

One Hand For Those Who Come Behind Us

Dear Classmates, SUNY Maritime College Class of 1966,

It hardly seems possible but we are approaching the 50th anniversary of our graduation from the SUNY Maritime College and class reunion in October 2016. We owe much of our success in life to what we learned and experienced at the “Fort” and on the summer training cruises. We benefited from a combination of the academics, the leadership training, the practical experience gained from working aboard TSES IV and a variety of other “experiences” both social and educational. It is traditional that, as a part of the 50th anniversary observance and reunion, a Class Gift is made to the Maritime College. For our Gift, the Reunion Team has selected a financial donation to establish an Endowment Fund in support of the high cost of the summer cruise that cadets must now pay. This Gift would be made through the new College Fund for the Class of 1966 Endowment Fund. It could include cash donations, along with corporate and bequeathed monies. All donations would remain anonymous. The Fund would be limited to cadet cruise scholarships and remain open as a permanent Endowment. Our goal is \$100,000. Why is such an Endowment Fund needed? In our time the cost of an education at the SUNY Maritime College was very low. Times have surely changed. Consider the following costs for a Maritime College education today:

	New York State Residents	Regional Residents	Out of state students
Cost for 2014-15 Academic Year	\$24,924	\$28014	\$34,574
Cruise cost	45 days: \$4970 90 days: \$6790	45 days: \$5720 90 days: \$7702	45days: \$7328 90 days: \$9328

For the U.S. Coast Guard license programs, the cruise is an essential element of meeting the requirements to sit for a license examination. Both academic curriculum and cruise costs are only going to rise. Each year there is an effort on the part of the Maritime College through the “Sallyport Fund” and also by the FSMAA to raise cadet cruise scholarship funds. So, our efforts in this regard are very much needed and would be appreciated by all. It would give cadets now and in the future the opportunity for success that we have all enjoyed.

The process to make donations is as follows:

- Checks payable to SUNY Maritime College and indicating the check is for the Class of 1966 Endowment Fund; mail checks to Alan R. Greene, Executive Director Development, SUNY Maritime College, Fort Schuyler, 6 Pennyfield Ave., Throggs Neck, NY 10465. Email: agreene@sunymaritime.edu; phone: 718-409-3938
- Arrangements for bequests and other planned giving can be made by contacting Alan R. Greene.
- On-line donation by selecting Class of 1966 Endowed SST Scholarship Fund from the drop-down list through the following link: <http://20100.thankyou4caring.org/givesunymaritime>

Please let us all join together to assist today’s cadets in overcoming financial barriers to gaining the experience of the summer training cruises aboard EMPIRE STATE.

Best regards to all,

Robert (Bob) North, Class of ‘66

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