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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members of the Cal Maritime Community,

Today marks the official start of the 2023-2024 academic year and I would like to welcome everyone – new and returning – to campus for what I believe will be a great semester.

Hopefully you were able to enjoy your summer break whether on summer training cruise, studying abroad, or spending much-needed time recharging and reconnecting with family and friends.

Arriving on campus in early July, I had the opportunity to meet some of you when the Training Ship *Golden Bear* returned to Vallejo. Since my start as interim president, I have met with parents, cadets (both new and returning), graduate students, alumni, faculty, and staff from all over the United States. Despite our differences, we all have at least one linkage in common: **We are Cal Maritime.**

Together we will continue the necessary work to improve the cadet and graduate student experience on campus regardless of our budget and the other challenges we face as a team. Each of us has an enormous responsibility and a significant role to play in creating a positive impact for all who live, learn, and work at Cal Maritime.

I remain confident about this academic year, I am confident we will weather the significant budgetary headwinds we face, and I am confident we will improve our campus culture. We owe it to one another and to those who will follow us at Cal Maritime. Our mission as a university is too important to those who study here, to the state of California and the rest of the western United States, and to our maritime business and industry partners.

As a community, we will prevail. Our mission is far too great to think otherwise. Let this [video](#) serve as a reminder of our amazing accomplishments and the importance of our academic mission. Thank you for being an important part of this campus.

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Respectfully,

Michael J. Dumont, J.D.
Interim President

