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Newsletter For Incoming Mariners of MMA

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The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act - or FERPA for short - is a federal law that protects the privacy of your educational records. When you were in high school, FERPA gave your parent(s) or guardian(s) certain rights with respect to your academic records, but those rights transfer to you, when you turn 18 or enter college at any age.

Your educational record consists of academic, billing, disciplinary records, financial aid, and student account information. As the person now in charge of your educational record, you are able to direct which of your academic information MMA releases, and to whom. Maine Maritime Academy will not release your student information without your written consent. If you want the Academy to release your student information, you need to fill out a FERPA Consent Form, which can be [found here](#), or on the Academy's website: Admissions & Aid > Forms > FERPA Information.

Interested in learning more about FERPA, and the rights it affords you? Check out the U.S. Department of Education's [website](#) or read over their [guide to FERPA for college students](#).



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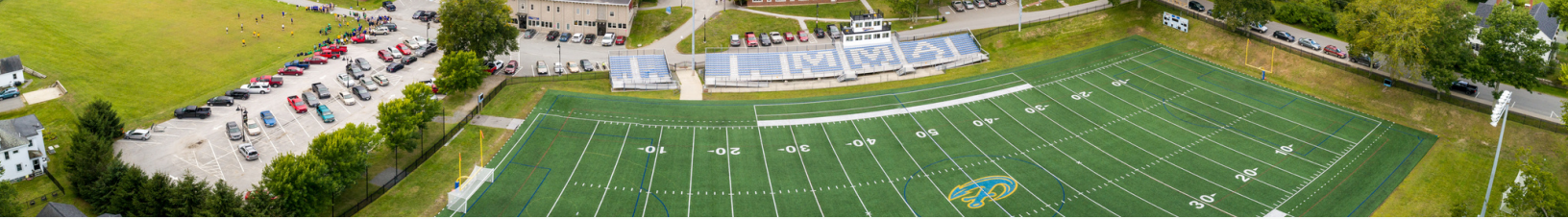
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Did You Know?

JUNE 24 NSO HIGHLIGHTS

On Saturday, June 24, we had 83 new students join us on campus for our second New Student Orientation. Some light afternoon showers and increasing humidity didn't put a damper on the fun.





CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT

THE CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS, more commonly known as the BUOY HOUSE, due to the building it's housed in on campus, provides students with an array of academic supports. The Buoy House is staffed by Sally Chadbourne, Accessibility Services Coordinator; Thomas Batt, Writing Center Director; and a host of peer tutors.

Need a little extra support with math or physics? The Buoy House can help. Need some support with your nautical sciences or navigation classes? The Buoy House has you covered. Looking for help with writing skills? Organizational skills? Or note taking skills? You guessed it, the Buoy House is your go to place.

The Buoy House also provides students with a 24-hour study center which they can use for a quiet studying space, as well as space to meet with a group for group work or group study sessions.

The staff at the Buoy House can help connect students looking for assistance in a certain class, or subject, with a peer tutor (subject to availability). Peer tutors are subject matter experts of sorts, who have an interest in helping their fellow Mariners. Peer tutor positions are paid, and you do not need to be Work-Study eligible. If you ever have an interest in assisting your peers, while earning some money and setting your own schedule, consider applying to become a peer tutor.

CASTINE HIGHLIGHTS

Restaurants & Markets

Castine features a handful of restaurants & markets, all of which are within walking distance of Maine Maritime Academy.

[Castine Variety](#)

[Compass Rose](#)

Danny Murphy's Pub

[Dennett's Wharf](#)

[Pentagöet Inn Restaurant & Pub](#)

[Safe Harbor](#)

[T&C Market](#)

[Windmill Hill Gardens & Market](#)

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RA HIGHLIGHT

Mackenzie Morin



Hometown: Bangor, Maine

Year: Junior

Majors/Minor: Coastal Marine And Environmental Science & Small Vessel Operations with a minor in Sail Training

A Fun Fact About Yourself?

I learned how to drive when I was 13 by driving to car shows in my Corvette.

Fictional Place Would You Want To Visit?

Hogwarts

If you could completely get rid of one month out of the year, which would it be?

I wouldn't get rid of any, but I would rework them so that there are no more leap years.

UPCOMING DATES

Roommate Selection: Open May 15 - July 17

If you find someone you want to room with this year, you can make a roommate request. If you don't have someone in mind, no worries, the answers to the personality questions you provide on your housing app will help us pair you up with a roommate.

On-Campus Housing Applications Due: June 30

Off-Campus Appeals Due: June 30

You can complete the above by navigating to mystudentlife.mma.edu and then clicking Housing Applications 2023-2024.

New Student Orientation (Preregistration Required)
+ Saturday, July 15

Orientation sign-up is embedded in your housing application. Need to register? Head to:
mystudentlife.mma.edu.

Did You Know:

MMA's Incoming Class
Has Students From:

33 U.S. States
&
1 Canadian Province

Top 3 States Represented:

#1: Maine
#2: Massachusetts
#3: Florida

Furthest State:
Hawai'i