

Captain Jay Rivera '98 Summer Sea Term Endowed Scholarship

Established in 2024 by Captain Jay Rivera '98

Captain Rivera graduated from A&M Galveston with a degree in marine transportation and has built a distinguished career in the maritime industry. Jay was commissioned in the U.S. Navy Reserve, achieving the rank of lieutenant commander, sailed on chemical tankers, advancing to the rank of master, and worked on harbor tugs during his time off ships.

He was selected as a pilot for the Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilots in 2005, retiring in 2018 and maintains an Unlimited Master License. Now, as the chief commercial officer for Suderman & Young Towing Co., Rivera is passionate about supporting future mariners.



His scholarship aims to ease the financial burden of the Summer Sea Term, a critical but costly component of cadet training. Born and raised in Puerto Rico, his gift reflects his desire to support both the maritime industry and his home region, encouraging the next generation of maritime professionals.