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# UNDER WAY

Newsletter For Incoming Mariners of MMA

## FERPA

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 concerning your academic records, but those rights transfer to you when you turn 18 or enter college at any age.

Your educational record includes 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. Suppose you want the Academy to release your student information in that case, 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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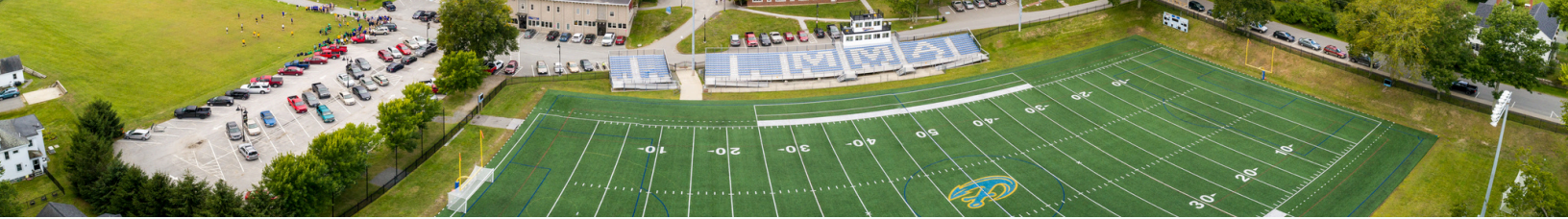


# JUNE 24 NSO HIGHLIGHTS

On Saturday, June 15, we had 73 new students join us on campus for our second New Student Orientation. Here are some pictures from the morning.







## 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 science 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 Bouy House also provides students with a 24-hour study center, which they can use for a quiet studying space and to meet with a group for group work or 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.

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## TO LEARN MORE

**Accommodations:**  
**accessibility.mma.edu**

**Tutoring:**  
**tutoring.mma.edu**

**Academic Services:**  
**mainemaritime.edu >**  
**Academics**

## 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](#)

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

## RA HIGHLIGHT: Zayna Dickson



HOMETOWN:

URBANDALE, IOWA

YEAR:

SENIOR

MAJOR/MINOR:

MARINE TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS WITH  
A MINOR IN NAVAL SCIENCE

WHAT'S A FUN FACT ABOUT YOURSELF?

I USED TO RUN MARATHONS AS A TEENAGER

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR FREE TIME?

PLAY MUSIC, CROCHET, & GO ON GOOGLE DEEP DIVES

IF YOU COULD HAVE A TALKING PET,

WHAT TYPE OF ANIMAL WOULD IT BE?

A CAT

## RA HIGHLIGHT: Brody Hathorne



HOMETOWN:

TURNER, MAINE

YEAR:

SENIOR

MAJOR/MINOR:

MARINE ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

WHAT MAKES YOUR DAY BETTER?

WHEN PEOPLE SAY HI IN PASSING

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR FREE TIME?

SKI, READ, PLAY POOL, GOLF, HIKE

IF YOU COULD HAVE LUNCH WITH ANY

FAMOUS PERSON, WHO WOULD IT BE?

JONNY MOSELEY



## 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):** The last NSO sessions will be held on Saturday, July 13. While not required, MMA encourages students, and families, to attend one of the sessions if able. Registration for 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](https://mystudentlife.mma.edu), and then clicking on Housing Applications 2024-2025.



### Did You Know:

MMA's Incoming Class Has Students From:

33 U.S. States & 5 International Countries

Top 3 States Represented:

#1: Maine

#2: Massachusetts

#3: Two-Way Tie:  
Florida & New Hampshire



### Coming Up In The Next Issue:

- PACKING SUGGESTIONS
- FAQs
- CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT:  
DINING SERVICES

