



## VIRGINIA MAITLAND SACHS FOUNDATION

“The maritime industry needs support that can assist underprivileged younger people with career opportunities.”  
-Virginia Maitland Sachs

**In honor** of the late Virginia Maitland Sachs, the foundation is led by industry leaders who continue her philanthropic legacy to support the maritime industry in assisting underprivileged younger people with career opportunities.

The VMSF organization seeks to support youth through educational outreach, scholarships, financial training support, and engaging apprenticeships. Highlighting multiple alternatives for historically under-served younger people who deserve to start careers in the industry.



*Clay Maitland & SUNY Maritime Cadets receiving scholarships for their required Summer Sea Term studies aboard the last journey of the Empire State VI training ship (2022).*

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**Programs & Partnerships** are the core of introducing young people to the industry. The foundation aims to facilitate hands-on programs that contribute to careers within & outside of the academic scope. There are various maritime disciplines available via work study approaches that provide socio-economic solutions for young people. Accessing careers in the industry isn't one dimensional and engaging programs help create opportunities for individuals who are not matriculated students.

Additionally, interactive experiences encourage industry exposure, access to the waterways, and helps with in person visibility of representation. A vital key to overcoming socio-economic barriers.

**Through Scholarships & Grants** VMSF envisions bridging access by addressing capital inequities in underserved communities. Acknowledging that financial barriers can be contributors to discouraging youth and young people from initiating and completing their studies. Individuals from underserved communities seeking to begin or continue pursuing their path toward a maritime career are eligible to apply for support.



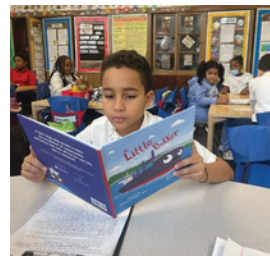
*SUNY Maritime Cadets reporting to hands-on ship training.*

**Representation** is a collective effort throughout the maritime industry and we are compelled to assist in creating more opportunities for youth identifying as BIPOC and/or Female. Maritime & STEM have typically been exclusionary versus inclusive. Our goal is to encourage exposure to the industry for these specific communities by helping to elevate visibility of representation. By showcasing current students and young professionals, youth may be more receptive to the opportunities available to them in the industry and would see a true reflection of peers.

**Outreach** isn't limited to youth of a certain age. Learning about Maritime can begin with our very young, planting seeds and creating awareness around environmental stewardship, shipping and trade within the maritime industry.

We aim to support educational initiatives in various ways, including children's books, field trips, and interactive initiatives. Any element that will create a spark of interest for younger people to aspire to careers in the industry, especially individuals from underserved communities.

*Storytime with students at P.S. 310 in The Bronx. Reading 'The Little Bulker' by Katerina P. Shawn.*



*1st grade students receive book donations at Olivet Academy.*



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