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Dear Alumni, Friends, and Family,

Seventy-five years ago, the Sisters of Saint Anne opened the doors of Anna Maria College to bring the opportunity of higher education to area women. Thus began the legacy of preparing students to ethically serve their communities and the world. Over the years, our graduates have strengthened the regional workforce, bringing with them the compassionate, community-centered, problem-solving tenets that characterize an Anna Maria education. The College adjusted and expanded as each new decade introduced different challenges and possibilities, and our graduates drew on their strong academic foundation, sense of responsibility to community, and faith-based ethics to effect change and serve others, just as the Sisters of Saint Anne envisioned.

Anna Maria's 75-year story is one of bold aspiration embodied by its foundresses and students alike. It's also one of enduring resiliency, with perhaps the best example being Anna Maria's experience during the COVID-19 pandemic and the vital support alumni gave to cities and towns through their essential and professional capacities. Some communities would have faced a more difficult burden if there had been no Anna Maria alumni ready to serve and respond. Though the pandemic limited what Anna Maria could do to publicly celebrate its anniversary year, it didn't dampen our enthusiasm — as you'll see from the images and stories in this magazine.

Among the many highlights are an extraordinary on-campus Commencement to celebrate the Classes of 2020 and 2021, a fireworks display during Family and Friends Weekend, an Air National Guard flyover at our solemn commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks, a sunny reunion weekend in October, when the fall colors of our campus were striking in their beauty, a first-ever NCAA tournament run for the AMCAT football team, and a wonderful Christmas concert to honor our foundresses. Still, nothing exceeded our excitement in 2021 more than being able to welcome fully on-ground learning again this fall, despite ongoing safeguards, such as masks and testing.

Anna Maria's core mission is to educate, and our faculty and students are thrilled to return to the scholarship and exploration fostered by in-person classroom interaction. The campus



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is once again vibrant with the sights and sounds of students, athletic events, and extracurricular activities. Student support needs are high, however, as they strive to balance pandemic-related anxieties with the rigors of an academic life. It's distressing that our first-year students are experiencing a traditional in-person education for the first time since the middle of their high school years. Every generation must deal with unique hardships, but I'm especially attuned to the current cohort's difficult journey.

Your ongoing engagement is critical as we navigate a transformed landscape in higher education. The new pressures are substantial for almost all colleges, but being small and resourceful can enable us to better adapt to the changing environment. In the end, we must be smarter about how we do things at every level. There's so much to be done to successfully position the College so we can continue to cultivate and educate leaders to serve tomorrow's world. The College is evolving — for example, we're developing a Campus Enhancement Plan that will provide for improved facilities to enrich our educational and recreational offerings. Our needs are many, but with your support, we'll meet them.

Although we've been fortunate in foundation support this past year, we look to our alumni and friends to sustain us, to provide the competitive necessities our students expect. Our Trustees are resolute as we set our course, and we're privileged to have determined partners in our faculty and staff. Our 75-year history teaches us that when the ground shifts as significantly as it has during the pandemic, the right path is to stay true to our mission, and to be grateful to the alumni who believe in it. Thank you for your commitment to Anna Maria, and for continuing the work that the Sisters of Saint Anne began back in 1946.

There's a lot happening, so please make plans to visit your alma mater soon. I look forward to seeing you!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Mary Lou Retelle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "M" and "L".

Mary Lou Retelle, President

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100%

Pass rate for nursing students taking the NCLEX exam

* of students taking exam by 11/1/21

34 & 12

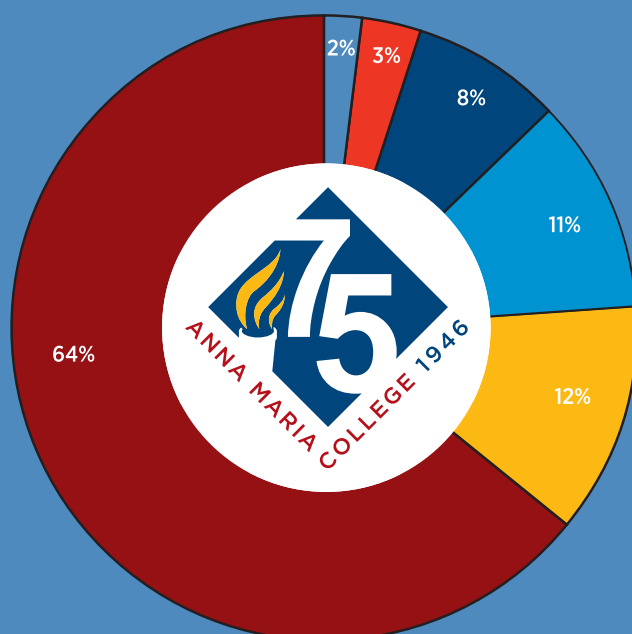
States and countries our students call home

1505

The total number of undergraduate and graduate students

35 %

Of students are the first generation of their family to attend college



Anna Maria College Student Demographics for Fall 2021

● White
 ● Black/African American
 ● Other/Undeclared
 ● Hispanic
 ● Asian
 ● Two or More Races

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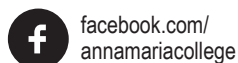


Celebrating
our 75th
Anniversary

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IN APPRECIATION . . .

The Anna Maria College community is most appreciative of the year-long efforts of the 75th Anniversary Committee. Through their hard work and creative dedication, the College experienced many wonderful events and helped raise the awareness of this great celebration. Thanks to the following members for all they did for Anna Maria:

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Celebrating Our

1870s Catholic Roots

In the Canadian province of Quebec, a woman named Esther Blondin struggled to fulfill a longtime dream "...to empower people – especially the poor illiterate children of the Quebec countryside by teaching them religion, reading, writing, and arithmetic."

With great passion and audacity, Esther Blondin, now called Blessed Mother Marie Anne, pursued this vision, turning it into the exceptional teaching mission of the congregation she founded – the Sisters of Saint Anne.



In 1945, with the approbation of Archbishop Richard J. Cushing, the Sisters of Saint Anne, led by Sister Marie Anne Eva Mondor, petitioned the Board of Collegiate Authority of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to amend their 1887 Charter, which allowed them to operate elementary and secondary schools in the Commonwealth, so that they could grant advanced degrees. Under the guidance of the Secretary General of Catholic University of America, all the necessary requirements were met and Anna Maria College opened its doors on September 17, 1946, to its first freshman class of dynamic and talented women.



The 1950s became a decade of rapid expansion for Anna Maria College starting with its move to the then 293-acre campus in Paxton, Massachusetts in 1951. From 1953 to 1959, five new buildings were completed and in 1955 the College became accredited by The New England Association of Schools and Colleges. A teacher training program joined the already robust music program and Anna Maria College became recognized by several National Honor Societies.



Sister Irene Socquet was still at the helm as the College entered the 1960s. Campus growth continued, and with the Class of 1964, Anna Maria College reached a milestone by graduating more than one hundred young women. Not immune to the upheavals of this period. In 1967, an Ad Hoc committee was set to address academic freedom and student governance. Anna Maria College counted among the first to endorse the Joint Statement on Rights and Freedoms of Students.



The early 1970s at Anna Maria were no different than at any other college campus with students participating in programs and rallies to express their views regarding the nation's military involvements. This time was marked by the physical expansion of the College and the expansion of the curriculum and the co-curricular programs. The most dramatic change was the move to coeducation in 1973, followed a year later by the opening of the graduate division.



The 1980s began with a major change in the corporate structure of Anna Maria College when the Sisters of Saint Anne relinquished to the College its existing charter and degree-granting authority. On April 13, 1980, a newly formed Board of Trustees met with the incumbent Board and the independent corporation was begun. The campus continued to expand with the construction of the Mondor-Eagen Library and the Fuller Activities Center. The College also celebrated its 40th anniversary and continued to move forward and complete successful accreditation reviews with NECHE (formerly NEASC).



75th Anniversary



The 1990s began with the opening of Zecco Performing Arts Center, which helped Anna Maria College celebrate both its 45th and 50th anniversaries. Beyond bricks and mortar, the College needed to address the various changes occurring in the marketplace during this decade. Anna Maria College entered into a partnership with IBM, which helped to jump start its efforts to purchase, wire and install state-of-the-art computer technology that would provide efficiencies in operations and in the classroom and keep Anna Maria College on the forefront of change.



In the early 2000s, the College hosted a re-dedication of its newly designed chapel in recognition of Sr. Bernadette Madore, Anna Maria College's fourth president, and celebrated its heroes at a 60th anniversary gala. With its rich tradition and solid roots in quality Catholic education, Anna Maria College continued to see its hard work come to fruition. In 2007, led by visionary Board members and administrators, the College developed a Strategic Plan: Excellence at Anna Maria College, which continues to guide the growth of the institution. In five short years, Anna Maria College opened up three new residence halls, enrolled a record-setting class of 494 students, launched a football team, installed an all-purpose athletic field and completed another successful NEASC review. The College's 65th anniversary was celebrated as the campus' growth and expansion continued with new academic and co-curricular programs.



In 2010, the College launched its first online programs to address the changing needs of adult students.

Trinity Hall, one of the first buildings to house Anna Maria students, was also rehabbed and reconfigured to accommodate academic advising and student support services. The College community even more effectively touched the lives of students with its exceptional career-oriented programs, which prepare society's future leaders to understand their role in providing for the common good.



Today, Anna Maria College continues to grow structurally and programmatically, offering 32 undergraduate majors and a dozen graduate studies on-ground and online to its diverse student population of 1,500 learners. True to its heritage, the College continues to offer a highly personalized, liberal arts education that prepares students to ultimately work and serve in their chosen communities across the nation and around the world.

On the cusp of celebrating the 75th anniversary of its founding, the College this semester welcomed 320 new students—an enrollment representing a nearly 45 percent increase from the year prior.

Aiming to educate the whole student, Anna Maria College now offers 13 Division III NCAA athletic programs, more than 25 student-led clubs and organizations and numerous organized community service opportunities.

The College grew and expanded its Board, administration, and faculty to strengthen Anna Maria, and meet the evolving needs of the growing student population as well as impact in the greater Worcester community.



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3. Milk Room Brewery of Rutland, Mass., launched its Anna Maria Maple Brew at Family and Friends Weekend in September.
4. Poets John Hodgen, Lori Nelson '92, and Anna Maria College English faculty member Craig Blais present their literary work in Foundress Hall's Information Commons. The September event was accompanied by the Anna Maria jazz ensemble.
5. Edward J. Connor, Jr., Mary Lou Retelle and Trustees Stephen Yerdon and Tim Murray enjoy a fall football victory.
6. Anna Maria's 75th anniversary was celebrated with the residents of Paxton, as part of the September Family and Friends Weekend. "75 Cheers with Paxton" culminated with a firework display above Saint Anne's Lawn.
7. The Sweet 16 1996 Basketball team gather at Homecoming. (left to right) Jeff Padula '96, Jeff Paulhus '97, Mike Dowd '98, John Patraitis '98 '02G, Tim O'Brien '98, Mark Sweeney '98, Coach Paul Phillips and Coach Mike Burlas.
8. Members of the Class of 1971 enjoying their 50th reunion in Madore Chapel with President Retelle.
9. Anna Maria College cheerleaders celebrate school spirit, adding pink pom-poms to recognize breast cancer awareness.
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11. Victoria Avery and John Thibodeau '95G at the Cape Cod alumni gathering.
12. Anna Maria employees celebrate the 75th anniversary with the annual employee recognition event.
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Civic Excellence: Master in Public Administration

Like its more widely known cousin the MBA, an MPA delivers leadership and management development, but with an emphasis on public service — which makes it a perfect fit for Anna Maria College. The master's degree in public administration prepares students for a variety of jobs in the executive arm of local, state, and federal government and nonprofit sectors with a grounding in policy and analysis, financial management, and labor relations.

The program is very strong by industry standards, says Mike Stevens, Assistant Vice President, Public Safety Programs: “We have a highly dedicated faculty and a curriculum that’s designed to be challenging and enriching.”

Offered exclusively online, the MPA program provides education and training in four specializations: emergency management, homeland security, criminal justice, and fire science. In addition, the MPA’s General Track is a broad course of study for the utmost in career flexibility, and students coming in with four or more years of progressive work experience in a relevant field may qualify for the Mid-Career Track option and course credit.

“The feedback we get from our alumni is that Anna Maria’s MPA program is a rewarding experience, during and after, that prepares people for leadership positions and a lot of success,” Stevens says. He cites the City of Chicago’s fire commissioner, L.A.’s emergency manager, and the district chief in the

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Boston Fire Department as just a few of the program’s many graduates out in front in service to their communities.

Stevens is quick to credit his colleagues — Assistant Director of Online Programs Lorene Farrar and Doug Brown, Assistant Director for Quality Assurance and Pedagogy — for the MPA program’s reputation. “It’s been a good, steady growth,” says Farrar, who in 2010 helped launch the program. The goal from the beginning, she says,

was to make it affordable and flexible for those looking for the latest in public administration and practice, and a leadership advantage. “People come to the program, some direct from undergrad and others mid-career, looking for an intimate, individualized learning experience. The key is that our instructors are in the field, so students are benefiting from that valuable information and perspective.”

It’s a collaborative effort, with Farrar focused on the many administrative angles and Brown on teaching and learning. The program’s director, Jim Carritte, rounds out the tight-knit team.

“As the Quality Assurance guy, I’m working closely with faculty to ensure that courses are current and designed with the depth they need to bridge that gap between theory and practice,” says Brown, who notes that only a handful of institutions prioritize this role. “I think the outcome for our students is much better as a result.”

Left to right: Town of Paxton Police Department’s MPA alumni: Chief of Police Mark Savasta, ’02, ’06G, ’10G, Detective Jason Silvestri, ’97, ’07G, Public Safety Officer David Warren, ’10, ’13G and Sergeant Forrest Thorpe, ’05, ’15G.

Compassion, Care, and Community: Nursing Programs

For more than 40 years, Anna Maria has provided a quality, innovative nursing education with a range of offerings aligned with the evolving needs of the profession as well as the College's commitment to service.

"We know that along with essential knowledge and skills, nursing requires an attitude of respect and compassion for those in our care," says Linda Esper '88G, MSN, MBA, EdD, RN, Dean of Nursing. "Today and throughout our history, we have continually and consistently incorporated the ideals of the Sisters of Saint Anne and the College's mission to educate the ethical leaders and community-minded professionals of tomorrow."

Dean Esper speaks from experience. She was a member of the 1984 inaugural class of Anna Maria College's MSN program — the first of its kind in Central Massachusetts — and earned her MBA from the College in 1988. Although the MSN program closed in the mid-'90s, among its graduates are many well-known nursing leaders, educators, and scholars, several of whom are now back at Anna Maria as faculty for the school's two active baccalaureate nursing programs: the pre-licensure BSN and the RN to BSN. The same spirit of innovation that made the College a pioneer in the field lives on in both; in fact, the RN to BSN is one of the only fully online programs in the region welcoming and educating diploma, and associate degree-prepared nurses around the world.

"The associate degree nursing program transitioned to a pre-licensure BSN program in 2015 to better reflect the needs and trends of the profession and to increase employment opportunities for our graduates," says Dean Esper. "Our well-established and state-of-the-art nursing skills lab, along with our faculty's online education expertise, enables our program to smoothly and seamlessly deliver an academic and clinical education, including at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic." Even as the pandemic continues, so does Anna Maria's ability to offer face-to-face, direct care clinical experiences to students, thanks to partnerships with leading healthcare facilities in the Worcester area, as well as extensive clinical simulation labs with high-fidelity mannequins and other technology right on campus.

The RN to BSN program is an increasingly popular option for working professionals who seek both expertise and flexibility — students can learn from wherever they are and incorporate their clinical experience into a schedule that works for them. This individualized education is a hallmark of Anna Maria. "We provide a lot of personal and group advising and academic enrichment because we want our students to

succeed," says Dean Esper. And the results speak for themselves: "We have highly professional nurses from our programs who are out teaching, practicing, writing books, and providing the service of optimal wellness to patients and their local and global communities," she says.

The pandemic put increased emphasis on the valuable role of nurses — as well as the current shortage. "We're prepared to respond by providing the best education possible to as many students as possible along while sustaining the proud history of the nursing department," says the Dean.

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"Florence Nightingale said, 'Nursing is a progressive art such that to stand still is to go backward,'" says Dean Esper. "As we look back on the history and success of the nursing department here at Anna Maria, we look ahead with confidence and excitement, knowing we'll continue to deliver the best to our students, always," she says. "As innovators and informed caregivers, we're never content to stand still."



Anna Maria College nursing students in the Foundress Hall Nursing Lab.

In the Business of Career Readiness

Since its founding, Anna Maria has prepared students for meaningful careers with instruction rooted in real-world experience, and the College's business programs are no different. The major in business administration is a four-year course of study, with an option for a fifth year and an MBA. Small classes and faculty who are experienced practitioners in their fields provide all students, graduate and undergraduate, with a personal, practical learning experience that readies them for today's rapidly changing workplace.

Undergraduate Business Program: Mentorship, Internship, and Leadership

A financial-services professional for 30 years, Larry Sasso recently added to his résumé when he earned his doctorate in business administration from Northcentral University. He'll be the first to tell you, though, that he wasn't always academically inclined. "My first year of college, I was put on academic probation," he says. "If it weren't for an influential professor who guided me to change my major and follow my passions, I probably wouldn't have graduated at all, let alone have the career success I've been fortunate to have."

As interim director of Undergraduate Business programs, Sasso is committed to creating these meaningful—if not life-changing—connections for his own students. "I know the power of mentorship and internship," he says. "We're building a dream team of educators, leaders in their fields able to support students in and out of the classroom by sharing their knowledge, experience, and networks."

To this end, he and other professors are leveraging relationships with professionals in, for example, global retail, financial services, and insurance to create paid internship opportunities. "That's been my focus: to align with partners who have the same passion as we do and want to provide students with this external classroom experience," says Sasso. "Our students get valuable experience; employers get students eager to learn and the gratification of guiding them along," he says. "It's win-win."

Sasso again points to his own experience to underscore how important it is to have the support of people who believe in you, personally and professionally, and he counts Hall of Fame quarterback-turned-entrepreneur Fran Tarkenton as one of them. "He's been my mentor since 2004, and with his encouragement I've been able to achieve things I never thought possible," Sasso says. "He helped me grow my business, write my book *Get in the Game: A Young Adult's Guide to Baseball, Softball, Personal Finances, and a Balanced Life*, and pursue advanced degrees."

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"Opportunities create opportunities; our goal, then, is to give as many to our students as we can," Sasso says. "I think about how close I came to dropping out of college, so this is my mission, a way to give back."

In addition to more internships, among his goals are to bolster the fifth-year MBA option, to create new programs in cybersecurity and certified financial planning, to

work with an advisory board to ensure that the curriculum stays as relevant as possible, and to emphasize the importance of self-care and a strong moral compass.

"We want our business program to prepare students to be successful and contribute to their community with ethical leadership, integrity, and honesty always," says Sasso. "It's the Anna Maria way."



On-campus and remote business students at work in Foundress Hall

Graduate Business Program: Where Theory Meets Practice

Anna Maria's MBA program, which began in 1974, has grown by leaps and bounds in recent years: Since 2018, when Linda Marie Nolin became the director, enrollment has doubled. A 2012 graduate of the program herself, Nolin aims to build on the experiences she had with even more of the flexibility, faculty expertise, and experiential learning she enjoyed.

"Before getting my MBA, I worked in marketing and business development for an international insurance company," says Nolin. "Through this program, I was able to bring my work experience to the classroom and, later, my classroom experience to my work. I really liked that many of my teachers had specific expertise, and that's true today." All of the instructors are PhDs, CPAs, JDs, and — of course — MBAs: "We want people teaching who are doing the actual jobs we're educating our students for," Nolin says.

The program's innovative, interdisciplinary approach is tailored to each individual, says Nolin, but every student is required to complete a capstone project with a team of peers. "It's a great community partnership," she says. "Companies come to us looking for everything from market research to feasibility studies to determine whether to open a new location — real-life business situations that provide students with real-life experience."

With this in mind, Nolin has introduced courses that address some of life's more unfortunate realities, such as addiction and trauma awareness in the workplace.

"Most MBA programs teach you how to manage, but not what happens when a trauma occurs or an employee is struggling,"

she says. "With mental-health issues skyrocketing, we needed an elective that tackles these tough issues and the kinds of questions managers have to deal with, in whatever industry you're in."

Nolin encourages business undergraduates to consider the fifth-year MBA, which gives them a jump on graduate courses as well as a 20 percent discount on its classes. And in keeping with Anna Maria's commitment to applied learning, some MBA candidates are able to receive up to two course waivers for work experience and training.

Ninety percent of MBA students are working full- and part-time jobs, and Nolin touts the fact that some courses are taught online, others on campus, and still others over Zoom as a way of giving every student — and staff member — some much-needed flexibility. "We've found that the more diverse and responsive we are in our approach, the better the feedback and results are from our students," Nolin says.

"I'm always talking about how important it is to keep learning, to keep building on your skills," she says. "At Anna Maria, we have great resources and supports in place so that our students can be as successful as possible," and that includes helping them prepare résumés and cover letters and connecting them with a network of employers.

Like her colleagues, Nolin values being of service, and loves when students stop in for a snack or to chat. "We're here to help," she says. "My door is always open for coffee, Pop Tarts, and advice."

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Faith and Service

Alternative Break Alternative

Spring break — two words that bring a rush of joy to any college student's heart. But last year spring break was another casualty of COVID-19; many colleges, including Anna Maria, canceled theirs over health and safety concerns regarding students gathering in large groups and traveling. The Alternative Break program, which traditionally provides students with service-oriented break trips during the school year, found itself needing to come up with a new plan. So students wouldn't miss out on meaningful engagement with a community, the decision was made to transition a one-week trip into a semester-long program affectionally dubbed the "Alternative Break Alternative" (ABA).

During spring semester, 14 students met twice a week. One day they volunteered on campus or at either Turn Back Time, a farm in Paxton, or the St. Francis & St. Therese Catholic Worker House, which is in Worcester. The second day they reflected on their experiences and participated in activities for team bonding.

The theme was "Metamorphosis and Transformation" and, fittingly, some of the students were so transformed by their experience that they moved to make an official volunteer club — AMCares — to, as they put it, "make volunteering even more accessible to the college community." One more reason why Anna Maria students are exceptional!

Chapel Renovations

The Madore Chapel of Cardinal Cushing Hall is receiving some much-needed love this fall, with new drywall and painting as well as new flooring, among other updates. Important prayer spaces around campus, used for contemplation and moments of tranquility in the hectic lives of college students, have also been revitalized.

*"Volunteering through ABA/
campus ministry was very
beneficial to the Anna Maria
College community, as well as to
the larger surrounding community.
Working at our volunteer sites
gave me a very rewarding sense
of accomplishment."*

Peter Walsh '22

Prayer Book

After months of gathering and compiling prayer submissions from students, faculty, staff, and alumni, the 75th Anniversary Prayer Book is finally available. The book contains prayers from more than 45 community members as well as pages highlighting our mission, heritage, and the unique spiritual influences of Anna Maria College. We invite you to flip through its pages — we're sure you'll find a prayer or message that resonates with you. We encourage you to pray through each prayer or use the contents page to look for something specific.

During this 75th year, we look back with much appreciation for all who have contributed to making Anna Maria College something greater. We hope this book is a testament to the fact that we as a community are always wrapped in prayer.

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About the
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Alternative Break Program student volunteers working on and off campus



Welcome to Sherman Cowan

Director of Diversity and Inclusion



"I look forward to hearing people's stories and discovering how I can help."

A new face on campus this fall is that of Sherman Cowan, the Director of Diversity and Inclusion for Anna Maria College. For the past 24 years, Cowan's day job was working in residential life at Wellesley College. On weekends and during the summer, Cowan was an inspector general (IG) in the Air National Guard, tackling high-level issues and complaints. Before that, he was the Chief of Military Equal Opportunity, handling diversity, equity, and inclusion. After 31 years in the service, Cowan retired, looking forward, he says, to having his weekends back. And yet eventually he realized that something was missing. Working with students, working with issues of equity and inclusion — he really enjoyed those aspects of his life and wanted to be involved with them again.

And that's when he came across the job posting of the Director of Diversity and Inclusion at Anna Maria College.

Now, among his other duties, Cowan is responsible for advising three student groups — Black Student Union, Latinos Unidos, and PRIDE ("I want to make sure I'm giving the students what they want," he says) — as well as working with other offices on campus to see how they can come together around the key issues of inclusivity and diversity.

Looking to advance his own education (Cowan has a BA from SUNY-Oswego in history and psychology and an MA in counseling psychology), he has been accepted into an EdD program and will begin next year.

As a resource, his door is always open: "I continue to learn things about student needs," he says. "I look forward to hearing people's stories and discovering how I can help."

Sherman greeting students in the Bishop Flanagan Campus Center.

September 11th Remembrance Ceremony

Anna Maria College commemorated the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks with an interfaith tribute on Caparso Field organized by College Deacon John “Jack” Franchi ’11, ’12G. Religious leaders, public officials, military officers, first responders, members of the Anna Maria community and neighboring towns gathered to hear from distinguished guests and dedicate a “Freedom Tree” memorial to the lives lost. As the keynote speaker, former Boston Police Commissioner and Anna Maria College alumnus Ed Davis ’90G offered a personal reflection about his experience at Ground Zero and the courage of first responders. John Creamer, husband of Tara Creamer who was aboard American Airlines Flight 11, was a special guest along with his family. The Massachusetts Air National Guard honored the ceremony with a flyover.



**Photos
& Video**



SAVE THE DATE

service *and* success

★ THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022

AC Marriott, Worcester, MA

The annual Celebration of Service and Success is a tribute to the men and women of Anna Maria College who play a vital role in our community. The celebration will showcase the character and community impact of Anna Maria's current undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and alumni. President Mary Lou Retelle will recognize the three 2021 Presidential Award Recipients with the prestigious Presidential Service Award to honor their steadfast commitment to bettering the lives and well-being of others.

2021 PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS:



Dr. Matilde Castiel

Commissioner of Health and
Human Services for the
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Enmanuel "Manny" Familia '23

Police Officer for the City
of Worcester
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Christopher A. Koretski '16

Firefighter/EMT-Centerville-
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Stepping Up to Strengthen the Region's Behavioral Health Workforce



In the past decade, the demand for access to behavioral health services in Central Massachusetts has been rapidly increasing. According to a June 2020 Centers for Disease Control survey, 40.9 percent of respondents reported an adverse mental or behavioral health condition, including those who reported symptoms of anxiety disorder or depressive disorder associated with COVID-19.

This year, Anna Maria was awarded a multiyear federal grant of almost \$2 million to increase the quality and quantity of mental health practitioners and substance-use treatment providers in Massachusetts, particularly in high-need and high-demand rural areas. The funding will support the education and clinical practices of mental health counseling and social work students at the College. Anna Maria was the only college in Central Massachusetts to receive this award.

"In Massachusetts, there's a shortage of master's degree-level behavioral health professionals, particularly in rural communities where the demand for services is high," said John Pratico '09G, director of Psychology Programs and assistant professor of Psychology at Anna Maria. "This grant will help our students address the critical needs of communities in which they live and work."

The project, called Internships Need: Trainings, Experientials, Resources, Networks (INTERN), is designed to interest more students in behavioral health careers. The funding comes

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from the Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Program of the Health Resources and Services Administration. Through the grant, Anna Maria students in either the master of arts in counseling psychology

program or the master of social work (MSW) program will be eligible to receive a stipend, assistance, and interdisciplinary training to strengthen their competencies.

As director of MSW, Lenore Rust knows that many area residents are limited in their access to behavioral health care, primarily because of barriers such as healthcare costs, travel distances, and the shortage of licensed practitioners in their towns.

"Because so many of our graduates become part of the workforce in Central Massachusetts, this grant is very strategic in how it will strengthen the College's ability to prepare students for professional careers and bolster the region's behavioral health network," said President Mary Lou Retelle.

Pictured: John Pratico, '09G, MA, CAGS, PsyD, LMHC, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Director of Psychology Programs.

Stephen Wu, P'23

As an economist and college professor, Stephen Wu is well versed in the complexity of business models — and also able to explain them in the simplest of terms.

“When you go to a store, you know you’re paying above and beyond what it costs to produce the item you’re buying. But colleges don’t work that way,” he says. “In fact, the cost of educating a student is generally more than the full price of tuition, so they count on philanthropy as a source of revenue.” And for a small school like Anna Maria, he adds, every dollar — and every donor — makes a difference.

“When I think about philanthropy, I think about impact and need,” says Wu. “I’m inspired to give to Anna Maria College knowing that it’s a place where a gift of a thousand dollars, for example, can go a long way.”

Wu understands that for many families, including his, it can feel like a stretch, financially and philosophically, to make a gift on top of tuition. But he also recognizes the important role of participation as a way of building relationships, and habits. “Sometimes it’s just about getting into that spirit,” Wu says. This is a value he’s instilled in son Caleb ’23, a sports management major and soccer player, who also makes an annual donation to Anna Maria College — even just \$5 up to \$25 — as a show of support for the school and its mission, which is grounded in caring, community, and lifelong learning.

It’s a program that has served his son well. “He’s had the ability to study something he enjoys and has a passion for,” says Wu. “And because it’s a small institution, he can participate in intercollegiate athletics, which was a dream of his, too. It’s been such a positive and meaningful experience; being able to give is a way of acknowledging and showing appreciation for that.”

Wu and his family live in New Hartford, in upstate New York, not far from the campus of Hamilton College, where Wu teaches. And although he himself attended larger universities, as a parent and professor, Wu is a big believer in a small liberal arts education centered on the undergraduate experience. It ties into his reasons for giving: the power of a dollar and the importance of participation.

“I think about the difference between giving to big national organizations versus supporting a local homeless shelter,” he says. “Both very deserving, but when it comes to my



Stephen Wu, P'23 enjoying a visit to campus

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own philanthropy, I think about places that don’t have real deep pockets that can really use it. If fifty or a hundred parents each gave what they could afford, even the most modest amount, it would add up to a significant show of support for the school, its students, and its mission.

“Anna Maria tries to be as generous as possible with scholarships and aid,” he says. “And they’re able to do what they’re doing, in part, because of the generosity of others.”

Grace and Grit

Liz (Nolin) Martin '11, '13G and Adam Martin '11 at the ready to serve

These apples didn't fall far from their family trees: Adam's father was a fire captain in Putney, Vermont, and Liz's parents are both educators. "I guess you could say it's in our blood," says Liz.

Both Adam and Liz knew that Anna Maria was the right place to pursue their passions and career paths, and to grow as people. "Anna Maria makes sure you get every ounce of the education you deserve," Liz says, "and the challenging curriculum helps you become a critical thinker, even if you didn't consider yourself one."

"When I think about Anna Maria College," says Adam, "a couple of the words that come to mind are success and preparedness."

Liz agrees: "Anna Maria did a wonderful job preparing us for the real world, which is of course always changing," she says. "A big part of that was giving us the tools and the grace to get through life's challenges, whether that's a college research paper or the current pandemic."

As professionals on the front line during COVID-19, the Martins relied on tools and grace more than ever as life — and work — changed in an instant. For Adam, simple calls became far more complicated as responders took extra precautions, such as PPE and decontamination protocols. And although he found himself in new territory, Adam felt as ready as he could have been. "My fire and management classes at Anna Maria gave me an understanding of the preparation that goes into all sorts of emergency planning," he says.

"After teaching for seven years, the switch to remote learning was scary; there was so much uncertainty," says Liz. "Teaching is a hands-on job and it hurt so much not to be able to be with my students each day. During my time at Anna Maria, I learned that there are many types of learners, and it's my job to teach all of them, even during hard times."

During the pandemic in particular, Liz says, she has found comfort in a quote from Mother Teresa: "Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."



Liz (Nolin) Martin '11, '13G and Adam Martin '11 with sons Connor and Mason

*"I can't thank
Anna Maria enough for
bringing us together."*



"This is what I try to do with my students," says Liz. "And they give me love and happiness in return."

Family life is, of course, no different. "We're extremely faith based in all we do," says Liz. "Our children know they're loved, well protected, and well cared for. I believe it starts at home, and for those who may not have had it in their own life, Anna Maria is that home for all of us."

Liz and Adam credit the College for grounding them and giving them a start, both personally and professionally. "I can't thank Anna Maria enough for bringing us together," says Liz, "and for the careers we love. There are many people and professors who helped us get to where we are, and we're so grateful."

Doretha Frias '18, Luis Frias '83, and Luis Frias II '13

The Frias Family

Four Alumni, One Shared Experience



It's often said by those who work and study here that the Anna Maria College community feels like a family. But for the Friases, it's not just a feeling, it's also the reality — and has been from the moment Luis Frias '83 set foot on campus as a star basketball recruit in the late 1970s.

"I was in touch with the coach and I told him, 'I'll go if my brother can go, too.' After meeting Ray, Coach agreed," says Luis. "We were from New York City, so this was a totally different environment from what we were used to, but it didn't matter. We felt part of this community from the beginning, and were able to build lasting relationships."

Lasting relationships, and also a legacy: Luis's son and wife are also proud Anna Maria College alumni: Luis II '13 earned his BA in legal studies and Doretha '18, '19G earned both a bachelor's degree and a master's in social work. Daughter Brianna was also involved at the College, helping to teach and train the Anna Maria women's basketball team following her graduation from Providence College.

"Anna Maria received all of us with open arms and delivered on its promise of a good education, friendly people, and, for Ray and myself, the opportunity to build an athletic program," says Luis, who is still involved as an assistant women's basketball coach at the same college where he blazed a trail for other athletes, on and off the court. The Frias brothers are both members of the Anna Maria Athletics Hall of Fame, though sadly Ray '84 passed away in 2009. "Ray was a great roommate and teammate, and a big part of Anna Maria and the larger community," says Luis. "He's very missed."

A shared school experience brought this close family even closer, says Luis II, who transferred in as a sophomore. "I showed up and everyone already knew my dad," he says. "I was even given the same ID number, and my dorm room in Madonna Hall was directly above where he had lived." Both men also played basketball and were involved in residence

life, father as an RA and son, later, as an RD. "This connection was a special thing for our family," says Luis II, "and when my mom went a few years later, it was even more so."

Doretha had spent many years working in the health service field, but was ready to build on her experience and education. "It was my husband and son's love and passion for Anna Maria, the small class sizes, and the feel of home that inspired me to go," she says.

"Even though I wasn't a traditional student," she says, "my professors embraced and reassured me and made me feel like I belonged. They're true to their word that they care about us not only as students, but as human beings, too."

Today, Doretha brings that same support and empathy to her work as a clinical director at a women's substance-abuse program. "I learned from my professors

the importance of meeting people where they're at and being supportive without enabling them," she says. "Anna Maria College gives you the will to serve, to bring others up and be there for them the way they were for you."

Her son Luis II agrees: "It's a place where the students, faculty, and staff are all invested in making sure you're okay and thriving," he says. "I didn't know it then, but my time at Anna Maria was probably the most transformational period of my life and a big reason why I ended up in higher education myself." Luis II is assistant director for academic programs in the College of Engineering at Northeastern University, where his focus is on the recruitment, retention, and mentoring of underrepresented students in STEM fields.

"I'm so proud of Luis and Doretha," says the senior Frias. "For them to share the sentiments my brother Ray and I felt back when we were there means a lot. I've always said that Anna Maria is a little heaven between Rutland and Worcester. It's such a welcoming place that once you go there, it's almost impossible to break ties."

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72nd Commencement

Anna Maria College hosted its 72nd Commencement exercises on its beautiful campus, in Paxton, over the weekend of May 21 through May 23. Several ceremonies took place for the Class of 2021, by cohort, as well as one for the returning Class of 2020. The Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester, celebrated a Baccalaureate Mass for all graduates and their families.



Three honorary degrees were awarded. William B. Evans '95G, executive director of public safety, chief of police for Boston College and former Boston police commissioner, received an honorary doctorate of public administration. Evans was the featured speaker at Sunday's Commencement exercises. *New York Times* best-selling author and illustrator Jarrett J. Krosoczka was awarded an honorary doctorate of communications; he addressed students attending Friday and Saturday's exercises. And Rita M. DeRoy, SSA '68, an Anna Maria College trustee, received an honorary doctorate of business administration during Saturday's Commencement.

The College also conferred awards of distinction on three undergraduates: Class of 2021 members Ashley Gussiel Lopez, of Brighton, Mass. (the Bishop Timothy J. Harrington Award); Katelyn Marie Sable, of Epping, N.H. (the Sr. Yvette E. Bellerose Award); and Meaghan Rose Walsh, of Holden, Mass. (the Dr. Bernadette Madore Award).

72ND COMMENCEMENT



SAVE THE DATE ! COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND 2022

Commencement 2022 | Monday, May 9th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. | DCU Center in Worcester, MA

Baccalaureate Mass | Sunday, May 8, 2022, 5:00 p.m. | Anna Maria College campus

Congratulations

2021 Eastern Collegiate Football Conference Champions!



A LOOK BACK TO ANNA MARIA'S NCAA TEAMS



Top: 2021 ECFC Championship Football team

Above: 1996 Sweet Sixteen Men's Basketball

Bottom: 2013 NECC Championship Field Hockey

In Their Own Words

Athletics at Anna Maria — Past, Present, and Future

From croquet and half-court basketball to a turf field with football under the lights, athletics at Anna Maria have changed with the times. We asked some of the many people who have had a hand in the development of our program to talk about their memories and their hopes for the future.

A major part of the enrollment of any small college is the recruitment of student-athletes. These are athletes who are motivated in their sport but also involved in other meaningful activities, and it's really exciting to see.

**SERGE DEBARI, ATHLETIC
DIRECTOR 2016-19**

Our student-athletes are eager to compete and have a quality experience both on and off the field. We're working hard to create as many opportunities as possible for student leadership, community service, and academic success.

**JOSEPH BRADY '96,
CURRENT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

It's a little-known fact that back in the early 1960s we had a women's basketball team. Sister Antoinette Marie was our coach, we "girls" were still playing half court, as we weren't allowed to use the full court. Two dribbles only! As they say, we've come a long way.

FRAN CROWLEY HIRST '64

Our first team to compete was women's basketball. From the beginning, we told the kids, "You're going to take some hits and it won't be easy, but we're planting seeds for the future."

**STEVE WASHKEVICH, FIRST
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, 1977-97**

Through basketball, I've learned to be a leader and to set an example. I also know how important it is to have someone to look up to, and would love to be a model for young girls and show them that with hard work, anything is possible.

FRANNY HAMMOND '21 '22G

The main message is the same: You're here for four years, but you're learning valuable lessons on the field and on the court and in the classroom that will last you a lifetime.

**DAVID SHEA '93 ATHLETIC
DIRECTOR 2006-2011**

Spotlight on Athletics



CARL ST. PAUL '21 the football team's safety, is captain for the third consecutive season. A native New Yorker, he's now pursuing his MBA. "Carl St. Paul is a leader," says Dan Mulrooney, head football coach. "He's someone who does things the right way by example. He's a great student, a trusted community member on campus, and a fantastic athlete. During his five years, he's been instrumental in the turnaround of the program in so many ways. I'm very proud of his overall commitment and development."

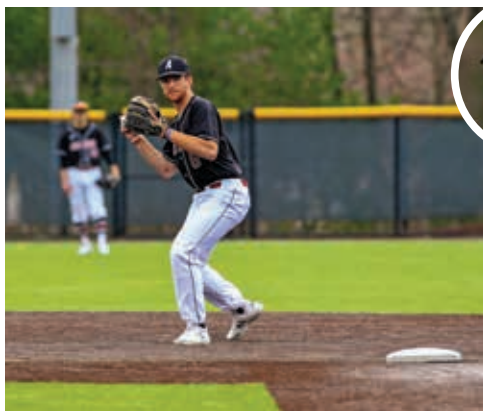
FRANCESCA "FRANNY" HAMMOND '21, '22G

has been named captain of the women's basketball team. An MBA student, Franny begins her final season on the AMCATS as a point guard, defending the AMCATS as a point guard. Her freshman-year record in assists still stands. Melissa Paulhus '97, head women's basketball coach, says, "Franny's contribution to our program can't be measured by statistics alone. Her dedication, commitment, and love of the game are unmatched, and we're blessed to have her. I'm in my first year as head coach, and I wouldn't have any other captain by my side."



KONSTANTINOS "KOSTA" DROSIDIS '22

who comes from Holden, is the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Academic All-Conference 2021 Player of the Year in baseball. As an infielder and right-handed slugger, he helped lead the AMCATS to a banner season and the top seed in the GNAC tournament. Kosta — the 2019 GNAC Rookie of the Year — was among the league leaders in multiple categories, slashing .391/.465/.682 with five home runs, nine doubles, four triples, 35 runs, and 33 RBI. Says Coach Dan Briand, "Kosta is one of the best baseball players ever at Anna Maria College. He's an even better person, though, and that's what makes me the proudest of all his achievements."



KEANNAH DUNSMORE '22 is captain of the women's soccer team. "Keannah is an exemplary student-athlete," says Lindsey Garvey, assistant athletics director and head women's soccer coach. "Her commitment, hard work, and approach to being a teammate are the reasons she was named 2021 co-captain of the women's soccer team. It's been a pleasure coaching Keannah, knowing she's consistently determined to improve on the field and excel in the classroom." A native of Georgia, Vermont, Keannah is double-majoring in forensic criminology and health science and was named to the GNAC High Honor Roll.



HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to the 2020 Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees

The year 2020 marked the seventh Anna Maria Athletics Hall of Fame class. We're pleased to welcome the five inductees who will join the ranks of the 26 current Hall of Fame members, who are athletes, coaches, administrators, and staff.

The Athletics Hall of Fame, established in 1993, recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves through their involvement in Anna Maria's athletics program and demonstrated outstanding character, leadership, commitment, and sportsmanship.

The 2020 Inductees

Matthew Brennon '04

Men's basketball

Meghan DePatsy '07

Women's basketball and soccer

Kelly Downey '05

Women's basketball and soccer

Ray Frias '84

Men's basketball, baseball, and soccer

Nancy Naroian

Retired Athletics Department secretary



To learn more about the 2020 Hall of Fame inductees, visit goamcats.com

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July 1, 2020–June 30, 2021

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“On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank you.

During this unprecedented year, your commitment to Anna Maria College has been transformational. As our students prepare to become changemakers in their communities, I want to express my gratitude for your generosity.”

John J. Spillane, Esq., Chair, Board of Trustees, Anna Maria College

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Welcome Our New Trustee

Diane Gould is President and CEO of Advocates, a human services agency which serves Central and Eastern Massachusetts. She brings over 30 years of expertise in community-based services which promote empowerment, inclusion, and economic and health equity. She is the recipient of the Association for Behavioral Healthcare's 2007 Robert A. Dorwart Award for Community Mental Health Leadership, the 2011 Deborah Blumer Community Health Leader Award from the MetroWest Health Foundation, the 2015 MassPRA Public Advocacy Award and The Providers' Council's 2020 Chief Executive Officer Award. She is a founding member of the MetroWest Mental Health and Substance Abuse Task Force, serves as a board member of several organizations including the Massachusetts Providers' Council and the Association for Behavioral Healthcare. She holds a Master's in Social Work from Simmons University and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Massachusetts Amherst with a concentration in English and Women's Studies.

A Message from...

Executive Director of Institutional Advancement Bridget M. Leung-Rogala '22G

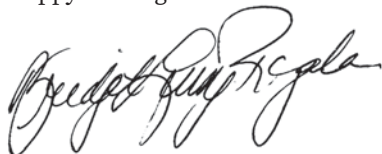
Following is our annual donor report. I think you'll be pleased to discover that your total gifts and pledges reached the \$510,000 mark in 2020–2021. I'm especially delighted that giving spanned the generations, from our 66th anniversary class to our newly minted graduates.

Gifts to the Annual Fund totaled \$380,466. The Week of Giving exceeded our goal: More than 575 of you participated — what a way to honor Blessed Marie Anne Blondin's birthday and the 75th anniversary of the founding of the College.

By all indicators, our momentum continues to build, and your generosity is the reason why. As we head into our 76th year of providing higher education, I'm profoundly grateful for the Anna Maria community, both the remarkable faculty, staff, and students here on campus and the alumni, parents, and friends who believe in and respond to the College's mission.

I look forward to updating you on more Anna Maria successes and to making some big announcements in 2022 — as well as completing my graduate program, in May, in the company of so many fellow students who have become friends.

Happy reading!




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Bridget M. Leung-Rogala '22G

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43

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Type	Amount
Unrestricted	\$ 510,126
Restricted	\$ 243,929
Grants & Foundations	\$ 524,500
Total	\$ 1,278,555

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