

# OBMG

**Organization of Black Maritime College Graduates, Inc.**



**Building Bright Futures Through  
Scholarships and Mentoring**

# Mission Statement

The OBMG was formed in 1994 by 6 SUNY Maritime College graduates with the following Mission:

“To assist and encourage  
by educating and increasing public  
awareness regarding minority involvement  
in the maritime industry through  
recruitment, mentoring, scholarships,  
fundraising and networking.”



# About Us

- ▶ Our goal is to provide support and increase minority participation in Maritime and Engineering industries, both ashore and afloat.
  - Educational partnerships
    - i.e. Maritime Academy Charter School Philadelphia and NY Harbor School.
  - Community outreach
  - Recruitment for maritime education
  - Professional development seminars
  - Career advancement through networking
  - Cyber mentoring
  - Educating on the rich legacy of Blacks and Minorities within the maritime industry.



# Accomplishments

- ▶ 2010 – Honored at SUNY Maritime Admiral's Scholarship Dinner for Service to the College and the Maritime Industry.
- ▶ 2010 – Hosted Scholarship Fundraising Gala onboard the USS Intrepid Air Sea and Space Museum, NYC.
- ▶ 2015 – Capt. Howard Wyche & Capt. Robert Cook, 1<sup>st</sup> African Americans inducted into SUNY Maritime Heritage Hall.
- ▶ Over 90% member graduation rate.
- ▶ Over 200 Scholarships Awarded.



# Scholarships

- ▶ OBMG awards scholarships based on:
  - Academic achievement
  - Financial need
  - Leadership abilities
  - Social consciousness
  - Work ethic
- ▶ Awards are given each year at the Annual Cultural Club Black History Month Dinner at SUNY Maritime College, Bronx, New York on the last Thursday in February. The event is free to attend.





## Scholarship Awards Dinner





## Networking and Historical Reenactment

Basketball Networking Social



New York City Veteran's Day Parade



# The Future

- ▶ Expanding to other maritime schools.
- ▶ Increase recruitment from underserved communities, both locally and nationally.
- ▶ Continue political engagement to effect change.
- ▶ Maintain and build strong relationships with Maritime Companies, Societies, Unions, and Government agencies.
- ▶ Develop and maintain strong membership base.
- ▶ Establish a financial endowment for the scholarship awards.





# Donations & Funding

- ▶ The OBMG is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax deductible and will go entirely to the scholarships as the membership dues and Board of Directors absorb all administrative costs.
- ▶ Each and every donation, no matter how large or small, has a positive impact on the futures of deserving students.

**Many Drops Make Mighty Oceans**



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