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Cal Maritime Aims To Better Prepare Area Students for College

VALLEJO, Calif., August 16, 2004 — Place yourself back in high school for a moment. Imagine that you've taken all the required college preparatory English and math courses and have earned at least a B grade point average. Then, envision coming to a four-year university only to learn that you require remedial education in English or math — or both. That is a shocking reality to more than 60 percent of the nearly 40,000 first-time freshmen admitted to The California State University (CSU) system.

The CSU — in collaboration with the California Department of Education and the State Board of Education — has responded to this issue by launching a CSU-wide Early Assessment Program/Academic Preparation Program (EAP/APP). Through this program, The California Maritime Academy (Cal Maritime), a campus of The California State University, has hired an EAP/APP coordinator — Shayna Sullivan — who will be working with local high schools and pre-college programs in Vallejo, Fairfield, Napa, Benicia, Pinole, and Crockett to ensure area high school graduates are better prepared for college-level courses. The position is the first of its kind for Cal Maritime and The CSU.

“One of my most important goals is to create and strengthen the relationship between The California State University and public high schools, and to help align the high school academic expectations to those of The CSU curriculum,” said Shayna Sullivan, the newly-appointed EAP/APP coordinator at Cal Maritime. “The hope is that this matriculation will improve college prep programs as well as provide better prepared entering CSU freshmen.”

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Sullivan added that better preparing high school graduates now will save students and the State of California significantly in both time and resources.

“We are pleased to have received funding for this new position, and even more importantly, we are delighted to have attracted someone of Shayna’s caliber to the position,” said Chris Krzak, director of enrollment services at Cal Maritime. “This will make our relationship with area schools that much stronger.”

Sullivan received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and her Master of Education from Harvard University Graduate School of Education. Most recently, she served as an English Teacher at Jesse Bethel High School in Vallejo.

About Cal Maritime

Cal Maritime, a campus of The California State University, is one of only seven degree-granting maritime academies in the United States, and the only one on the West Coast. Tucked away in San Pablo Bay’s Morrow Cove in Vallejo, Calif., Cal Maritime offers students four-year degrees in business administration, facilities engineering technology, global studies and maritime affairs, marine engineering technology, marine transportation, and mechanical engineering. For more information about Cal Maritime, visit www.csum.edu.

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