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MARITIME OPERATIONS STUDENT AWARDED \$2,500 SCHOLARSHIP

The National Marine Representatives Association (NMRA) awarded its 2018 NMRA Maritime Trades Scholarship of \$2,500 to Kaila Kotkiewicz of Sayville, New York. Established in 2008, it's given to an outstanding student pursuing education that will lead to a career in the marine industry. Robert Guerrieri of Atlantic Marketing Company made the presentation. A video is at bit.ly/2tQv61Y.

Kotkiewicz is a recent graduate of Sayville High School and plans to attend SUNY Maritime College this Fall. Her intended field of study is Maritime Operations and she also wants to earn a USCG Deck License. "I hope that I can be a role model for more women to enter this industry," she explained.

After earning her bachelor's degree, Kotkiewicz plans to pursue a career that will allow her to gain deck experience and learn to be a ship's captain. She also intends to earn a master's degree.

A well rounded individual, Kotkiewicz is not only a great student and an accomplished trombone player, but was also a member of the varsity track and field team. She is a junior firefighter in the Sayville Fire Department and an Ambassador Level Girl Scout.

Kotkiewicz has also worked as a deckhand on the Sayville Ferry since 2016 and plans to continue during her college career. Her hard work,

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dedication and dependability recently earned her a promotion to the position of senior deckhand.

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