

Dearest 2010 KP Parents,

Although it may still seem to be a ways away, the second trimester is coming to an end and graduation will quickly begin to approach! Your soon-to-be Alums are studying hard and anticipating their final term at Kings Point, in which they will begin preparing for the last hurdle, Coast Guard License Exams. In this letter I hope to address some of your initial questions and concerns. Of course, there will be much more information to follow, as the countdown to June 21 continues. If at any time you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email myself directly at Benjamin.Inouye.2010@usmma.edu or the Social Director, Mary Cunningham, at cunningham@usmma.edu.

I have provided below a brief description of the events that will take place during Graduation Weekend 2010, as well as instructions for the payment method for each. The other enclosed pages include the following: a completed schedule of events for June Weekend 2010, and an order form for the events that your family will want to attend. Also, please be advised that the Superintendent's formal invitation with the official schedule of events will be arriving in the mail soon.

On Wednesday, June 16th all first class midshipmen must return to the school no later than 1700. This is a safety precaution. Wednesday and Thursday will be spent packing and out-processing.

The June Weekend Schedule is filled with activities that will make you so proud of your graduate, and we look forward to enjoying the entire weekend with you! Again, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to email myself or Ms. Mary Cunningham. Fair Winds and Following Seas to the Class of 2010!

Sincerely,



Benjamin G. Inouye
President, Class of 2010

UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY KINGS POINT WEEKEND 2010 SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2010

1600 Varsity Awards Presentation in Ackerman Auditorium – To be followed by a reception at the Yocum Sailing Center – Cash bar

Dress for Thursday is informal: e.g., sport coats and slacks for men; dresses, skirts or slacks for women.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2010

0730 Colors Formation - (weather permitting)

1200 Awards Luncheon - Melville Hall - Invitation only

1400 Awards Convocation - Ackerman Auditorium

1900-2300 Senior Cruise – sponsored by the class of 2010 - (**Advance reservations through your midshipman – Pre Order¹ Cost is \$130.00 per person**)

Dress for Friday is casual: e.g., slacks and sport shirts for men; dresses, skirts or slacks for women.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2010

0730 Colors Formation - (weather permitting)

0815- 0945 Superintendent's Coffee Reception for Graduates, Parents and Guests (complementary) - McNulty Campus at the American Merchant Marine Museum

1000 Change of Command Ceremony- Powell Oval-Wiley Hall
(Rain location: Ackerman Auditorium)

1130-1300 Barbecue* for Midshipmen, Parents & Guests at Eldridge Pool -
(Rain location: Delano Hall) Midshipmen free; Parents and Guests, Faculty & Staff – \$13.00 /person –
Advance ticket sales

1830-2130 Melville Hall - Faculty, Staff Formal Dinner

**** Limited seating available at the Pre-Ball dinner for midshipmen, their dates and parents –**

Advance reservation only. Cost: \$70.00/Person

2100- 0100 Graduation Ball*** - Eldridge Pool Area–All invited.

Advance tickets required (Midshipmen free / all others \$10.00 /person)

(Rain Location: Delano Hall)

Dress for Saturday daytime is casual. Dress for Parents and dates attending the Ball is formal (black tie, tuxedos, dinner jackets, or dark suits for men; cocktail dresses or gowns for women).

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2010

0900 Catholic Mass - Mariners Chapel

0900 Protestant Service (St Andrew's Chapel)

1100 Baccalaureate Service - Mariners Chapel

1200 Brunch and Reception* - Land Hall. Advance ticket sales only

Parents, Guests, Faculty, Staff & Midshipmen - \$15.00/ person (Rain location: Delano Hall)

Suggested dress for Sunday is lightweight sport jackets for men; dresses, skirts, or pantsuits for women. Low-heel shoes are recommended for the entire weekend.

MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2010

0810 Graduation Photo – Class of 2010 – Tomb Field

1000 Commencement Exercises Tomb Field; – (rain location: O'Hara Hall)

Suggested dress for Monday: is lightweight sport jackets for men; dresses, skirts, or pantsuits for women.

*** Meal tickets for these events (Saturday Lunch BBQ and Sunday Brunch at Land Hall) must be purchased in advance from the Delano commissary. Tickets will go on sale starting May 12th and must be purchased by May 28th. More information on these events will follow at a later date.**

**** Reservations for the Pre-Ball Dinner are confirmed by check made out to Melville Hall and sent to Graduation Weekend Committee, Land Hall, USMMA Kings Point NY 11024. The cost is \$140.00 per couple (\$70.00 per person including midshipmen). Seating is limited; Contact Ms. Cunningham by phone or email, if you plan to attend the dinner.**

***** Tickets for the formal Graduation Ball are paid for by check payable to USMMA Class of 2010 and sent to Graduation Weekend Committee, Land Hall, USMMA, Kings Point NY 11024. The cost is \$10.00 per person for non-midshipmen.**

Please write separate checks for the Pre-Ball Dinner and the Graduation Ball.

Please be on the lookout for another mailing with updated information as event times may be subject to change! We are all excited for this wonderful time before us; We look forward to celebrating this wonderful occasion with fellow Kings Point family and friends!

For further information, call Ms. Mary A. Cunningham in the Office of the Social Director at 516-773-5398.

E-mail is cunninghamm@usmma.edu

¹ Pre-order deadline is March 15, 2010. Cost is \$150.00/person thereafter.

The Class of 2010 would like to extend our invitation to the Graduates, friends and family to this year's Commencement Dinner Cruise.

Come join us for a wonderful evening spent with the graduates, their friends, and family.

This year's cruise will be held on the *Cornucopia Majesty* on **Friday, June 18th, 2010**. We will be boarding from **Pier 59 at the Chelsea Piers in New York City at 1830 hours.**

The cruise will include a full buffet with hors d'oeuvres and a full service open bar from 1900 hours to 2200 hours. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available for the entirety of the event.

Additionally, all will enjoy the continuous entertainment provided by a live Disc Jockey.

Tickets to the event are \$130.00 per person before March 15th, 2010 and \$150.00 thereafter.

Tickets can be purchased by Midshipmen for their families or payment can be mailed using the form below.

Please detach form below and mail with a check made out to "USMMA Class of 2010 Fund" to:

USMMA Class of 2010
300 Steamboat Road #321
Kings Point, NY 11024

We look forward to a wonderful evening voyage with family, friends, and classmates!

Midshipman Name	Total Number of Attendees	Total Check Amount	Check #