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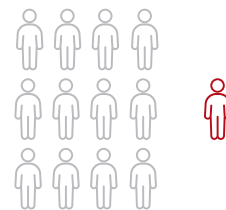
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35 states & 21 countries

were enrolled during the
2023–2024 academic year!



12:1

student to faculty ratio



91%

of nursing students pass the
National Council Licensure
Examination (NCLEX-RN®).



35%

of our students are the first
generation in their families to
attend college.



13

D3 NCAA sports



40%

of students come from
Pell Grant eligible families.

6,254

volunteer service hours
spent by students working
in community service.



30+

undergraduate majors



10+

graduate degrees



100%

of students receive scholarships.

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Anna Maria College ideals are inspired by the Sisters of Saint Anne. Through our values we strive to focus on Faith & Reason, Service to Community, Peace & Justice, Liberal Arts, Cultivation of Personal Moral Responsibility, Diversity & Inclusion, and Development of the Whole Person.



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

We Are Anna Maria

Anna Maria College has always been much greater than the brick-and-mortar of our physical campus. From the pioneering spirit of our founding Sisters of Saint Anne to the infectious enthusiasm of our current student body, we are what defines Anna Maria College. In this issue, we celebrate Anna Maria's impact through the stories of our people. These are the stories of dedication, innovation, and a shared passion that shapes not just individual lives, but the very future of our communities.

This year marks just over a decade serving as President of Anna Maria College. I am proud of the growth and changes we have made as a community in our collective work to advance our mission.

Throughout these pages you will see stories demonstrating our "Values in Action". These stories exemplify how students, faculty, and alumni embody the seven values of Anna Maria College: Faith & Reason, Liberal Arts, Service to Community, Justice & Peace, Development of the Whole Person, Cultivation of Personal Moral Responsibility, and Diversity & Inclusion. These are not just words to us, but principles that guide the way we teach students, care for each other, and live our lives.

While this academic year marks a personal milestone for me as I look toward retirement, I am proud of our unwavering focus on our mission and our students. As I stated in my retirement message, "Throughout my tenure, the heart and soul of my leadership are the students I have had the privilege to serve. Every decision I made was guided by their educational dreams and aspirations."

We are resolute in our commitment to give students access to a high quality and affordable education that will lead to purposeful careers. The ever-growing need for the community-centered workers we educate means that Anna Maria College is filling a void that other colleges cannot. With your continued support, we will be able to provide resources and scholarships to future generations of our deserving students thereby expanding their access to education.

As we embark on another year of academic excellence, I want to thank you for your support and participation. I look forward to a year of success at Anna Maria College.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Lou Retelle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'M' and 'R'.

Mary Lou Retelle
President

Values

Anna Maria College's seven values guide our mission. Throughout these pages, you will see how our Anna Maria College alumni, students, and faculty live out these values every day.



Dr. Enoch Ukpung '81, '84G

Dr. Enoch Ukpung, PhD, MSN, RN came from a little village in former Eastern Nigeria and earned both a bachelor's degree in public health and a master's degree in nursing at Anna Maria College. She now teaches the next generation of nurses at her alma mater.

Dr. Ukpung overcame a life of hardship to achieve her dreams and credits her determination and faith in God. She details this along with several life lessons in a book she authored called *Joy Comes in the Morning*. She urges her students that how they start life may not determine where they end up and that hard work pays off.

"As proud alumni of Anna Maria's Nursing Program, we've all seen the changes in our profession over the years and know that nursing education must change to meet evolving societal needs. The education of the next generation of nurses needs your financial support...When you give back to the College you help to ensure that Anna Maria continues to lead the advancements in teaching that our students need to succeed in the profession that we all love."



Chief Dave Armstrong '99, '01G

Chief Dave Armstrong serves as Senior Advisor to the Criminal Justice Department at Anna Maria College. The now retired Holden Police Chief is using his decades in law enforcement and professional connections to benefit Anna Maria Criminal Justice students.

"We have these wide-open opportunities in criminal justice professions that allow students to become anything they want to be if they do the right things. And that's what we're here for—to teach students to do the right things and educate them," Dave said.

The Chief believes in reaching out into the community and building opportunities that give students hands-on job experience while also making an impact on the world around them. This philosophy is demonstrated by the 911 Dispatch Training partnership with the City of Worcester and the new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) that streamlines the process for Anna Maria seniors to enter an MPTC academy. Whether networking with alumni to help mentor students or attending events and recruiting, Dave believes in bringing new blood and ideas into the world of law enforcement.

"Now is the time to be giving to support the kids here, the ones that are going to be police officers in your community in the future. If you really care about justice, then don't you care about what the next generation of policing is going to be like?"

in Action



Meg Sonia '23

Meg Sonia is a nursing graduate from Martha's Vineyard who made her mark at Anna Maria College as an involved student and dedicated athlete. She embodies Anna Maria College's value of Development of the Whole Person through the diversity of her interests and actions.

Meg played field hockey, ice hockey, and softball, and was awarded captainship for field and ice hockey. In addition to sports, Meg served as a Peer Mentor and joined the National Society of Leadership and Success to hone her leadership skills. She was also the Student Commencement Speaker for the Class of 2023.

"The small community welcomed not only me but my family as well. Transitioning from a small community to a new college in a new city was daunting. Like I said in my commencement speech, Anna Maria became my 'Ohana'—my family," Meg said.

Through her willingness to try new things, Meg was able to create opportunities and experiences that continue to benefit her now even in her job as a Registered Nurse on a Neuroscience Stepdown Unit at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Meg is a life-long learner who continues to grow and remains committed as an Anna Maria alumna. Through her attendance at events and willingness to share her story, Meg is still able to give back to the community she loves and encourages other graduates to do the same.

"Anna Maria is a school that focuses on developing communities. We are developing future teachers, business owners, firefighters, paramedics, nurses, social workers, police officers, and more. Anna Maria ensures that these students are getting a well-rounded education. By supporting Anna Maria, you are supporting these future communities."



Roger Kennedy '23, '27G

Roger Kennedy is a recent graduate from Long Island, New York who is earning his Master of Social Work (MSW) degree with dreams of becoming a school adjustment counselor. Roger works at Anna Maria College as a Graduate Assistant in the Office of Diversity & Inclusion and also works as a paraprofessional at a local middle school.

Originally, Roger liked the idea of attending a "big school" but once he toured campus, he became immersed in the surroundings and knew he had found the right place.

"I envisioned walking the streets of Paxton and having my dreams and desires of being a college student come true," he said.

Roger built a community of friends and supporters while earning his bachelor's degree in human services. He enjoyed his experience so much that he decided to continue his education here.

"I've found myself learning and being supported by some of the most incredible people on the planet. From staff to my peers in the classrooms, all my years of experience here at Anna Maria have been filled with bliss and growth from others," Roger said.

Whether through his work at the Office of Diversity & Inclusion or his interactions with those on campus, Roger is developing as a person and expanding his horizons. No matter where he goes, Roger knows that Anna Maria College will always be there to support him.

"Being able to grow with peers that you've known for four plus years, while on an aesthetically pleasing campus is what truly makes Anna Maria unique. You'll never be alone; you'll never feel out of place because Anna Maria and its community are a home away from home."



Nursing's \$1 Million Makeover

Educating Our Future Nurses



Students and campus visitors may have noticed some activity at Miriam Hall as construction continues to update nursing equipment and relocate the Nursing Simulation Lab from Foundress Hall.

In May 2023, Anna Maria College was awarded \$1,000,000 in community project funding secured by Congressman James P. McGovern (MA-02) to upgrade its nursing and healthcare simulation lab and enrich the educational experience for future essential workers.

The simulation space at Anna Maria College prepares students in the nursing, paramedic, and EMT programs for real-world patient care and clinical situations. The funding primarily covered the necessary construction and renovation costs to expand the space, allowing for the installation of a fundamental skill lab, obstetrics and gynecology skill lab, pediatric skill lab, paramedic skill lab, and ambulance box.

"Every person, no matter who they are, what they look like, or where they live deserves to get the medical attention they need, when they need it," said Congressman James P. McGovern. "I was proud to personally secure this funding during the appropriations process and I'm confident that it will educate students to provide quality care not only in the Second District, but across the Commonwealth and country. We need more medical professionals. But perhaps more importantly, we need to increase access to quality and holistic medical training. I know the students at Anna Maria are ready now more than ever to take charge and lead the next generation of health care professionals."

The renovations will be completed in fall 2024, just in time for a new cohort of Anna Maria nursing students to have access to the brand new facilities.





Nursing Students Respond to Real Life Emergency

Class of 2024 Nursing students Kiyiana Minton, Abbey Bazinet, Brianna Tooley, and Melissa Auger made TV news in October for jumping into action when they were confronted with a medical emergency.

The students were taking a lunch break at the local Ten West Market in Paxton when an employee experienced a medical event that left customers and employees shocked and scared. Melissa, Abbey, Kiyiana, and Brianna immediately responded using their nursing education. Working as a team, they called 911, assessed the patient, and provided care until EMS arrived.

"At first I didn't know it was an emergency," Melissa told Spectrum News. "And then once I realized that this was actually a dire situation, I feel like all of the training kicked in and I remembered how to do all of the assessments on the patient and make sure she was safe."

Thankfully, the employee later recovered. These four students exemplify the impact that Anna Maria graduates have on communities every day. They take what they learn in class into the real world and apply it to situations around them. Leadership, the awareness of what is happening to others, and the courage to act are what separates Anna Maria students from others.

**Scan to
check out
the news
video!**



WOMEN ON THE FRONTLINES OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Anna Maria College Alums are saving lives every day.

Commissioner Annette Nance Holt '19G

Annette Nance Holt earned her Masters in Public Administration (MPA) in 2019 and is now the Fire Commissioner for the City of Chicago.

> Why did you choose Anna Maria?

My main goal was to find a college that provided classes related to Fire and Emergency services and a schedule that would fit my demanding workload. I must confess I had never taken classes online toward a degree and was a little intimidated. However, the platform, classes, and mostly the professors were great and responsive. It made the transition extremely easy.

> How has your Anna Maria education impacted your career?

Having a master's degree was extremely helpful in my advancement within my department. It gave me the confidence to pursue it knowing that with what I learned, I was more than qualified and prepared to take on this leadership role in the greatest fire department in the world.



Sergeant Katherine Mungovan Hurley '05

Sergeant Katherine Mungovan Hurley of the MA State Police graduated from Anna Maria with her Criminal Justice degree in 2005.

> Why did you choose Anna Maria?

I chose Anna Maria College because of the criminal justice program, location, and being able to play multiple sports. In 2001, Anna Maria was recognized as a great criminal justice program in the state and was a Quinn Bill certified college.

> How has your Anna Maria education impacted your career?

Anna Maria influenced my career because the professors drew from their personal experiences. My academic advisor helped me secure an internship at the Massachusetts State Police (MSP) Academy. This had a huge impact on my life. Anna Maria helped me build my resume by hiring me as a part-time campus officer and I became a part-time dispatcher at Holden Police Department and Paxton Police Department.





Deputy Fire Chief Pamela Garant '22G

Pamela Garant is the Deputy Fire Chief of Lakeville Fire Department who earned her Master of Health Emergency Management in 2022.

> Why did you choose Anna Maria?

Anna Maria's high academic reputation was a factor in my decision to attend this college. I was transitioning into a leadership role as deputy chief and the Health Emergency Management degree was the perfect program to blend all my interests. The flexibility allowed me to do a full-time job while completing my studies. Anna Maria was the perfect fit for me and the whole experience exceeded my expectations.

> What advice would you give to other women entering your field?

First and foremost, I would tell others to believe in yourself, embrace challenges and change. Life has its trials and tribulations, try to keep things into perspective, develop resiliency, and maintain a positive outlook.



Linda Waldron '25

Linda Waldron is a firefighter for the Brookline Fire Department who is pursuing her Bachelor's in Fire Science.

> Why did you choose Anna Maria?

Academic quality when it comes to Fire Science, and affordability.

> How has your Anna Maria education impacted your career?

Anna Maria shaped my career by furthering my education in Fire Science which helped make me a better firefighter.

> What advice would you give to other women entering your field?

My advice to other women is to never stop learning and training, leave a positive footprint wherever you go.



Assistant Fire Chief Shelly L. Carter '20G

Assistant Fire Chief Shelly L. Carter from the Hampden Fire Department in Connecticut graduated with her MPA from Anna Maria in 2020.

> Why did you choose Anna Maria?

I heard about Anna Maria in a conversation with two other firefighters and decided to look into it. I am a busy mom of five amazing sons, a professional, and a wife. My schedule at school could not impact all of the many things that I had going on in my life. Anna Maria's online program, instructors and staff were extremely supportive and accommodating. I am very happy to be an Alumna of Anna Maria.

> How has your Anna Maria education impacted your career?

Because of the degree I received from Anna Maria, my career has been on an upward trajectory. I've reached milestones in my career that I didn't think were possible. As a firefighter and now fire chief, leadership and education are extremely important. Being appointed as the first and current only black female fire chief in New England was a hurdle to climb. I knew I had leadership capabilities, but I needed to educate myself to be able to compete, but more importantly stand out in the processes.

> What advice would you give to other women entering your field?

Block out the outside noise and the inside noise that says to you that you can't reach your goals. Fear and doubt are hindrances that will try and stop you but push past your fears. Realize how strong you are and keep pushing.

Scan to read the
full interviews!



A Legacy of Heroism

The 25th Anniversary of the Worcester Cold Storage Fire



The six trees at Anna Maria College are a memorial for the six firefighters lost in the Worcester Cold Storage Fire.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Worcester Cold Storage Fire which tragically claimed the lives of six local firefighters known as the Worcester Six. Paul Brotherton was one of the heroes lost in the five-alarm blaze. Following in their father's footsteps, five of his sons became firefighters with two of them, Lt. Brian Brotherton '08 and Stephen Brotherton '12 graduating from Anna Maria College's Fire Science Program.

Brian knew he was destined to become a firefighter even before the Worcester Cold Storage Fire took the life of his father. He grew up watching the 70s tv show *Emergency* and the Worcester Fire Station was like a second home, so being a firefighter was already in his blood.

"I wasn't really continuing his legacy, he died when I was 13 and I had already wanted to be a firefighter ever since I was six years old. So, I already had myself mentally prepared to become a firefighter long before he passed and after he was gone, it just gave me that much more ambition to further pursue my dream and become one," Brian explained.

Brian enjoyed the sense of community he found at the fire stations, especially since he spent his childhood being around his dad and his dad's friends. "Hanging out around the fire station all the time as a kid made me realize that it is a well-respected job where no two days are the same. You are doing something different every day and helping people which I like," he said.

After high school, Brian was interested in Anna Maria's Fire Science program because the classes were hands-on, and the professors were fire chiefs and firefighters from local communities.

Brian was promoted to lieutenant in 2021. During his 16 years on the Worcester Fire Department, he has seen everything good and bad, but has held on to his passion for helping others.

At the end of the day, Brian's goal is to continue the life-saving work that he and his brothers do every day as firefighters.

"I just want to keep continuing my career while keeping the firefighters underneath me safe, healthy, and uninjured," he said.

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– LT. BRIAN BROTHERTON





Donor Profile

Lloyd '81, '83G and Linda Hamm '82

Lloyd and Linda Hamm met at Anna Maria College and have been inseparable since their first date on September 28, 1978. These Anna Maria graduates wed in 1983 and have been married for 41 years! Together the Hamm family has remained committed to supporting Anna Maria as invaluable members of the AMCAT community.



Lloyd graduated with a bachelor's in biology in 1981 and an MBA Management degree in 1983. He currently serves as President, CEO, and Co-Chair of the Board of River Run Bancorp and CEO of Newburyport Bank. Linda graduated in 1982 with a bachelor's in music therapy and is currently retired.

> What inspires you to donate to the College's mission?

Anna Maria College creates an incredible environment for academic, personal, and professional success that is positively transformative for a family for generations to come.

> Why do you support Anna Maria as a couple?

Both of us are proud Anna Maria graduates—Linda supported my years on the Alumni Council, the Board of Trustees, my time as COO, and being the first Dean of the Business School. Anna Maria has never stopped being an amazing and inspiring part of our lives, not just where we began, but part of everything we have built.

> Why should other alums support the Anna Maria College community after they graduate?

My career success, our family, and our personal values all have a direct correlation and inception to our lives at Anna Maria. It was during those years that we began building our life together.

We have had each other's backs in times of joy and in times of loss for 46 years along with two amazing daughters who are blazing their own paths, personally and professionally. It all began at Anna Maria back in the 70s and who could believe that the College still brings a wide smile to my face. Our giving is just the dividends on an investment of incredible value that Anna Maria placed with us!

**Scan to support
the next
generation
of students!**



Fall Fest 2024

Reunion, Homecoming
& Family Weekend

Save the Date!

September 27-28, 2024

All Alumni are encouraged to attend. There will be fun events for all! Watch your mail and email for the schedule of events and registration information or visit annamaria.edu/FallFest.



Friday, September 27

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| 6:00 p.m. | Field Hockey v St. Joseph's (ME)
<i>Caparso Field</i> |
| 6:00 p.m.
-8:00 p.m. | "The Spirit Woods" Revival |
| 8:00 p.m. | Family Bingo
<i>Dining Hall</i> |

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schedule &
to register!



Saturday, September 28

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| 9:00 a.m. | 5K run/walk |
| 10:00 a.m. | Men's Soccer v Dean College
<i>Caparso Field</i>
Garden of Hope Dedication
Alumni Board Meeting |
| 11:00 a.m. | Pop-Up Store and "Spirit Store"
<i>near Caparso Field</i>
Campus Tour |
| 12:00 p.m. | "Young Alumni at Heart" Reception
Alumni Art Gallery Exhibit
Family Fun Zone
Beer Garden |
| 1:00 p.m. | Food Trucks |
| 1:30 p.m. | Football v Husson College
<i>Caparso Field</i> |
| 2:00 p.m. | Campus Tour |
| 4:00 p.m. | Reunion Mass/Saint Anne
Society Induction (Class of 1974) |
| 5:00 p.m. | Cocktail Reception
<i>Campus Center</i> |
| 6:00 p.m. | President's Reception Dinner
<i>Campus Center</i>
Women's Soccer v Colby-Sawyer
<i>Caparso Field</i> |





From the Classroom to the Stadium

Student-Athlete Graduates Starting Their Careers

Benedetto “Daniele” Iaboni ’23, ’24G and Drew Sinclair ’24 are both student-athletes who made their dreams of working in the sports industry come true. Today, Daniele works as a Sales Associate for the Toronto Blue Jays while Drew is a seasonal equipment manager for the Washington Commanders.

Benedetto “Daniele” Iaboni ’23, ’24G

As a Canadian, Daniele originally selected Anna Maria College for the opportunity to play soccer in the United States. However, after becoming familiar with the campus Daniele realized there were many opportunities and clubs that he could participate in. In addition to playing on Anna Maria’s soccer team, Daniele also was a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), Residence Life, and the Global Business Club where he earned the opportunity to represent Anna Maria at a NCAA Conference.

As a student-athlete, Daniele worked hard to achieve a balance of team loyalty and academic rigor. His hard work paid off. He double-majored in Business Administration and Digital Marketing and earned the Bernadette Madore Award for Academic Excellence in 2023 before earning his MBA in 2024.

“My time at Anna got me involved with the NCAA, an internship at Walt Disney World, and allowed me to earn three degrees in four and a half years, one of which being an MBA all before I’m 23. All that went on led to me getting hired by the Toronto Blue Jays and it’s been nothing short of fantastic. This is only the beginning of my journey and I know that I’m going to learn so much more!”



Drew Sinclair ’24

Drew is a Sports Management major who just graduated in May! A few days after walking across the stage and earning his degree at Commencement, Drew found himself traveling to Virginia to begin his career with the Washington Commanders. His role as a seasonal equipment manager is just the start as Drew is focused on one day becoming the team’s head equipment manager.

Drew was recruited by Anna Maria’s football team and was excited to play his favorite sport at a collegiate level. During his four years on campus, Drew grew to love the welcoming atmosphere, the personal connections he formed with his professors, and his teammates who became a second family to him. Drew also credits the Sports Management program’s focus on internships and real-life work experience for helping him obtain his current job with an NFL team, a team he had interned with twice before.

“Many of my skills were learned through my internships, but Anna Maria on its own has a strong support staff and a focused sports management program that helped me every step of the way.”



Campus Ministry: Purposeful Pathways

Anna Maria Students Providing Charity and Compassion

Anna Maria College's Campus Ministry is transforming lives through heartfelt volunteer work, creating unforgettable experiences for students and the community alike. Over the past semester, students have found deep meaning in feeding the homeless at the Mustard Seed Soup Kitchen, donating to Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, organizing clothing drives for Hilltown Village Closet, and crafting goodie bags for a community baby shower for mothers in need.

One of the standout programs is the Alternative Spring Break, where students travel to various locations to make a tangible impact on communities. These off-campus retreats allow students to live their faith actively, emphasizing public service and personal growth.

Emanuel "Manny" Rivas '27 was one of five students who attended this year's

Alternative Spring Break in the Berkshires where students worked for different volunteer organizations throughout the four-day excursion. The journey was particularly meaningful for Manny:

"Something that I will remember the most is the impact this trip had overall. Not only the difference we made in the community, but the impact that we had on ourselves. Especially me. I realized how full circle life can be. In 2019-2020, I was the kid in the car going to these different food pantries and now being a freshman in college and being honored and blessed enough to be giving out the food—it's very humbling, very grounding."

"This whole trip showed me not to take anything for granted. No matter the situation you're in right now, you have a chance to make a difference. That's something that I will remember the most."

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– EMANUEL "MANNY" RIVAS '27



Nursing Student's Voice Brings Anna Maria Together

Kayla Drew '25 is a nursing student with a heart full of compassion and a voice full of melody, who blends her caregiving skills with her passion for music.

Inspired by her older sister who works in healthcare, Kayla's journey into nursing began during the pandemic. While working in the kitchen of a nursing home, she was asked to help care for elderly residents. The job was both challenging and rewarding, especially as COVID-19 restrictions meant visitors were not allowed. Kayla often found herself holding residents' hands as they passed away, a role that was emotionally draining but deeply significant. "I felt a lot of peace being with them while their families couldn't," she said. The experience instilled her passion to pursue a nursing education.

Kayla sought a more nurturing learning environment like Anna Maria College over the impersonal large classes of bigger schools. She wanted a place where she felt comfortable with faculty and could focus on her studies and future career.

"Anna Maria College felt like home. School does not come naturally to me, so I also wanted a smaller school where I could have more personalized attention," she said.

Music has always been a constant in Kayla's life. As a child she took singing lessons, took part in church choir, and performed at local events. Throughout the years Kayla's passion for music has only intensified. As a singer-songwriter, Kayla performs with the band Ridgeback and has two published albums on Spotify. Her 2022 album *Blessed* focuses on her faith while her latest album *Weathering the Storm* pays tribute to her brother who passed away.

As a student, Kayla was looking for a unique way to become more involved on campus but did not have the desire to join a sports team. Instead, Kayla found a different way to contribute by singing the National Anthem at games. She has become a regular performer at on-campus sporting events and even sang during Anna Maria's 2024 Commencement at the DCU Center.

Balancing the rigorous nursing program and clinicals, Kayla remains focused on her goal of becoming a pediatric nurse and raising a family. Meanwhile, Kayla is a proud AMCAT who supports the campus community and honors her brother's memory through music.

**Scan now and hear
Kayla for yourself!**





LEGEND:

-- TUNNELS

★ BOMB SHELTER

Beneath the Surface:

Campus Tunnels

Built in the 1950s, the campus' buildings and classrooms hold many memories and moments, but underground the campus tunnels hold a history all their own.

Anna Maria College's founding Sisters of Saint Anne built the tunnels for protection from both the elements and the potential dangers of the Cold War. Originally from Montreal, the nuns used the tunnels on snowy days to escape the cold, but the design also served as a bomb shelter for Paxton.

The maze-like tunnel system connects Foundress Hall to the Physical Plant and Madonna Hall while another tunnel runs from Madonna Hall through the Campus Center to Trinity Hall.

Throughout the decades, the tunnels were used by students walking to classes or used during extreme weather such as tornadoes and severe thunderstorms. Murals painted on the walls by students denote classes from the 1980s to the early 2000s.

In the 1990s, the tunnels were crucial to connecting campus to the World Wide Web when IBM ran the wiring throughout the cement walkways and crawl spaces. Whether in an emergency or to advance technology, the long-standing tunnels have served Anna Maria College well.

While the tunnels have since been shut down and are inaccessible, their history, and the occasional ghost story, are preserved by the students who once walked their halls.





Academic Affairs Organizes for Excellence

By Dr. Chioma Ugochukwu, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

As the new Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, my stated agenda has always been to boost academic excellence and student success. We can advance these goals through a strong vision and the right structure and personnel.

We are setting a new vision within the Academic Affairs unit with four pillars—Growth, Impact, Visibility, and Excellence. One of the ways we are trying to achieve these objectives is through the restructuring of the Academic Affairs unit.

Starting this fall, the Academic Affairs division will be organized as four Schools—the School of Business, School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, School of Professional Studies, and the School of Nursing and Health Sciences. We are moving from a structure with 18 program directors whose roles were focused mostly on internal administrative operations to one with four deans whose roles will be externally facing to help with grants and visibility. Additionally, we will have a new Dean for Student Success and Retention.

Our goal is to have a structure that prioritizes the synergies connecting academic excellence, growth, partnerships, and student satisfaction. We want to elevate our academic profile and ensure that while we continue to be an institution that offers access and opportunity, we also value academic rigor.

In all we do, student success remains our focus. More than a third of our students are first-generation students, nearly half are athletes, and we have more than 100 international students. In all, we believe that these new initiatives and structure will foster academic excellence and ensure a competitive advantage for us in the form of greater innovation, enhanced visibility and name recognition, more teaching and research grants, a boost to student awards and recognitions, increases in funding for state-of-the-art facilities, elevated student outcomes, and a greater sense of belonging among all our students. My goal is that in the next three years, Academics at Anna Maria College will continue to strengthen and prepare students for a purposeful future.

ATHLETICS

Anna Maria College Inducts
2024 Hall of Fame Class



Anna Maria College and the Athletic Department officially inducted the 2024 Hall of Fame class in March. The eighth Hall of Fame class included: Kylie (Dalbec) Perdomo '16, Tina (Oliveri) Seabury '07, and the 1996 Men's Basketball Team.

- Kylie Dalbec '16 was a four-year field hockey player with a record shattering career. She is currently the career leader in goals (68), assists (48) and points (184). In addition, she holds school records in assists in a season (18) and is second all-time in goals in a season (21) and points in a season (53).
- Tina Oliveri '07, a three-sport athlete, was a four-year standout on the women's basketball team and had an outstanding career while at Anna Maria. She is tenth all-time in points scored with 1,030 points and 25th all-time in rebounds (404). She also is first all-time with 223 career three-point fields goals made (222), second all-time in career three-point field goal percentage (36.5%), and third all-time in three-point field goals in a season (74). Oliveri started in 90 of 93 games played during her career.
- The 1995–1996 Men's Basketball team finished the historical season 25–5 and reached the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16. The AMCATS were the first team in school history to play in the NCAA tournament and host an NCAA Tournament game in any sport. The AMCATS finished the season with a 15–1 record in the Commonwealth Coast Conference, won the regular season championship, and won the conference tournament championship by defeating Wentworth 94–63 on their home court.
- The 1995–1996 Men's Basketball team was presented for induction into the Hall of Fame by Head Coach Paul Phillips (1986–1996) and player Tim O'Brien '96 accepted the induction on behalf of his teammates and coaches.

Show
your
AMCAT
pride at
games!



Anna Maria College Officially Joins MASCAC

The Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) Council of Presidents and Commissioner Angela Baumann are excited to announce that Anna Maria College

will be joining the MASCAC as a core member effective in the 2025–26 academic year. The AMCATS will compete in 11 varsity sports as a member of the MASCAC.

Anna Maria College is the first private college to be invited for core member status in the MASCAC, with men's hockey starting in the fall of 2024, while football and the remaining programs will begin competing in the fall of 2025.



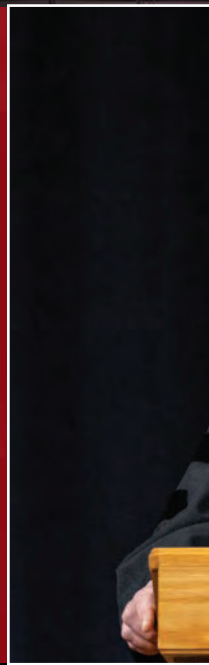


Congratulations,

Class of 2024!

Anna Maria College's Commencement focuses on the power of public service

On May 13, Anna Maria College celebrated its 75th Commencement at the DCU Center in Worcester. The Class of 2024 was awarded 319 degrees and included a highly diverse student body with graduates from all over the globe including Canada, Ghana, Kenya, Pakistan, Paraguay, Sweden, and Turkey.



Watch the 2024
Commencement
Ceremony! →





“For me, I think the true joy in life is fighting for something you believe in. Staying attached to your mighty purpose doesn’t use you up. It gives you the fuel you need to keep going. So, what is your mighty purpose members of the Class of 2024?”

—DR. ERIC DICKSON



The opening remarks made by Anna Maria College’s 11th president, Mary Lou Retelle, focused on how Anna Maria graduates take their educational achievements and use them to positively impact others around them.

“You reflect a vibrant tapestry of backgrounds and experiences, a microcosm of America’s strength. Our mission is more than imparting knowledge; it’s igniting potential.”

Student Speaker and Social Work student Shayla MacDonald ’24 was very involved as a hockey player and tutor at Anna Maria’s Student Success Center. A Canadian citizen, Shayla spoke about the connections she formed on campus as she found a home away from home.

“During my four years here, I gained a new family who I know that I will cherish for a lifetime.”

During the Commencement ceremony, three honorary degrees were conferred. Paul A. DiPierro served on Anna Maria’s Board for 13 years and was Chair from 2014 to 2017. He received an honorary Doctorate of Business Administration.

John J. Spillane has been on Anna Maria’s Board of Trustees for 14 years and served as Chair of the Board from 2017 to 2023. He was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Laws.

President and CEO of UMass Memorial Health Dr. Eric Dickson was conferred with an honorary Doctorate of Public Administration. Dr. Dickson is an impactful leader in the City of Worcester who oversees the largest not-for-profit healthcare system in Central Massachusetts with over \$4.1 billion in annual revenue, 2,100 physicians, and 17,000 employees. Dr. Dickson knows the ripple effect that one person can have on the lives of others and shared his experiences with Anna Maria students during his Commencement Address.

“I don’t think Mother Theresa, or Ghandi, or Martin Luther King Jr. felt used up or burned out fighting for their mighty purposes, caring for the poor, striving for peace and racial equity. I think they just ran out of time. For me, I think the true joy in life is fighting for something you believe in. Staying attached to your mighty purpose doesn’t use you up. It gives you the fuel you need to keep going. So, what is your mighty purpose members of the Class of 2024?”

Anna Maria College recognized three graduates who achieved superlatives in academics, community, and service to others. Law & Society major Tiara S. Smith ’24 was awarded the Bishop Timothy J. Harrington Award. The Sr. Yvette Bellerose Award was presented to Psychology major Haylee Walker ’24. The Dr. Bernadette Madore Award for Academic Excellence was bestowed upon Mark Henry Cavallaro ’24.



Shaping Future Careers

Anna Maria College's Career Services ensures that students have access to the internships, resources, and networking connections they need to be competitive in today's job market. Their success is shown in the numbers. A recent survey of our May 2024 graduates found that 92.8% had already found employment, were pursuing another degree, or doing community service.



Career fairs

Over 124 employers attended Anna Maria's Fall and Spring Career Fairs from diverse industries including business, criminal justice, healthcare, and education. TJX Companies, UMass Memorial Health, the City of Worcester, and AbbVie were among the participating companies.



Handshake

Anna Maria College currently has over one thousand users registered for Handshake. This platform plays a pivotal role in career exploration by connecting students with local employers. Anna Maria has expanded the utilization of Handshake to include the posting of on campus employment positions.



Companies with alumni representation

Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company, BJ's Wholesale Club, VPNE Parking Solutions, The TJX Companies, Polar Beverages, and the Massachusetts Personal Care Attendant Workforce Council are just a few area companies with Anna Maria alumni in leadership roles who are helping the next generation of AMCAT graduates.



Have an idea for an internship opportunity? Scan and join us on Handshake!



Save the Date!

College Alumni Christmas Party on Thu., December 12 from 5:30pm–8:30pm at Olo in Worcester, MA.

A LETTER FROM THE

Alumni Board President

As I sat in the DCU Center during Anna Maria College's 75th Commencement, my eyes welled with tears while I listened to Shayla's remarks. I was instantly brought back to my 2012 graduation ceremony. I remember having the same sentiment about my time at Anna Maria College—I would cherish my experience for a lifetime. My friends, the faculty and staff, and that little campus on 50 Sunset Lane made me who I was back then and is still a very significant part of who I am today.

Memories both new and old came flooding back. Meeting one of my best friends during freshmen orientation in 2008 and then serving as maid of honor in her wedding in 2022. Moving my sister into Madonna Hall in 2015 and then watching her graduate as the President of the Class of 2019. Becoming the director of student activities in 2018 and then bringing my newborn baby to his first AMC event in 2021. Accepting the role as the Alumni Board President in 2022 and

then—blink—there I was, sitting in my cap and gown, waiting for my cousin to cross the stage and become a 2024 Anna Maria College graduate. A moment I will treasure for a lifetime.

This summer the leadership of the Alumni Board will be transitioning to Cody Given '16 and David Marsh '14 who will be taking over as President and Vice President.

As my term as the Alumni Board President comes to an end, I look back fondly on my eight years on the board and two years as President. The Anna Maria College Alumni Board Association gave me many opportunities for growth and fulfillment. I urge my fellow Alumni to get involved in any way possible. Even though my focus will shift to raising my family and my new career, going back to Anna Maria College will always feel like "coming home". It has been my pleasure to serve in this capacity, and I know the future participation and

engagement efforts are in good hands with your new leadership.

I will cherish you for a lifetime,



Lizette (Zajko) Reid '12
2022–2024 President,
Anna Maria College Alumni Board

The Alumni Board serves as the voice for 16,000 alums.

We welcome your participation to shape ideas, create events, and engage with the community.

To apply, please email the Secretary of the Board, Ernie Brooks, at ewbrooks@amcats.edu.



Meet the New Trustees

Anna Maria's Board of Trustees comprises business professionals and community leaders from around the region who share a passion for Anna Maria College. Their guidance ensures the College's longevity and commitment to its students. The new Trustees are the best in their fields and are excited to serve the Anna Maria College community. Welcome!



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Continuing Your Education with Anna Maria

Anna Maria College is always striving to advance students' educations and make graduate degrees more accessible for working professionals, those with families, or first-generation learners.



MSW fully online

Social Work students will still receive Anna Maria's clinical and experiential education but now can take the program in a format that may be more conducive to their work schedules and life needs.



MBA focused on high quality and flexibility

Now offered fully online, this graduate program is designed to allow students to complete it within a 12-month time frame. Courses are now offered on-ground, hybrid, or asynchronously online.



Partnering with Worcester Public Schools to offer a discount to all employees of the school system

This is for anyone who is considering returning to school for a graduate certificate or graduate program. Anna Maria is excited to serve Worcester Community and further develop its relationship with the City.



Anna Maria now offers a 20% discount tuition initiative

Many students take advantage of this discount right after graduation. Students are eligible to begin their master's program in their senior year. Upon graduation students will receive a 20% discount as they further their studies.

Further your education with us!



“As the Director of Graduate Admissions, I believe in the mission of the institution. Anna Maria College provides students with a quality graduate education at an affordable price. While we are constantly raising the bar in our graduate programs, our dedication to our students is part of the Anna Maria culture that will never change.”

—MICHAEL CAPOZZO,
DIRECTOR OF
GRADUATE ADMISSIONS



"ONE OF MY FAVORITE MEMORIES AT ANNA MARIA COLLEGE IS WHEN I WITNESSED MY OLD ROOMMATE PERFORM A PLAY FOR THE FIRST TIME."

-TIARA S. SMITH '24



"MY FIRST EVER COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAME!"

-JOHN KELLY '24



"DURING THE ACADEMIC SYMPOSIUM ABOUT SIX OF MY PROFESSORS SHOWED UP TO SUPPORT ME. THROUGHOUT MY TIME AT ANNA MARIA, I WAS ENCOURAGED TO HAVE REAL CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY, AND IT HAS HELPED ME SO MUCH. EXACTLY A WEEK BEFORE, I HAD FOUND OUT MY BROTHER PASSED AWAY AND IT WAS REALLY NICE TO SEE ALL THE PEOPLE WHO SUPPORTED ME AND PUSHED ME TO CONTINUE DESPITE ALL OF THE HURT I WAS FEELING."

-PENELOPE CHAPPEL '24



"GOING TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL WITH THE WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM."

-SHAYLA MACDONALD '24



"I ENJOYED BEING ON A COLLEGE CAMPUS AND MEETING PEOPLE. EVERY DAY WAS DIFFERENT IN A GOOD WAY, AND I HAD A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE."

-DASHAWN ALLEN '24



"MY FAVORITE MEMORY AT ANNA MARIA WAS MOVING INTO MY ST. ANNE'S DORM AND BECOMING FRIENDS WITH SOME OF THE GREATEST HUMANS I HAVE EVER MET."

-AHNA MENTO '24



"SPENDING TIME WITH MY FRIENDS AND TEAMMATES ON A DAILY BASIS AND CREATING SMALLER MOMENTS OF FUN, LAUGHTER, AND UNITY HAS BEEN GREAT OVER THE YEARS."

-MARK CAVALLARO '24

A FEW OF

Our Favorite Things!

We asked recent graduates what their favorite memories were:



Letter from Advancement

Just a quick note of thanks from the Advancement Team!

We hope you had a great summer and this letter finds you in good spirits. Every year our donors show their faith and confidence in Anna Maria College through their time, ideas, and dollars. You generously support our mission by ensuring students have all the resources and programming they need to succeed.

This past year we saw our constituents become engaged in various ways. The Advancement Team was humbled by your generosity, and here are just a few examples.

1. A 30-year-old Alum allocating a percentage of his retirement fund to the college in his estate plans,
2. A friend of the college donated \$50,000 to help start our Retention Fund Effort,
3. Three female alumni dedicating a day on campus to share their leadership journeys with students as part of a Women's History Month symposium,
4. Over 50% of Staff/Faculty donating on our Annual Giving Day,
5. A parent helping his daughter's team reach their AMCAT Pride Challenge goal.

During fiscal year 2024, more than \$430,000 was raised for our Annual Fund, a 55% increase from last year. Our first annual AMCAT Pride Challenge brought in over \$20,000 for Athletics. All this generous support is more than just a gift; it is a vote of confidence in our mission and students.

By the time this magazine arrives in your mailboxes, yet another academic year will have begun. The 79th year since the Sisters of Saint Anne mission started to educate young adults for a successful career serving others. An education that is accessible, values-based, and ethically driven...which is so important in our world today!

Because of your support, Anna Maria College is successfully navigating the heavy headwinds facing small colleges and creating learning pathways for future generations of deserving students. The College betters the world through education in the Catholic tradition that the Sisters of Saint Anne envisioned. Thanks to all the donors for giving back to a school that provides so much to our communities. You make a difference with your investment, and your support makes an impact enriching every aspect of the campus environment!

In Gratitude,

Vice President Ryan Murphy
and the entire Advancement Team



FOUNDATIONS GIVING UPDATE

A \$24,000 grant awarded by **Reliant Foundation** will provide support to the Job Opportunities in Behavioral Services (JOBS) program. The Job Opportunities in Behavioral Services (JOBS) project is a collaborative effort of the Human Services, Psychology, Addiction Studies, and Social Work programs at Anna Maria College.

The Highland Street Foundation has provided a \$40,000 grant to continue the First-Year Student Persistence Through Peer Mentor Program, which promotes student success by increasing student engagement through social and academic mentoring support. This program demonstrates our commitment to promoting student engagement, retention, persistence, and success. Since its inception five years ago, our Peer Mentoring Program has provided tens of thousands of hours of leadership training to student mentors and mentoring support to over 1,300 Anna Maria College students.



2024 Golf Tournament

On June 3, Anna Maria College held its 15th Annual Golf Tournament at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton, MA. The event raised \$95,000 with proceeds going to financial aid. Thank you to all the sponsors and participants who helped make it a wonderful event!

Tournament winners

1st Place: Dan Howe, Mike Miers, and Kadion Phillips

2nd Place: Greg Fulginito, Brendan Levesque, Andy Murphy, and Kevin Tassinari

3rd Place: Dan Briand, Steve Croce, Dave McCauley, and Zach Perkins

Closest to the Pin, Men: Zach Perkins

Closest to the Pin, Women: Meredith Shaw

Longest Drive Men: Kyle Murphy

Longest Drive Women: Laura Dennis



Thank you to our sponsors

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Scan to see a
tournament recap!



One Family Connected By Two Generations of AMCATs

Anna Maria College was a very different place when Beverly Wallace graduated with her social work degree in 1976. The college was still mostly comprised of female students, dances at WPI were a weekly occurrence, and the Sisters of Saint Anne lived on campus.

Beverly credits the skills she learned at Anna Maria for helping her craft a social work career that led her to UMass Memorial Hospital where she served as Manager for Patient Access Services until her retirement.

"My social work skills helped me to deal with patients and defuse situations. During my Anna Maria years, there was just a lot of camaraderie. We all got along so well together. People were always very friendly, and the experience created some really good memories," Beverly said.

Beverly was overjoyed when she saw her own granddaughter, Angelina Fernandes,

“I just feel like I get to make my Nana really proud for going to college and actually attending the same college that she went to.”

—ANGELINA FERNANDES

graduate from Anna Maria this May. It was a full circle moment for these two women.

After high school, Angelina was headed to a college in Canada, but life circumstances required a quick change. While Angelina was worried about her future, Beverly recommended that she apply to Anna Maria College.

At first Angelina was happy because of the scholarship she received and the ability to be close to home, but over the years Anna Maria College grew to become an unexpected source of guidance and a way she could further connect with her grandmother.

"We talk about the campus buildings and our shared memories. Most importantly, she witnessed me walk the commencement stage to receive my Anna Maria degree just like she had once done. It is a beautiful connection that I don't believe you hear about that often," Angelina said.

Originally a nursing major, Angelina faced a crossroads when she wanted to move into psychology. However, with the support of her Nana and the guidance of faculty, Angelina was able to successfully switch majors, and participate in classes

and internships that helped her build a solid career in the field.

"I cannot stress enough the amount of support I've received from Anna Maria College throughout my college years," Angelina said, "Since I switched my major during sophomore year, I've never been happier about school. It's been hard, but it was such a great change. I can see glimpses of my future, and it is very comforting because I know I will love my work."

Beverly and Angelina are both caregivers whose majors and careers demonstrate their love for helping others. Through Anna Maria College, they were able to enter helping fields and make a difference in the lives of those around them.

During graduation, hundreds of family members cheered their students on, but the day had a special meaning for Beverly and Angelina.

"Throughout college, there were a lot of ups and downs and times when I didn't think I was going to be able to make it, but having the encouragement from my Nana, my other family members, and friends helped me strive towards my goals. So, being able to say 'okay, I got my bachelor's, and I did it,' and giving myself a pat on the back is a relief. That's what I looked forward to the most."



Class of 1973

Mini-Reunion Tradition Continues!

By Leslie Okola '73

During high school, I volunteered at Cardinal Cushing School, a special education school in Hanover, MA. I really loved my time there and decided to become a Special Education major at Anna Maria College. The College had a great reputation for preparing young women in education and I was excited to apply.

Anna Maria College helped me become the person I am today—self-confident, independent, and outgoing. It helped me build character and enabled me to attain wonderful jobs in education. It also gave me an incredible sense of self-worth and value.

Most important to me are the true friendships that were formed in my four years at Anna Maria College. These gals have become my lifelong friends. Most of us spent two years living together at Alumni Hall. This closeness formed a bond that will last forever.

Maureen Lane Grandmont started a mini reunion more than 25 years ago at her Cape home. Patti Sclafani Hinkley took over a couple of years later and has been hosting us ever since. Patti and her husband, Earl, have a beautiful property on Sagamore Beach where we gather every July. Our Anna Maria College friends fly in from all over the country. As Patti's home was being renovated during the summer of 2023 and it being our 50th college reunion, I offered to host the reunion in my Duxbury home. I provided enough space for a dozen of us to gather to sleep, eat, drink, and be merry!

I hope this gives you an idea of how special Anna Maria College is to my friends and me! We are all proud graduates who have had successful careers. We are now able to relax and enjoy the fruits of our labor.

Having an Anna Maria get together?

Share your photos or
contact us for swag items
at alumni@annamaria.edu!



Class Notes



Please keep us up to date with your news, whether that is a job promotion, the birth of a child, or a wedding. We want to know so we can share it with your fellow alumni. Submit a Class Note by visiting annamaria.edu/alumni or send an email to alumni@annamaria.edu.

WEDDINGS

Sabrina (Carreira) Stout '19, '20G and **Dan Stout '19, '21G** married on 10/14/2023!



ALUMNI STANDOUTS

Michele Sepples, '05 started a new position as Regional Director of Operations at Willow Ridge Senior Living in Albany, NY in April 2024

Kevin Grubbs, '13G was promoted to Deputy Sergeant at Arms, Chief of Strategy in Washington, DC in September 2023

Michael Rezkalla, '13G started a new position as Chief Executive Officer

at Pawnee Mental Health Services in Manhattan, KS in January 2024

Cody Given, '14, '18G started a new position as Director of Financial Planning and Analysis at HealthPlanOne in Trumbull, CT in December 2023

Anianjolice Oquendo, '19 was promoted to Staff Assistant at Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester, MA in October 2023

Diane Giampa '88G, Executive Vice President of Human Resources, Marketing, and Retail Banking at Bay State Savings Bank has been named the 2023 recipient of the prestigious Lois B. Green Leadership Award.

Joseph Stango, '82, Vice President/Financial Advisor at Centurion Wealth Management received the 2023 Five Star Wealth Manager Award.

IN MEMORIAM

1950s

Jane (Anisko) Banach, '55, Auburn, MA

Mary Lou (Gannon) Farrell, '57, Shrewsbury, MA

Dolores (DiDonna) Bush, '58, Worcester, MA
Lucille (Chenette) LeMieux, '58, Brookings, OR

1960s

Anita (Lanciaux) Collins, '60, Worcester, MA
Katherine (Bedard) Howard, '62, Ogunquit, ME
Patricia (Assad) Tammi, '62, San Carlos, CA
Carol (Kavanaugh) Harvey, '64, Boxford, MA
Muriel Pontbriant, '64, Salisbury, VT
Maura O'Neill, '66, Auburn, MA
Susan Christmas, '67, Franklin, MA
Mona (Melymuka) Ghiringhelli, '69, Franklin, MA
MaryAnn (Rozek) Wunsch, '69, Savannah, GA

1970s

Joyce Ellen (Keating) Thompson, '70, South Portland, ME

Catherine Duvarney, '72, Clinton, MA

Nancy (Obatuck) Willard, '72, Spencer, MA

1980s

Thomas Cullinane, '80G, Worcester, MA
Marcia Meehan, '80, '92G, Worcester, MA
James Fox, '83G, Whitman, MA
Antoinette (Pessolano) Padgett, 83, Hudson, MA
Francis Rawson, '83G, Webster, MA
Patricia Anne Surette, '83, Millbury, MA
Russell Vickstrom, Jr., '83, Holden, MA
Elizabeth (Hoey) McDonough, '84G, Hingham, MA
Philip R. Shea, Jr., '84G, Auburn, MA
William Carter, '85G, Quincy, MA
Lorraine White, '87G, Greenfield, MA
Ronald Collette, '88G, Spencer, MA
Elizabeth Creedon, '88G, Shrewsbury, MA
Steven Rosenberg, '88G, Windham, NH
Sandra Brunelle, '89, '91G, Sebastian, FL

1990s

Santo Bonaccorso, '92, North Andover, MA
Martha (Lane) Hughes Main, '92G, Narragansett, RI
Edward Charlton, '94G, Auburn, MA
Kevin Kiley, '94G, Lynnfield, MA
Timothy Twining, '95G, East Longmeadow, MA
Kathleen Clark, '98, Webster, MA
Michael Shulman, '98, Marlborough, MA
Lauren Ann Kane, '99, Stoneham, MA

2000s

C. Randall Sherman, '03, West Yarmouth, MA

2010s

Raymond J. Lauring Hon.'14 & Former Trustee, Worcester, MA
Brandon Lewis, '14, Worcester, MA

2020s

Carly D'Amato, '20, West Roxbury, MA



Alumnus Takes Residence

Fine Art Gallery in Newport, Rhode Island

Mark P. Sweeney '98, a Criminal Justice alum, recently exhibited his photographic fine art at the Hammetts Hotel in Newport, Rhode Island. The gallery pieces demonstrated his work takes him along the shorelines of New England and beyond. Though photography is not his primary occupation (he is currently leading an early-stage, digital healthcare start-up based in Rhode Island), photography has become “the healthiest of escapes.”

Affectionately named “Wick” by close friends who encouraged him to explore his creative side, he has completed over 60 commissioned, one-time prints for individuals and families who seek only the highest quality, photographic fine art. “My process is one of inclusion and collaboration and there is no greater reward than watching my friends’ and clients’ reactions when we unveil a new piece that will remain in their families for generations.”

The Sarah Langley Gallery at the Hammetts Hotel in Newport is where local artists share their stories through paintings, pictures, and sculpture. “All of my work to date has been by word of mouth, completely referral based. I only occasionally post new images on social media, so the exposure from my stay at the Gallery was well worth the effort to have 15 pieces available for viewing.”

Set among the bustling, summer foot traffic, the gallery is welcoming. Being drawn down a grand hall, visitors enjoy crisp imagery—some muted, some extraordinarily colorful. Front and center in the gallery are three stunning images of shells. The finished works are accompanied by the shells themselves, sitting in the actual sand from where they were collected and photographed. “What a tremendous experience it was to exhibit some unique images I’ve taken and brought to life. I’m grateful to the executive team and staff at the hotel. And of course, to those who visited, those who viewed and those that purchased.”

The exhibition ran from April through June.



THE
Sarah Langley
GALLERY

Mark P. “Wick” Sweeney
Fortunate Stowaway

“Wick,” an adopted Rhode Islander for close to 25 years, began giving photographic gifts to the closest people in his world. In return, he received and listened to their encouragement to dive deeper into this passion of photographic fine art.

Over the past 8 years, he has thoughtfully completed over 60 commissioned works. He credits his trusted network of friends & clients with affording him the opportunity to meet more people who enjoy the process of creating art together. He notes, “the results of intentional collaboration are incredibly fulfilling.”

Wick’s artwork is part of the original curation for Hammetts Hotel and is part of our Permanent Collection today. He resides just across the bridges in Wickford, with his wife and three children. We welcome Wick’s debut installation, *Fortunate Stowaway*.

Intentionally Wick
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Accepting new commissions/engagements - Summer 2024

**For more information, scan here
or visit intentionallywick.com**

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A MESSAGE FROM **Anna Maria College Advancement Office regarding Planned Giving**

The Advancement Office is encouraging Alumni to think about their estate plans. You can help secure the future of Anna Maria College with a planned gift. It is comforting to know that a gift in your will or trust can continue to make a difference in a student's life. Creating a planned gift is such a wonderful way to show your appreciation for the Sisters of Saint Anne's mission to educate others to go on and serve their communities.



When you give back to the college, you can say a final meaningful thank you to an institution that helped pave the productive life that you have lived. You can play a crucial role in advancing the educational needs of the next generation. Your legacy can ensure that the programs and resources needed here on campus in Paxton will be around in the future.

Please call Senior Philanthropic Officer Ed Connor. Ed has over 40 years' experience in Bank/Trust/Investments and will be happy to share ideas and strategies with you.

A large, dark red banner with a stylized white logo of a person with arms raised. The text "ANNA MARIA COLLEGE" is printed in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. Below it, "Established 1946" is printed in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

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