

CASTINE, ME - Maine Maritime Academy will honor its best and brightest at a ceremony to be held on the college campus next week. The college will formally recognize alumni accomplishment, student academic success, and outstanding faculty at its annual Celebration of Achievement on Thursday, Nov. 6. In total, 18 individuals associated with the college will be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments. According to MMA President Leonard Tyler, several recognition ceremonies are held jointly each year to foster mutual respect, admiration, and inspiration among all honorees. The ceremonies include the college's Wall of Honor induction, Scheel Scholars and ABS Scholars presentations, and an Excellence in Teaching award. They highlight the interrelationship of alumni professional and civic success, student curiosity and scholarship, and inspired teaching and academic commitment, respectively.

Initiated in 1997, the college's Wall of Honor was created to recognize alumni, who, through achievements in professional and civic life, have brought honor to themselves and to Maine Maritime Academy. The Wall was established not only to pay tribute to their achievements, but also to allow their success to serve as inspiration to current students and their fellow alumni to strive for personal excellence. The 2008 inductee will join 53 distinguished alumni honorees with a framed photograph and biographical sketch permanently displayed in the college's Wall of Honor located in the Kresge Room of the Harold Alford Student Center. Inductees are selected from nominations made at large by alumni and the public. Selection criteria prescribes that candidates be a graduate of Maine Maritime Academy and own, be a president, chief executive officer, or chair of the board of directors of a company; or have been elected to the office of mayor, governor, U.S. House of Representatives or Senate; or have achieved the rank of flag officer in a branch of the military; or have achieved significant prominence or lifetime achievement in a chosen field. Advanced education, professional awards and honors, community service, and voluntary service to Maine Maritime Academy are also considered for selection. The annual selection process is carried out by a committee comprised of members of the Wall of Honor.

**This year's Wall of Honor induction will recognize the career accomplishments of Rodney P. Rodrigue, MMA Class of 1967, president and CEO, Time Wise Management Systems, Inc.** Time Wise Management Systems is a nationwide training and business advisory firm that helps organizations achieve strategic process improvements, sustain their performance gains, and drive continual improvement across their supply chains.

Rodrigue holds an M.B.A. degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University and is a respected entrepreneur and business professional. A founder of the U.S. Small Manufacturing Coalition, he currently serves as the president of the Florida and Maine divisions of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, a national network with hundreds of specialists who understand the needs of manufacturers and assist them with services and access to public and private resources that enhance growth, improve productivity, expand capacity, and enhance global competitiveness.

His diverse business experience includes past executive leadership posts with the Belfast & Moosehead Lake Railroad; Consolidated Auto Recyclers, Inc.; International Power Chemicals; and the Mexico-based firm of Productos Rolmex S.S. de C.V. He is currently the owner and chairman of Ironwood - Residential Treatment Center for Teens.

He is a past recipient of the Maine International Trade Center's "Innovator of the Year Award" and the Maine State Chamber of Commerce's "President's Award."