

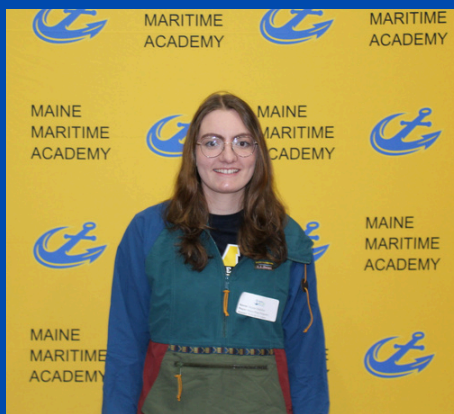
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# UNDER WAY

Newsletter For Incoming Mariners of MMA

## JUNE 1 NSO HIGHLIGHTS

51 incoming students attended the first New Student Orientation session for the class of 2029. All of us at MMA enjoyed putting a face to your name and having the opportunity to chat with you and get to know you a little better! The day started with a little drizzle, but by lunchtime, the sun made an appearance. Over the course of the day, students learned about majors, had the opportunity to get out on the water aboard tug boat Pentagöet and the research vessel Capt. Susan J. Clark (and during the vessel tours, some were lucky enough to see seals), and students got to know some of their future classmates.



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# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Curious to know all the important dates during the course of the academic year? MMA's 2025-2026 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 21, 2025 @ 5PM & reopens Sunday, November 30, 2025 @ 1PM.

Winter Break: Closes Friday, December 12, 2025 @ 5PM & reopens Sunday, January 11, 2026 @ 1PM.

Spring Break: Closes Friday, February 27, 2026 @ 5PM & reopens Sunday, March 8, 2026 @ 1PM.

End Of The Year: Closes Friday, May 1, 2026 @ 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

As you may already know, Curtis Hall is currently undergoing a major renovation. This project includes upgrades to the heating and plumbing systems, enhancements to the air handling system, a redesigned front lobby, and improvements to life safety features throughout the building.

The renovation will be completed in four phases. During each phase, one-quarter of the building will be offline. These phases have been carefully planned to ensure that students can remain in the same room for the duration of a semester, avoiding mid-semester room changes. However, in some cases, students will need to relocate rooms before heading out for winter break in December due to one phase wrapping up and the next beginning.

To maintain the same number of beds in Curtis Hall throughout the renovation, we have had to triple up some rooms. For example, if Phase 1 removes 100 beds from use, we must redistribute those 100 beds among the remaining areas (Phases 2, 3, and 4). We understand that having three students in a room is not ideal and recognize the potential stress this may cause.

While the renovation presents certain challenges, it is long overdue and will ultimately enhance the residential experience in Curtis Hall. With patience, understanding, and flexibility, we will successfully navigate this transition together.

During the academic year, Residence Life will communicate pertinent information and updates to students via email, as well as post information to the Curtis Hall Renovation section of our website, which you can visit here:

<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 Emily Berry, 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, stuff-a-bear, and Duck Day (an annual event where rubber dummies are hidden around campus - if you find a duck, you 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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## RA HIGHLIGHT: Isabelle Thesing



HOMETOWN:

SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

YEAR:

JUNIOR

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 FREE TIME?

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:

SENIOR

MAJOR/MINOR:

POWER ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

WHAT'S A FUN FACT ABOUT YOURSELF?

I WON A CHARIOT 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?

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## UPCOMING DATES

New Student Orientation (NSO): The remaining NSO sessions will be held on: Saturday, June 28; and Saturday, July 12. 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. NOTE: June 28's NSO IS AT CAPACITY.

On-Campus Housing Applications Due: Monday, July 14

Off-Campus Appeals Due: Monday, July 14

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 Monday, July 14. 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 with a roommate.

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

You can complete all of the above by navigating to [mystudentlife.mma.edu](https://mystudentlife.mma.edu), and then clicking on Housing Applications 2025-2026.

## 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 PENTAGOET INN.

MMA'S INCOMING CLASS OF 2025 IS COMPRISED OF AROUND 280 STUDENTS.

## Coming Up In The Next Issue:

- JUNE 28 NSO HIGHLIGHTS
- CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT:  
THE BUOY HOUSE
- FERPA



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