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# UNDER WAY

Newsletter For Incoming Mariners of MMA

## JUNE 3 NSO HIGHLIGHTS

Approximately 50 incoming students attended the first New Student Orientation. While the request we put in with Mother Nature for a warm and sunny day got lost in transit, it was still a great day in Castine! Students learned about majors, got out on the water aboard the Clark and Pentagöet, got to know some of their peers, and had intense, but friendly games of Corn Hole.



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# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Curious to know all the important dates during the course of the academic year? MMA's 2023-2024 academic calendar can be found on our website by searching "Academic Calendar" - [or by clicking this link](#). The academic calendar includes dates such as the last day to add/drop a class or withdraw from a course; long weekends and break weeks; and class registration for the following semester.



## CURTIS HALL CLOSINGS FOR BREAKS

During break periods, Curtis Hall closes to all students, except those who are participating in in-season sports, or standing paid watch on TSSOM. Below are some Q&As about Curtis Hall break closings.

Q: To help me plan ahead now, when will Curtis Hall be closed during the upcoming academic year?

A: Thanksgiving Break: Closes Friday, November 17 @ 5PM & reopens Sunday, November 26 @ 1PM.

Winter Break: Closes Friday, December 15 @ 5PM & reopens Sunday, January 14 @ 1PM.

Spring Break: Closes Friday, March 1 @ 5PM & reopens Sunday, March 10 @ 1PM.

End Of The Year: Closes Friday, May 3 @ 5PM.

Q: How am I notified about break closings and any expectations before I depart Curtis?

A: Beginning about three weeks ahead of each closing, Res Life will send out a weekly email about the upcoming break and any related expectations. In addition to the emails, notices are posted around Curtis and are also put up on the Yodeck TVs in Curtis & Alford.

Q: What if I'm not able to leave until the day following the official closing of Curtis due to a ride/flight?

A: You can fill out a Late Departure Request to spend an extra night on campus. You will be on your own for dinner though, as the last meal served in the Mess Deck on a closing day is lunch.

Q: What if I need a ride to Bangor to catch my flight or bus?

A: You'll need to fill out a Transportation Request, and Res Life coordinates transportation with a local taxi company. There is a cost for the taxi ride, which is divided among students in each taxi. Res Life tries to group as many students together for each taxi trip to keep the per-person cost as low as possible. As a result of this, sometimes students will arrive in Bangor a few hours before they need to be there and will have to wait around until their departure time.



Res Life has a calendar of important dates which you can find on the MMA website by navigating to: Student Life > Residential Life > Residential Life Calendar - [or by clicking this link](#).

## CASTINE HIGHLIGHTS

### Churches

There are four churches in Castine.

Each is within walking distance from MMA.

[Our Lady of Holy Hope](#)

[Trinitarian Congregational Parish](#)

[Trinity Episcopal Church](#)

[Unitarian Universalist Church](#)





## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES provides students with a wide array of opportunities and experiences through its campus programming efforts and oversight of student clubs and organizations. The Student Activities team is comprised of: Blossom Thao, Director of Residential Life & Student Activities; Jessica Shively, Assistant Director of Student Activities; and students who work as Campus Activities Board (CAB) members.

Some of the on-campus events CAB sponsored this past year included: jackpot BINGO, basketball & capture the flag tournaments, paint nights, a petting zoo, stuff-a-bear, and the annual Duck Day. Off-campus events included: ice skating at the Penobscot Ice Arena, a ski trip to Hermon Mountain, wood turning at Highlands Woodturning in Castine, and a trip to the trampoline park in Bangor.

There are a number of student-run clubs & organizations students can get involved with at MMA. These range from Rock Climbing Club to Pep Band, from Sexuality and Gender Alliance to Yacht Club. A list of active student clubs or organizations [can be found here on MMA's website](#).

Each year Student Activities hosts the annual Community Involvement Fair at which, active clubs & organizations will have tables set up so students who are interested in getting involved can see these groups, talk with current members to learn more, and sign up to join them. This year's Community Involvement Fair will be held on Tuesday, September 12.

Student clubs & organizations come and go as students' interests change. If you're interested in an activity that's not currently represented or active, with a little work you can start, or restart, a club or organization.

Getting involved on campus is a great way to: meet new people, put your talents to use, learn new skills or improve existing ones, gain new experiences or perspectives, give yourself a break from your academics, and best of all, have some fun with your peers.

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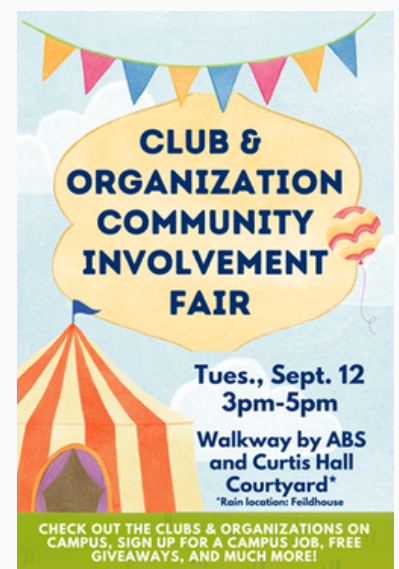
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## RA HIGHLIGHT

### Dylan Dean



**Hometown:** Redondo Beach, California

**Year:** Sophomore

**Major/Minor:** Marine Systems Engineering  
with a minor in Naval Architecture

**If You Could Have A Talking Pet,  
What Would You Have?**

A sea lion

**What Are Some Of Your Hobbies?**

Legos, reading, board games

**The First Concert You Attended Was?**

Jackson Browne

## UPCOMING DATES

Roommate Selection (Optional): Open May 15 - July 17

On-Campus Housing Applications Due: June 30

Off-Campus Appeals Due: June 30

You can complete the above by navigating to [mystudentlife.mma.edu](https://mystudentlife.mma.edu) and then clicking Housing Applications 2023-2024.

New Student Orientation (Preregistration Required)

- + Saturday, June 24 (This Session Is At Capacity)
- + Saturday, July 15

Orientation sign-up is embedded in your housing application, so if you need to register, head to [mystudentlife.mma.edu](https://mystudentlife.mma.edu).

## Did You Know:

MMA's inaugural incoming class in 1941 was comprised of 29 students and those students lived at the Pentagöet Inn.

MMA's incoming class of 2023 is comprised of around 280 students.

**MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY  
WHERE A SMALL COMMUNITY  
FEELS LIKE A LARGE FAMILY**