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Cal Maritime Dedicates New Technology Building

*New state-of-the-art technology further enhances university's leadership position
in maritime education*

VALLEJO, Calif., October 11, 2003 – The California Maritime Academy, a California State University campus, today dedicated its new technology building during a ceremony that officially kicked off Cal Maritime's homecoming festivities. The ribbon cutting, which was conducted by Cal Maritime president Bill Eisenhardt, Cal Maritime President Emeritus Jerry Aspland, faculty senate chair Bob Hammaker, and Cadet Victoria Kirsch marked the end of construction, which officially began last October.

The new technology building brings brand new state-of-the-art engineering and engineering technology laboratories and classrooms to the Cal Maritime campus, further enhancing Cal Maritime's leadership position in maritime education. The new building includes:

- a fully instrumented power generation lab
- electronic navigation and global maritime distress and safety system labs
- electricity and electronics laboratory
- a new diesel engine room simulator, and
- a 100-seat multi-media lecture hall.

In addition, the technology building offers a new lab in electrical and gas welding technology, made possible by a partnership with Miller Electric Company, which provided \$350,000 in new equipment for training.

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“Cal Maritime is committed to being a leading educational institution recognized for excellence in the Pacific Rim and beyond,” said Bill Eisenhardt, president of Cal Maritime, during the dedication ceremony. “Our new technology building is another step in our journey to help secure our future – a future that recognizes the broad scope of the term “maritime” through new majors of study, and a future that keeps up with the ever-increasing pace of technology.”

The dedication of the new technology center officially kicked off Cal Maritime’s homecoming weekend. Other homecoming festivities included the presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Award to Captain Bruce Johnston, sailboat rides, simulator tours, and a “Day on the Bay” cruise to the San Francisco Bay aboard the Training Ship GOLDEN BEAR to take part in Fleet Week.

About Cal Maritime

Cal Maritime, a California State University campus, is the premier education, information, and technological resource center for the transportation industry of the Pacific Basin and beyond. Tucked away in San Pablo Bay’s Morrow Cove in Vallejo, Calif., Cal Maritime provides students with a specialized education that combines classroom instruction, hands-on experience, and professional development. A marine-oriented college of business and technology, 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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