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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 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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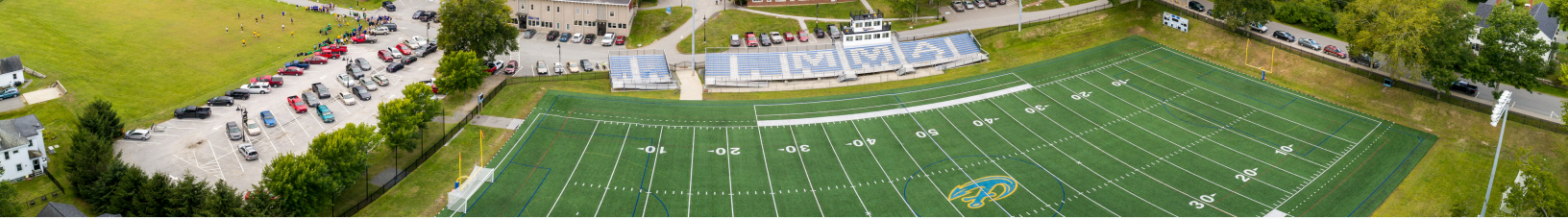
Upcoming Dates

Did You Know?

JUNE 28 NSO HIGHLIGHTS

On Saturday, June 28, we had 91 new students join us on campus for our second New Student Orientation. Fortunately, the weather cooperated just long enough to allow students to enjoy their time on the water and return safely to shore. Not long after, the sky darkened and a heavy downpour rolled in, marking a dramatic end to the last an otherwise bright day. Despite the rain, spirits remained high, and the sense of community and excitement for the year ahead was palpable.





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, The Draft Deck (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 Buoy 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.

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 at the Wharf](#)

[Pentagöet Inn Restaurant & Pub](#)

[Safe Harbor](#)

[Castine Market](#)

[Windmill Hill Gardens & Market](#)

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WHERE A SMALL COMMUNITY
FEELS LIKE A LARGE FAMILY**

RA HIGHLIGHT: Brooke Foran



HOMETOWN:
THE EAST COAST

YEAR:
JUNIOR

MAJOR/MINOR:
MARINE TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS WITH
A MINOR IN SAIL TRAINING

WHAT'S A FUN FACT ABOUT YOURSELF?
I'VE LIVED IN 5 DIFFERENT STATES ON THE EAST COAST

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR FREE TIME?
PAINT, DRAW, SAIL, WRITE, HIKE

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

RA HIGHLIGHT: Drake Reid



HOMETOWN:
MADISON, WISCONSIN

YEAR:
JUNIOR

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VESSEL OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY
WITH A MINOR IN SAIL TRAINING

WHAT MAKES YOUR DAY BETTER?
LISTENING TO GOOD MUSIC, CANDY, AND SAILING

WHAT'S A FUN FACT ABOUT YOURSELF?
I STARTED PLAYING THE VIOLIN WHEN I WAS SIX

IF YOU COULD HAVE LUNCH WITH ANY
FAMOUS PERSON, WHO WOULD IT BE?
FREDDIE MERCURY, WALT DISNEY, OR BOB ROSS

UPCOMING DATES

On-Campus Housing Applications Due: July 14

Off-Campus Appeals Due: July 14

Roommate Selection (Optional): Due July 14

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 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 up with a roommate.

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

Virtual Q&A: July 15

For students who were not able to attend a New Student Orientation, we'll be holding a virtual Q&A at 7:30PM (EST) to share some information with you and answer questions you might have ahead of your arrival on campus in August. Check your MMA email for an email with more details.

Housing Placements Announced: July 23

Your housing placement and who your roommate(s) will be for the upcoming academic year will be posted to your My Student Life portal homepage.

Did You Know:



MMA's Incoming Class Has Students From:

35 U.S. States & 5 International Countries

Top 3 States Represented:

#1: Maine

#2: Florida

#3: Two-Way Tie:

Connecticut & Massachusetts

Coming Up In The Next Issue:

- PACKING SUGGESTIONS
- FAQs
- CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT:
DINING SERVICES

