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August 24, 2009

Grant Pennoyer, Director, Office of
Fiscal and Program Review
5 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0005

Dear Grant,

Please accept this as Maine Maritime Academy's response to Senator Diamond's and Representative Cain's August 18th request for General Fund program prioritization.

The Academy has only one "program" funded by the state – Maritime Academy Operations. This fiscal year's appropriation of \$8,467,428 equates to approximately 31% of the college's overall budgeted operating revenues/expenditures for the year. The state appropriation is an important factor in our ongoing efforts to keep tuitions and fees at levels which are affordable to Maine students yet still enable us to provide a high-quality education.

The combination seems to be working well as indicated by the enclosed U.S. News and World Report ranking and the fact that our beginning enrollment this Fall is the highest ever!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deek".

Richard R. Ericson
V.P. for Finance, Administration
& Governmental Relations

cc: Rachel Tremblay
Leonard H. Tyler



Thursday, August 20, 2009

Best Colleges: Top Public Schools: Baccalaureate Colleges (North)

United States Coast Guard Academy	New London, CT	Rank 1
United States Merchant Marine Academy	Kings Point, NY	Rank 2
Maine Maritime Academy	Castine, ME	Rank 3
Massachusetts Maritime Academy	Buzzards Bay, MA	Rank 4
University of Maine--Farmington	Farmington, ME	Rank 5
SUNY Maritime College	Throggs Neck, NY	Rank 6
Vermont Technical College	Randolph Center, VT	Rank 7
University of Pittsburgh--Johnstown	Johnstown, PA	Rank 8
Pennsylvania College of Technology	Williamsport, PA	Rank 9
SUNY College of Technology--Alfred	Alfred, NY	Rank 9

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