RAYMOND MANSFIELD, JR. ‘49

died May 4. Ray was a graduate of Spaulding High School. He played football at MMA as quarterback, and served in the U.S. Navy from 1949 to 1959. He worked for Mobile Oil Company, was a foreman for General Electric and a production manager for Honeywell Company. In 1968 he was one of the founders of Modutec Inc. retiring in 1992. He enjoyed fishing, skiing, and was an avid athlete.

EDWARD L. MOSSMAN ‘50

died May 7. After graduation, Edward sailed as an engineering officer in the Merchant Marine for Moore-McCormack Lines. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War as an engineering officer aboard the fleet oiler *USS Chewaugam* (AOG-50). After his Navy service, Edward enrolled in UNH and graduated with a BS in Mechanical Engineering, then accepted a job with Worthington Corporation. He worked in Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Code 260 Design Division, then transferred to the newly formed PERA SS, now SUBMEPP, where he worked as supervisory Mechanical/ Marine Engineering Department Head, until his retirement in 1983.

CLAIR A. “NICK” NICKERSON ‘51

died on August 25, 2018. After graduating from South Portland High School, Nick graduated from MMA and was appointed

ensign in the U.S. Maritime Service. After leaving the U.S. Merchant Marine, he served as an officer with the South Portland Police Department, eventually moving on to work at Houghton-Arnold Machinery in Portland. In 1967, Nick bought Winnisquam Beach Campground in Belmont, New Hampshire, and successfully operated the business until retiring to Florida in 1985. Nick then went to work for many years as a security supervisor at JM Family Enterprises. Nick was an outdoorsman with a passion for fishing and hunting. Some of Nick’s and his family’s fondest memories were made during trips to the family camp in central Maine. He also served for many years as a volunteer adult leader with the Boy Scouts of America at the troop and district levels.

MR. HERSCHEL S. ELLIS, JR. ‘54

died on May 29. He was born in Peru, Maine, son of the late Herschel and Lucy Ellis. He was a member of First United Methodist Church Mount Holly. He graduated 2nd in his class from MMA. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran. He retired from A&E after more than 25 years of service.

EARL U. MORIN ‘56

died March 29. Known as “Earl the Pearl,” he graduated from MMA with a degree in Marine Engineering and was commissioned in the Navy where he proudly served from 1956 - 1959. He was an engineering officer aboard the *USS Vermilion* (AKA 107) , but was especially proud of his years of service in the care of the *USS Constitution* “Old Ironsides” while stationed at The Boston Naval Shipyard. He accepted an opportunity to join the nuclear shipbuilding program at Newport News Shipbuilding (NNS) in 1967. In 1975, Earl was promoted to Vice President of Operations of Newport News Industrial Corporation, a position he held until his retirement in 1993.

WAYNE L. CROWLEY ‘57

died on May 6. Wayne graduated from

Addison High in 1954 and from MMA with a B.S. in Marine Engineering. Upon graduation he sailed with American Export Lines, making trips to ports in 86 countries. When Wayne started his family he moved his career on shore and began work with Travelers Insurance as an equipment and facilities inspector in their Virginia, Maryland and Washington D.C. offices. He once traveled the length of the Washington Monument for an inspection job. Wayne began his career in the shipbuilding industry in 1965, first working with General Dynamics in Groton as a test engineer and later as a senior design engineer on nuclear submarines. In 1976, he returned to Maine to work in the Engineering and Quality Control Departments of Bath Iron Works for decades. Wayne retired from Gibbs and Cox Navel Engineering Firm in Brunswick in 1999. Wayne moved to Wayne, Maine becoming “Wayne from Wayne.” He was an avid outdoors man as well as a sailor.

MR. BLAINE E. DAVIS ‘57

died July 21 in Portland, Maine. Blaine sailed as an engineer for the Moore-McCormack Lines throughout South America, East Africa, and the Baltic region of Europe. He was a retired naval officer; Lieutenant (j.g.) USNR. After his seafaring adventures, Blaine returned to college and graduated from the University of Maine (BSEE), Johns Hopkins University (Masters and Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics), and the MIT Sloan School (MBA). He worked initially at Bell Telephone Laboratories in Math Research and Systems Engineering in New Jersey. His last position was at AT&T headquarters heading various strategic planning and business development functions including the establishment of many of AT&T’s facilities and its corporate presence overseas.

RICHARD S. LEMOINE ‘60

diely on April 1 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He graduated from Morse High in 1955. He served in the National Guard and spent a year in California working for his brother before returning to Maine to attend MMA. In 1958 he married Judy in a secret ceremony as students were not allowed at the time to be married while attending MMA. After graduation, Dick went to work as a marine engineer. He stopped “shipping out” to be with Judy and the kids and went to work for Bath Iron Works until 1966, when he moved to Cleveland to take a position

with the American Bureau of Shipping. Dick’s career with ABS would lead him to positions and adventures all around the world. He ran his own consulting business before settling into retirement in 1995.

CAPT. KENT S. WEBBER ‘60

died on May 4, 2016 in Fairfax, Virginia.

CAPT. DONALD R. FISKE SR. ‘62

died on March 17. From a young age, Don was drawn to the sea. He was mentored each summer by the fishermen of Cape Porpoise. He learned more about the ocean, waves, currents and winds that affect every size of vessel, and was thrilled as a kid whenever he was allowed to take the helm of a lobster boat. It was clear his destiny was in going to sea. He became a merchant mariner following graduation from MMA, serving as a deck officer with American Export and Isbrandtsen, and later as Captain on Sunoco tankers. After retirement Don served for more than 15 years as selectman for Kennebunkport, always respecting the part that fishermen play in that long-established community’s history and economy. He also served on the Alumni Board of MMA, and delighted in talking with enrolled students and those considering attending the school.

LUCIEN L. DUMONT ‘64

died on April 6. Lou was raised in South Portland, Maine, graduating from South Portland High School in 1960 and then MMA. Lou’s career was an interesting and productive one working in the maritime industry. His experiences included chief engineer of oil tankers, their construction (including super tankers), port engineer, and maintenance supervisor with Transocean (overseeing one of the first offshore drilling vessels) before his retirement at the age of 72. His life was a collection of experiences with others and years of travel around the world.

THOMAS A. O’DONNELL ‘64

died on March 2. He was raised and educated in Salem, attending Salem High School, where he played football. He continued his education at MMA, a place that would have profound impact on his life, where he found great strength, discipline and lifelong friends. Tom began his professional career three days after graduation, with the Texaco Oil Company as a junior engineer. He spent five

years with Texaco, rising in the ranks to chief engineer. He traveled the world, making his way through the Panama Canal, up the Mississippi River, and through the strait of Hormuz to the Persian Gulf. He visited almost every port in the European Sea, and traveled up and down both coasts of the United States. These were long hard days in the engine room but the reward of seeing the world from this unique perspective shaped the man he would become and in turn the lives he would touch. In 1969, he took a leave from Texaco and returned home to help with the second-generation family funeral business. He was a licensed funeral director for almost 60 years. He loved and lived to help those in need. No matter their background, beliefs, means or station in life, if you called Tom O’Donnell he was always there to help and always with a smile. He possessed greatness of character.

DANIEL S. HAMBLET ‘66

died on June 8 in Scarborough, Maine. He was born in Portland and was a graduate of Deering High School and then MMA. Dan spent the first 20 years of his career at sea as an engineer. When not at sea, Dan got involved in commercial real estate, and subsequently pursued that as a career under the name of Hamblet Development Real Estate for the next 10-plus years. In 1992, Dan became the owner/operator of two World Gym Fitness Centers in Portland and Brunswick. Dan joined his wife’s human resources consulting firm as its chief financial officer in 1998 and worked there until his retirement.

Dan excelled in football in high school and at MMA. However, his most accomplished sports activity was weightlifting. Dan especially excelled in the deadlift and set a world record in 1989 by lifting 731 pounds in Graz, Austria. During the course of his 30-year career in this sport, he won 28 State Championships, 19 National Championships, and was a five-time World Champion. In May of 2016, Dan was inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame for his weightlifting.

RUSSELL V. ROWE ‘66

died on April 19. A graduate of Lynn English High School 1962, he earned a B.S. in Marine Engineering from MMA and was commissioned a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. He traveled extensively before returning stateside to work at Stone &

Webster Engineering in Boston and building a home in Georgetown for his family. His career took a leap when he became director of engineering for North America at the Sheraton Corporation, which sent him all over the world. He enjoyed being regional director for Triad, an engineering consultancy, before retirement. Post-retirement, Russell enjoyed time with his family.

RICHARD N. DRAKE, JR. '69

recently passed away. He was born in Winterport, Maine in November, 1944. After MMA he became a chief engineer and sailed on merchant ships throughout the world. He was a passionate collector and dealer in antique civil war memorabilia. He loved spending time with family and friends.

RICHARD H. BOWEN '71

died on May 16, 2010 in Portland, Maine. Born in Waterville, he was a graduate of Lawrence High School, Bridgton Academy and later, MMA where he was commissioned as an officer. Rick began his engineering career as a powerhouse supervisor at Christ Hospital in Jersey City, New Jersey, before accepting a position as a planning coordinator at Jersey City Medical Center. From 1975 until 1979, he served as the assistant plant superintendent at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford, Connecticut where he helped design a renal dialysis unit and special care nursery. In 1979, he accepted the position of director of engineering at Wentworth Douglass Hospital in Dover, N.H., where he remained for almost 30 years. He was instrumental in guiding the hospital through multiple and complex building projects and renovations. He was loved and greatly respected at the hospital and in the community. He was soft-spoken, kind, and generous, always putting other people first in his personal and professional life. He loved living at the lake, fishing, boating, reading, and enjoying friends and family.

GREGORY A. HOBBS '73

died on March 8. Greg was born and raised in Pittsfield, Maine. In his youth Greg enjoyed hunting and fishing with his Dad, along with skiing, golfing, and many organized sports. Greg graduated from MMA in 1973. After graduation he began his career with The American Steamship Company, a career that expanded 40 years. When Greg retired in 2012, he began his new career

of playing golf. He and his wife bought a second home in Florida so they could enjoy the warm winter climate and he could enjoy playing golf all year round.

MR. ROBERT W. KONIECZKO '73

died on June 11. He graduated from Monmouth Academy in 1969 and earned his degree in Navigation and Maritime Science in 1973, leading to a 31-year career as a merchant mariner. Bob achieved status of captain and navigated large ships all over the world. His seafaring years were spent on ships such as grain carriers, oil tankers, container ships, and Ready Reserve Force ships that were part of the National Defense Reserve Fleet. During those years he moved ready reserve ships in support of worldwide deployment of U.S. military forces during Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was known to chart the ship's course along the world's best fishing routes and often had a line or two in the water. When not at sea, Bob's life was full of family, friends, and projects. He loved fly fishing the local streams or trolling on Echo Lake. Fifteen years ago, Bob's life changed resulting in the use of a wheelchair. He always made the most of it, creating a Christmas tree farm with over 6,000 trees. He loved sitting and watching friends and family pick out their annual Christmas tree. Many people came in to play a game of cribbage at his kitchen table, since there was always a challenge extended to his many visitors all year round. Most of all, Bob greeted everyone with his big smile and a personality that always filled the room. He was a wonderful person, who will be remembered by all who knew and loved him. His family extended to his friends from MMA's class of 1973, with whom he had a brotherly bond that lasted throughout his life.

CAPT. DAVID H. MORWAY '73

died on March 18. He attended Fryeburg Academy, graduating in 1969. After his graduation from MMA in 1973, he worked for 38 years on the high seas with the U.S. Merchant Marine fleet. David traveled to 89 different U.S. ports, 126 foreign ports in 62 foreign countries. In 1986, Dave took command of the newly commissioned M/V *Gus W. Darnell*, his first charge as captain and the title he held for the latter 28 years of his career. An oil tanker, the *Darnell* was sub-contracted by the U.S. government to resupply many strategic fuel facilities

around the world, including Tule, Greenland in the Arctic to McMurdo Station in the Antarctic, and all points in between. In 1998, David left the tanker industry and joined the government's pre-position program stationed in the Persian Gulf until 2001. David finished his career on the Military Sealift Command's Surge vessels. After his retirement in 2011, he volunteered at Habitat for Humanity, CIDER of So. Hero (building access ramps for the handicapped), and the SNAP program at Smugglers Notch Ski Resort assisting the handicapped with skiing.

MR. GEORGE J. ROANE '74

died on June 29 in Lewiston. In early life he was a boy scout and altar boy, and was involved in swimming, cross-country, wrestling, football, and band. George attended Mitchell School, St. Mary's, Morse High, class of 1969, and Maine Maritime, class of 1974, as a marine engineer. After graduation he was involved in a car accident causing him to suffer a head injury which resulted in being a quadriplegic.

MR. DENNIS W. BRAGG '75

died on March 23. Dennis was raised in a military family and lived in many places. After graduating from high school, he continued his education at MMA. He spent much of his life at sea as a chief engineer on tankers and cargo ships, all the time calling Pittsfield his home and enjoying the company of many wonderful friends and family. Dennis was a longtime, active member of the Elks Lodge in Pittsfield.

MR. ROBERT M. GLANDER '75

died on June 25. Robert was a loving husband, devoted father, and avid hunter. He graduated from MMA in 1975 and worked for over twenty years as a captain of merchant vessels with American Maritime Officers, District 2 and retired with an unlimited masters license. He spent an additional 20 years with Glander Marine Services as a maritime consultant at the Port of Morehead City.

MR. PETER J. KING '76

died on July 5. A graduate of the Stearns High School Class of 1969, he graduated from MMA in 1976. His college career was interrupted when he was drafted during the Vietnam conflict and joined the Navy SeaBees. After basic training and service, he returned to MMA and was in the active reserves for several years. He worked for

30 years as a merchant marine engineer for ExxonMobil/SeaRiver Maritime. His favorite thing was enjoying time with family and friends. Pete could frequently be found golfing at Hillcrest Golf Club, fishing at "The Hunk", hunting, or watching the Red Sox or Patriots. He enjoyed wintering in Florida following his retirement in 2006.

MR. KENNETH L. MCCLUNEY '77

died on June 29 in Houlton, Maine. He was raised in Florida and graduated from Southwest Miami High. He graduated from MMA with a B.S. in Marine Engineering. He entered the space program and worked as a mechanical engineer in the early design process of the Space Shuttle. Kenneth served as chief engineer for several shipping companies.

Following his shipping work, he returned to the space program until his retirement. In the early 80s, he was commissioned as an ensign into the United States Naval Reserve, retiring as a commander after more than 20 years of service.

A man with diverse interests, he loved outdoor life and pursued many creative hobbies. He was a selfless man, always putting the needs of friends and family above his own.

ALLAN JONES '79

died on May 27, in Florissant, Colorado. He graduated from MMA in 1979 and was employed as a merchant mariner. Allan's greatest pleasures in life were to play with his 'toys', riding his motorcycle during the winter or breaking trail on his ATV. Additionally, he could not pass up a great game of poker, going for long walks, or enjoying a large pizza with extra sauce and cheese.

ROBERT W. LUBBERS '80

died on July 9. Born in Manhasset, New York, he graduated from Manhasset High School in 1976. Bobby graduated from MMA Class of 1980 and served in the Merchant Marine as a second mate running oil tankers worldwide. In 1983 he came ashore to work for Odin Marine Group LLC in Connecticut as a shipping broker and ship operator for 36 years.

DAVID R. TRACY '80

died on June 4, 2019. Dave graduated from Waterville High School, class of 1976, where he was an All State football, hockey and baseball athlete including starting linebacker on the 1974 Class A State Championship

football team. He continued his education at MMA where he received his B.S. degree in 1980. After a career traveling the world as a chief engineer on several vessel classes, Dave settled in the Skowhegan area to raise his family and work for more than 25 years as a millwright and union representative at the Sappi Skowhegan paper mill. After retiring from Sappi, Dave spent countless hours working in his garden and canning the fruits of his labor; completing crossword puzzles and filling his brain with large amounts of useless information that he was more than happy to share with his friends and family. His sarcastic wit and knowledge will be missed by all.

CAPT. LUCIENNE LITCHFIELD '83

died unexpectedly in Olympia, Washington on April 3. She served for many years as an officer in the Merchant Marine. She has lived the last 15 years in Olympia after moving from Florida. She leaves behind her husband of 15 years, Zakwan Elshawa and many friends and family in Florida.

PATRICK N. DUMAIS '96

died on June 11. He was born in Lewiston and graduated from Edward Little High School in 1992 and MMA in 1996. Patrick served as a merchant mariner, and was employed as a building engineer for C.B.R.E. in Lewiston. He loved playing sports, especially baseball. Patrick was an avid New York Yankees fan. He lived for his son, Devin, watching him participate in sports and going to championship motocross races. Patrick also enjoyed hunting and fishing.

JOHN L. RYAN '03

died March 14. He graduated from Westford Academy in 1991. He continued his education and graduated from MMA in 2003. He was employed in the merchant marine industry for many years, rising to the rank of captain. John's love of the sea was reflected not only in his work, but in the time he spent at the Cape. He was devoted to his family, and spent many happy times with them.

ALEXANDER R. ARMSTRONG '07

died on March 4. A lifelong resident of Campton, Alex was an honors graduate of Plymouth Regional High School. He continued his education at MMA, where he earned a B.S. in Marine Engineering. While at Maine Maritime, he served as both a squad leader and platoon leader for Alpha Company. He was also actively involved

in Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, the Drama Club where he had starring roles, and the student section of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, where he served as president. As a U.S. Coast Guard-licensed marine engineer, Alex sailed the Great Lakes and the Seven Seas, circumnavigating the globe. He was employed in various engineering capacities by Tote Services, Inc. Prior to Tote, he had sailed for Maersk Lines, American Roll-On Roll-Off Carriers (ARC), Sealift, and the American Steamship Company. Alex made many trips to the Middle East in support of the war effort, and was awarded a Merchant Marine Expeditionary Medal for support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He recently completed his credentials for rank of chief engineer.

Family and friends eagerly awaited his return from sea and tales of his adventures. Alex was a talented figure skater and shared his love of skating with young and old. Alex's computer savvy was known by many, as he wrote computer programs for use by both the maritime industry and local businesses. A true engineer, he could fix anything, and better yet was eager to teach others and always offered a helping hand. Off duty, he could be found gardening, working on computers and equipment, or tractoring around the neighborhood.

TIMOTHY C. PICKERING '07

died on April 13 in Danvers, Massachusetts. He was active in Marblehead Youth Hockey and played both hockey and lacrosse for Marblehead High School where he graduated in 1994. In high school, he spent summers working at Hawthorne Cove Marina and later as a dockmaster at Pickering Wharf. His love for the sea drove him to attend and graduate from MMA where he obtained his captain's license. In the summers subsequent to his graduation he was the captain of the Salem Ferry and the Horizon's Edge casino boat. In the following years, he was a merchant mariner, navigating boats along the U.S. coasts and waterways as a deck officer for companies within the petroleum transportation business.

Most Eight Bells entries are obtained from online news sources and edited for length. To access the Eight Bells archive visit mainemaritime.edu/mariners-forever.

Cranking Up Memories

THE PHOTO FEATURED here was published in the 1946 *Trick's End* yearbook, page 111. I was impressed by its dramatic lighting and composition, and asked Professor of Engineering Mike Young for clues to its specifics.

Just a week before, I had photographed Young instructing a class of midshipmen how to hand-crank a 1,000 HP General Motors EMD 567 diesel engine, which appears to be the action in this image.

"But this looks to be a small, triple expansion steam engine, perhaps for a tug, in a lab," he reports.

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