

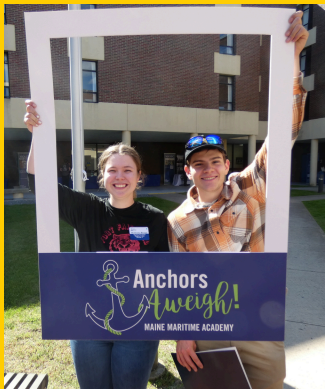
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Newsletter For Incoming Mariners of MMA

JUNE 1 NSO HIGHLIGHTS

53 incoming students attended the first New Student Orientation session for the class of 2028. All of us at MMA enjoyed putting a face to your name and having the opportunity to chat with you and begin to get to know you a little! It was a beautiful day in Castine with sunny skies and a high temperature of 70. Over the course of the day, students learned about majors, had the opportunity to get out on the water aboard tug boat Pentagöet and launch boat MMA 2 (and during the vessel tours, some were lucky enough to see seals), and students got to know some of their classmates and begin developing new friendships.



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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Curious to know all the important dates during the course of the academic year? MMA's 2024-2025 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 22, 2024 @ 5PM & reopens Sunday, December 1, 2024 @ 1PM.

Winter Break: Closes Friday, December 13, 2024 @ 5PM & reopens Sunday, January 12, 2025 @ 1PM.

Spring Break: Closes Friday, February 28, 2025 @ 5PM & reopens Sunday, March 9, 2025 @ 1PM.

End Of The Year: Closes Friday, May 2, 2025 @ 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: For the break closings, what if I need a ride to, and or from, Bangor for my flight/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 only coordinates taxi rides for breaks.

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](#).

Curtis Hall Renovation

Beginning in December 2024, once final exams are over, and going through the end of the fall 2026 semester, Curtis Hall will undergo a significant renovation project. The scope of the project will include heating and plumbing upgrades, new windows in all bedrooms, improvements to the air handling system, a renovated front lobby area, and improvements to life safety features throughout the building.

On June 4 a group of contractors representing various companies interested in completing the project were on campus to meet with folks from MMA and they toured Curtis Hall. Once a company is selected to complete the renovation, they will begin staging supplies and materials on campus, so they are ready to get to work immediately following the end of finals in December.

The entire renovation will be broken down into four phases. During each phase, a quarter of the building will be offline. The renovation phases are planned so students will be able to occupy the same room for the entire semester and will not need to change rooms in the middle of a semester. In some instances though students will need to move rooms at the start of winter break in December. Since we need to maintain the same number of beds in Curtis during the renovation as there were pre-renovation, we will need to triple up rooms. So let's say in Phase 1, there are 100 beds. Once the renovation of Phase 1 begins, we will lose use of those 100 beds and will need to have an additional 100 beds spread out between Phases 2, 3, and 4. We fully recognize three students in a room is not ideal, and we are fully aware of the stress this may cause some individuals. While the renovation will bring some challenges, it is a bit overdue and the end result will bring some needed improvements to the residential experience. With understanding and flexibility, we can, and will, make it through the Curtis Hall renovation.

All the latest information regarding the renovation can be found on the website below. Once the academic year begins any new plans or information will also be disseminated via email.

<https://mainemaritime.edu/student-life/residential-life/curtis-hall-renovation/>.

CASTINE HIGHLIGHTS

Churches

Within the town of Castine, there are four churches; and each is within walking distance of the MMA campus.

[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 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, paint nights, a petting zoo, stuff-a-bear, and Duck Day (an annual event where rubber duckies are hidden around campus - if you find a duckie you can win a prize). Off-campus events included: rock climbing at Volta Climbing Gym in Trenton, trampoline park at Orono Trampoline Park in Orono, and an evening bioluminescence kayak trip with Castine Kayak Adventures in Castine.

At MMA there are a number of student-run clubs & organizations you can get involved with. These range from Rock Climbing Club to Pep Band, from Sexuality and Gender Alliance to Yacht Club, and from the Maple Syrup Club to Marksmanship 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 10.

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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SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

YEAR:
SOPHOMORE

MAJOR/MINOR:
MARINE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING WITH
A MINOR IN MATH & NAVAL ARCHITECTURE

WHAT INSTANTLY MAKES YOUR DAY BETTER?
CHOCOLATE

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR FREETIME?
READ OR HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS

IF YOU COULD HAVE LUNCH WITH ANY
FICTIONAL PERSON, WHO WOULD IT BE?
LADY WISTLEDOWN FROM BRIDGERTON

RA HIGHLIGHT: Elliott Misiura



HOMETOWN:
GREENE, MAINE

YEAR:
JUNIOR

MAJOR/MINOR:
POWER ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

WHAT'S A FUN FACT ABOUT YOURSELF?
I WON A CHAROIT RACE

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR HOBBIES?
WORKING ON PROJECTS &
TRYING NEW THINGS

IF YOU COULD HAVE A TALKING PET,
WHAT TYPE OF ANIMAL WOULD IT BE?
AN OCTOPUS

UPCOMING DATES

On-Campus Housing Applications Due: July 15

Off-Campus Appeals Due: July 15

Roommate Selection (Optional):

Independent Students: If you find someone you want to room with this year, you can make a roommate group in the on-campus housing application. Roommate groups need to be created by July 15. 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.

Regimental Students: The Regiment does not allow you to choose your roommate during your first year.

New Student Orientation (NSO): NSO sessions will be held on: Saturday, June 15; and Saturday, July 13. While not required, MMA encourages students, and families, to attend one of the sessions if able. Registration for an NSO is required, and sign-up is embedded in your housing application.

You can complete all of the above by navigating to mystudentlife.mma.edu, and then clicking on Housing Applications 2024-2025.

Did You Know:

MMA'S INAUGURAL INCOMING CLASS IN 1941 WAS COMPRISED OF 29 STUDENTS. THERE WERE NO RESIDENCE HALLS ON CAMPUS AT THE TIME, SO STUDENTS LIVED AT THE PENTAGÖET INN.

MMA'S INCOMING CLASS OF 2024 IS COMPRISED OF AROUND 280 STUDENTS.

Coming Up In The Next Issue:

- JUNE 15 NSO HIGHLIGHTS
- CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT:
THE BUOY HOUSE
- FERPA



REMINDER:

WHEN YOU COMPLETE YOUR HOUSING APPLICATION, IT DOES NOT UPDATE TO 'DONE' ON THE TO-DO LIST ON YOUR PORTAL :(

IF YOU HAVE SUBMITTED YOUR HOUSING APP, AND IT SHOWS AS 'OVERDUE', JUST IGNORE IT :)

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