



The U.S. Coast Guard and Dillard University entered into a formal partnership when Capt. Edwin M. Stanton, commanding officer of Coast Guard Sector New Orleans, and Dillard University President Marvalene Hughes signed a memorandum of agreement on Dillard's campus on Friday, April 8. The partnership is designed to support the Coast Guard's recruiting efforts while providing additional tuition-saving choices and academic options for Dillard students and professors.

The four-year partnership will enable Dillard to establish a new forum for addressing environmental issues in the Gulf Coast region, and provide opportunities for Dillard students to partake in the Coast Guard's College Student Pre-Commissioning Initiative (CSPI) scholarship program, which bears similarities to the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program.

Dillard students will benefit from internship opportunities with the Coast Guard in areas such as engineering, operations, logistics and information services, as well as the potential for internships with the Department of Homeland Security. The Coast Guard will also work with Dillard's Environmental Sustainability Program to provide student research opportunities in maritime transportation management and security areas. Career mentorship for students will be another element of the partnership.

"We are incredibly proud to be joining forces with an organization like the United States Coast Guard," said President Hughes. "This joint venture will provide exciting research, internship and job opportunities for our students, and bolster the important work of our Environmental Sustainability Program. We look forward to working with Captain Stanton and the Coast Guard for years to come."

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