



**DEAR MECA STUDENTS,**

It's been a busy summer here at Maine College of Art. This summer the Master of Fine Arts and Pre-College programs have kept the Porteous Building alive with activity. We also hosted art teachers from around the country for a fellowship to rejuvenate their creative practice. They said they were jealous of your ability to have 24/7 access to the studio. Before you get here and pick up your new keys, I wanted to update you on the latest at the College:



The third floor renovations will allow more space for students in the Media Collective as well as Woodworking & Furniture Design.

**More Space**

Currently construction is taking place in the Porteous building. The College is completing renovations to the third floor, making additional studio space available for the Media Collective and the Woodworking & Furniture Design department. This buildout allows us to convert the fifth floor woodshop into an academic

classroom with sweeping views of Casco Bay. We are excited for you to see all the improvements, which will be done by the time you arrive in late August.

**Familiar Faces, New Titles**

In addition to the physical changes, there are several staffing changes as well. I am pleased to announce that Ian Anderson will now serve as Interim Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, Dan Gardner is the Interim Director of Residential Education & Housing and Anna Schwartz is Interim Director of Student Engagement.

**Upcoming at ICA**

This fall, the Institute of Contemporary Art at MECA has a full line up, including the Alumni Biennial exhibition, a listening room collaboration with a local record producer, experimental video screenings, and several visiting artists.



*The Captain's Wife* by Kreh Mellick '05. After graduation Kreh earned a fellowship at Penland School of Crafts and an artist residency in Iceland. She is one of the participating artists in *Rally*, the alumni exhibition on view in the ICA at MECA this fall.

## Goodbye Tilted Square

On the theme of change, we will also be updating the College's visual identity. Graphic Design faculty members Margo Halverson and Charles Melcher are working with Eddie Opara on a new logo, color palette, and fonts for MECA that reflect the contemporary and rigorous education we offer in all of our programming. They will be working with students, faculty, staff, and alumni along the way. We will be asking for your feedback as we move through the process, which will be completed by January 1.



Our welcome team will be on hand to help you move into the residence hall when you arrive.

## Important Dates

I am excited to personally welcome each of you back to campus. Our team of volunteers will be on site at Oak Street and Shepley residence halls to help you move you in.

**August 26** New student move-in day

**August 27** Returning student move-in day

**August 28** All campus barbecue at 12:30  
in the College green space

**October 7 & 8** Parent and Family weekend

## Helpful Links

### *New Student Information*

[www.meca.edu/meca-life/student-affairs/new-students](http://www.meca.edu/meca-life/student-affairs/new-students)

### *Academic Calendar*

[www.meca.edu/academic-calendars](http://www.meca.edu/academic-calendars)

### *For Parents*

[www.meca.edu/parents](http://www.meca.edu/parents)

See you soon,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don Tuski'.

Don Tuski  
President

Maine College of **Art**