

The Maritime Anchor



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Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year!

"BE RICH IN KINDNESS"

Maritime News

Message from the Chief Executive Officer, Eugene Mattioni, Esq

Dear Maritime Cadets, Families, Staff, Teachers and Community Members,

Welcome Back to the 2019-2020 School Year! As the new Chief Executive Officer of the Maritime Academy Charter School, I would like to introduce myself to you. I am a graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy and Georgetown University Law School. I hold a Master License of Steam and Motor Vessels, of any gross tons, oceans unlimited. I have been in the general practice of law including admiralty and maritime law for many years. Our school was founded by Dr. Ann Waiters, myself, Dante Mattioni and Edward Poznek. Since 2003, when our school received its first charter, I have served Maritime Academy Charter School's Board of Directors as legal counsel and was Chairman of the Board for the last ten years. I have not missed a graduation ceremony since we opened. I am extremely dedicated and very enthusiastic to begin my new role as CEO and look forward to a year full of many challenges and accomplishments.

We have many maritime programs and initiatives available to the cadets of MACS. Some examples are: Maritime Studies; Sea Cadets; Sea Perch; Boat Building, both here and at the Independence Seaport Museum; Sailing, sailboats and the tall ship Niagara; Sea Shanty Chorus; Color Guard; experiences at SUNY Maritime College and Mystic Seaport in Connecticut; and field trips to marine terminals. We have a very strong and active relationship with the United States Coast Guard. Coasties are mentors and our cadets regularly attend USCG station Philadelphia and boot camp at station Cape May. Our Sea Cadet program is the only sea cadet program in the City of Philadelphia.

We encourage all of our cadets to develop an interest in the maritime field of higher education and provide many maritime opportunities for exploration. Our goal is to give our cadets an appreciation of our nation's maritime heritage and encourage them to love things maritime and become active members of the maritime workforce.

We are proud of our many success stories which include two of our female cadets who are current students at SUNY Maritime College and a recent graduate who is attending Maine Maritime College. Many of our cadets serve on active duty in the US Coast Guard and US Navy. It should be noted that women have been well received in maritime education and career opportunities. They are Captains and Chief Engineers of US Merchant Ships and Executives in many maritime related businesses.

This year, our school theme is "Year of Mathematics and Be Rich in Kindness". We will be providing additional supports and interventions, if necessary, to our students who may need extra help in some areas. Our school website has been reformatted and revised, and we encourage you to visit it at www.maritimecharter.org. It includes all the latest news and information needed for students and parents along with many photographs from all of the activities, sports and events that are held throughout the school year.

Maritime's Board of Directors is also committed to seeing that our cadets have an outstanding experience. The Board is composed of members of the maritime industry and educational partners seeking to fulfill the mission of MACS - *"to provide a nurturing environment that develops a strong sense of community, individual self-confidence and the recognition of the strength of differences across people and all cultures."*

Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping make our school a success, and we welcome your continued participation as we achieve our goals in a safe, positive and rewarding environment. We are committed to giving our cadets the best learning experience attainable!

I look forward to an amazing year of accomplishments, activities and events for MACS and invite you to join me in making the 2019-2020 school year the best year yet!

A Message from the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Cointot:

At the June 19th Board Meeting, I had the honor and privilege of being elected Chairman of the Board. I have been on the Board of Directors for many years and the last ten (10) years, I have been the Vice Chairman to Mr. Eugene Mattioni.

The Board of Directors, CEO Eugene Mattioni, and myself are committed to making many changes in the coming school year. All instructors and staff will have the full support of the Board of Directors. My fellow Board Members and I are committed to providing a safe and educational environment for all of our cadets.

The 2019/2020 school year will be known as the "Year of Math." The grounds and facilities of our school are currently being upgraded. My intention is to make the grounds more attractive and user friendly. CEO Eugene Mattioni and I will continue to make frequent inspections of the grounds and facilities throughout the year. The Board of Directors will continue to seek out a possible new location and building for our school, while still making improvements to our current facilities.

The recent test scores are going to be the priority of the Board of Directors starting now. We must all work together and continue to improve our schools' test scores.

I am looking forward to meeting everyone and working together.

This summer Mr. Ithier and Ms. Harvey worked together to redesign and update the school's website. While the process is not yet fully complete, please visit maritimecharter.org and browse the new and improved website. Thank you, Mr. Ithier and Ms. Harvey, for your ongoing and tireless dedication and work.



Maritime Elementary School

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After building the boat most of last year, elementary school cadets were finally able to launch that boat in Bartram Gardens.



Mr. Phillips ran an exciting K'Nex Engineering program this summer. The cadets enjoyed using their building and reasoning



Mr. Killian and the cadets in his summer music program performed for the summer program's open house. The cadets performed Canon in D, Fur Elise, "A Whole New World," "Faded" by Alan Walker, Baby Shark, and a piece called "Gummy bear." The concert was a hit and all present were delighted by our talented cadets.



Elementary School Corner News

Mr. Mattioni visited Italy this summer.



Cesenatico canal port was designed and surveyed by Leonardo da Vinci in 1502. Today it is predominantly a fishing village on the

Adriatic Coast of Italy.

On August 1st, the Elementary School held its CLC Summer Journey Open House/Play. Families toured the program offerings and the Drama club performed a play titled "Kung Fu Kitty."



Ms. Brazell participated in the STEM "Teacher in the Workplace" fellowship program that exposes teachers in the STEM fields to new career and education standards and helps teachers identify skills

students need to succeed in STEM industries. As part of this workshop she was required to provide students an opportunity to identify a problem and to work with industry leaders to solve it. Her 7th grade students constructed 3 raised garden beds, in which they planted vegetables, herbs, and flowers. During the summer program, students maintained the garden.

Ms. Kern took two classes this summer: Best Practices for a Successful Primary Classroom and Anti-bullying Strategies for Primary Grades.

High School Corner News:

On July 22nd, students and staff honored and celebrated the life of James Conway, a Maritime graduate of 2018, who passed away a week prior. James will be missed by all those who knew him.



This summer, Mrs. Ferrigon attended a 3-week science PD sponsored by the Graduate School of Education at the University of Penn, read 11 books, drove 2 students to SUNY Maritime, spent a week in Maryland, DC, & Virginia, where she visited the African American Museum, ate seafood, went shopping, and relaxed by the pool, and completed a graduate class in Curriculum Development.



Ms. Leygerman completed two graduate courses at Drexel University: Peace Education and Meaning in Reading and Writing.

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In August, Maritime teachers and staff participated in a series of



Estreya Aranda, a rising 12th grader, attended the Sea, Science And Leadership Program at Massachusetts Maritime Academy.



One of our cadets received his diploma after attending summer school.



This summer seventeen (17) cadets engaged in Maritime opportunities.

- o SUNY Stem Program – 2 cadets
- o Mass Sea, Science, and Leadership Program – 1 cadet
- o Niagara Tall Ship – 4 cadets
- o Independent Seaport Museum (ISM) Waterfront Explorer Teen Camp – 8
- o ISM River Ambassador – 1
- o ISM Dock Hand Position – 1

This summer, Ms. Leygerman received close to \$7,000 worth of supplies for the school. All teachers and staff benefited by the donations.

