



ANNA MARIA COLLEGE

PARENT & FAMILY NEWSLETTER / AUGUST 2024



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We are excited to share the 2024-25 year with you and your students! Our family newsletter has information about upcoming events, important dates, and topics of interest for college families. We hope that you enjoy this issue - please reach out if you have any questions or comments.

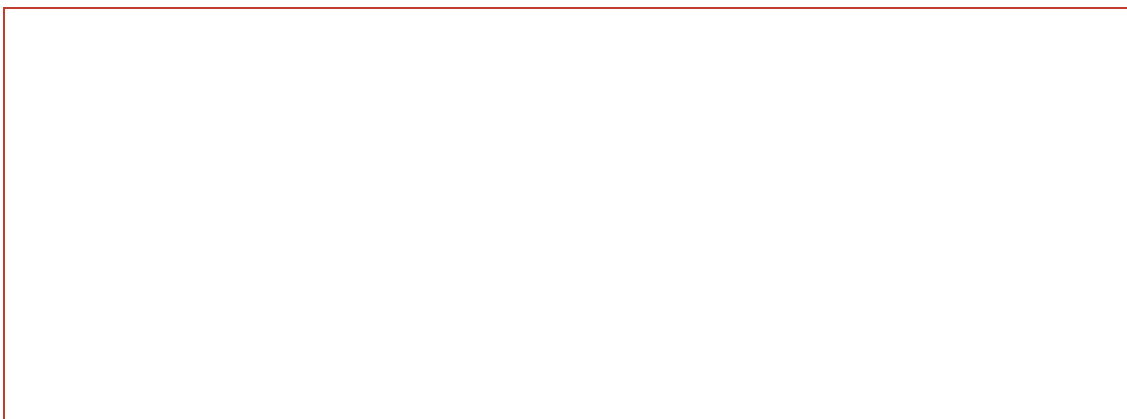
PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome to a new academic year at Anna Maria College!

This is an exciting time at the College as students return fresh from a summer vacation. I hope that as parents of an Anna Maria student, you will feel included in the mission and spirit of the College as the year unfolds. Your insights are always welcome, and I look forward to seeing you on campus for all of our family and friend events. Your ongoing participation is a meaningful way to support our students and the College. Thank you for your belief in Anna Maria, and I wish the entire community a successful year.

Mary Lou Retelle, President

SAVE THE DATE





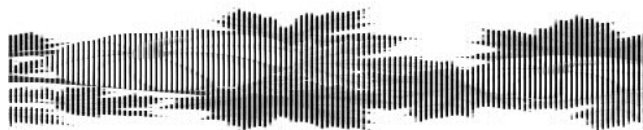
We have been diligently planning a series of events that will make this reunion, homecoming, and family weekend, truly special. We have put in considerable effort to curate a program that captures the spirit of Anna Maria College and fosters an atmosphere of camaraderie and nostalgia.

There are rooms reserved at the Hampton Inn & Suites Worcester. For hotel reservations please call 508.886.9005 or log on to the link below.

Please be sure to reserve your room before Tuesday, August 27!

Fall Fest Hotel Reservation Link

Full Schedule of Events



UPCOMING STUDENT EVENTS

GREETINGS FROM STUDENT AFFAIRS

On behalf of Student Affairs, I welcome you and your students back to campus for the Fall semester. We are excited to be preparing for the year ahead and looking forward to welcoming your students to new initiatives and programs. We will ensure that your students receive a "What's Happening" email. This includes all events, club & organization meetings and athletic events happening throughout the week. I would encourage you to ask your students about what they are attending and encourage them to get involved and try something new this year.

I look forward to seeing many of you on campus August 23rd - 25th for Welcome Weekend and again in late September for Fall Fest!

Go AMCATS!
Jessica

Jessica Eckstrom, Vice President of Student Affairs



Student Life is excited to welcome students back to campus and kick off the semester with a week of fun, information, and exploration!

Students will be busy getting to know Anna Maria better through engaging educational sessions, group break outs, and entertaining opportunities to meet new people. Some event highlights include a Football Scrimmage, a trip to a Worcester WooSox baseball game, programming in the residence halls, and the annual club & organization fair!

RECENT EVENTS

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Summer Orientation sessions, held in June and July, were a success! New students made new friends, experienced life at Anna Maria, and learned more about our academic programs, on campus resources, and how to get involved.



**WELCOME NEW
AMCATS!**



ATHLETICS

Keep up with our AMCATS student-athletes with these links!

[View the](#)



Athletics Master Calendar

**Watch Games
Live on AMCATS
Live**



**Check Out
Athletics News,
Schedules,
Results & More**

RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

NURSING & PARAMEDIC MEDICINE



Congressman James P. McGovern plans to be on campus early in the Fall Semester to celebrate the opening of Anna Maria's new Nursing and Paramedic Medicine facility. Last year, Congressman McGovern secured \$1 million in federal funds for Anna Maria to update its healthcare learning space. To maximize this investment of funds Anna Maria relocated the nursing lab and classrooms from Foundress to Miriam. Construction took place throughout the summer. Anna Maria is grateful to Congressman McGovern for making this project possible.

KEY CAMPUS OFFICES



Staff across campus are dedicated to helping your student be successful at Anna Maria College. Listed below are many of the offices that assist students when questions or concerns arise. Offices are open to all students, both resident and commuter. Encourage your student to stop by - we are always ready to help!

- **Student Academic Support Services (SASS)**, Trinity Hall East 1st fl.
- **Health and Counseling Center**, Trinity Hall East Annex
- **Student Life Office (Residence Life, Student Activities)**, Campus Center
- **Office of Diversity & Inclusion**, Foundress Hall
- **Campus Ministry**, Foundress Hall, Lower Level
- **Financial Aid & Student Accounts**, Foundress Hall
- **Registrar**, Foundress Hall

Staff may also be reached by phone or email using the directory link below.

RESIDENCE LIFE NOTES

New & Transfer Student Housing Assignments

Housing Assignments for the 2024 – 2025 academic year were sent to students' AMCAT email address, along with their roommate contact information, and other pertinent information starting on July 31, 2024. To make sure that you receive a housing assignment and the roommate assignment you prefer, please encourage your student to complete the [New & Transfer Student Housing Application](#) as soon as possible.

Move-In Dates

We are so excited to welcome new and returning students to campus this Fall! Below you'll find important move-in dates and information. Please note that if your student is attending preseason this fall, they should be following the move-in schedule provided to them by the Athletics Department & their coach.

- International Student Orientation & Move-In: Wednesday, August 21
- Last Chance Orientation & Move-In for Attendees: Thursday, August 22
- New Student Move-In: Friday, August 23
- Returning Student Move-In: Saturday, August 24 & Sunday, August 25

If you have not already, please check out the [Anna Maria College Packing List](#) for ideas on what to bring to campus to make your student's residence hall room feel like home away from home! Please encourage students to check their AMCAT email address regularly as we will continue to email them updates about move-in processes, check-in times, and coming to campus!

Meal Plans

Looking to change a meal plan? Students can change their meal plans over the Summer and through the first two weeks that meal plans are active each semester. To change your plan for the Fall 2024 semester please email reslife@annamaria.edu by September 4, 2024. After this date, students can change their meal plan starting during the Winter Break for the Spring 2025 semester.

Thanksgiving Recess: November 27- 29, 2024

- Residence Halls will close on Tuesday, November 26 at 5 p.m. and will re-open on Sunday, December 1 at 10 a.m.

Thanksgiving Airport Shuttle: November 25 & 26, 2024

- Leaving from outside the Campus Center at 8 a.m. (both dates) to Boston Logan Airport with a stop at Worcester Regional Airport. Please complete request form below; return trips on December 1 at 6 p.m. from Boston Logan Airport provided only with a reservation. There is no charge for the airport shuttle, but requests must be made by November 18 at 5 p.m.

Airport Shuttle Request

Winter Break: December 14, 2024 - January 14, 2025

- Residence Halls will close on Friday, December 13, 2024 at 5 p.m. and will re-open on Wednesday, January 15, 2025. Students will receive additional details by email.
- A Winter Break Housing Request form will be emailed to students prior to break. Break housing will be available on a limited basis; students with extenuating circumstances will be considered.

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IMPORTANT DATES

FALL SEMESTER SCHEDULE

- First Day of Classes: August 26
- Registration & Add/Drop: August 26-September 4
- Last Day of Classes: December 6
- Final Exams: December 9-13



Students may reach out to their advisor or the Registrar's Office with questions about their schedule.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY 2025



***FAMILIES OF GRADUATING
SENIORS - SAVE THE DATE!***

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

May 12, 2025

10:00 am

DCU Center, Worcester

- Plans are underway for our Class of 2025 Commencement Ceremony!
- More information will be emailed to Seniors and posted on our website in

STUDENT ACCOUNTS FALL REMINDER

The bills for the Fall semester are due by **August 1, 2024**. Students must pay their balance in full, OR secure a loan/aid for the balance, OR register for the college's monthly Payment Plan (and make their first monthly payment) by the aforementioned due date.

Students can view and pay their bills online, and grant their parents/guardians access to their account, and register for the monthly Payment Plan at the link below.

[Click here to view and pay online](#)

December.

- Please email us at the link below with any questions in the meantime.

**Commencement
Questions? Click
Here**



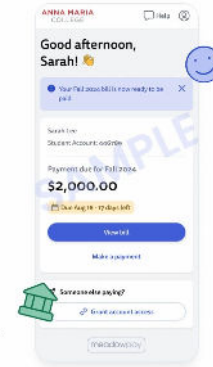
View and pay your bill online

<https://pay.annamaria.edu/>



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VIEW AND PAY YOUR
BILL ONLINE

Email: studentaccounts@annamaria.edu
Phone: 508-849-3425



STUDENT & STAFF PROFILES

**Meet Dr. Karin
Ciance, Nursing
faculty, and her
daughter, Karoline
Ciance, MBA '24**



Recently I was asked as a Nursing Faculty being on the open panel discussion at a Student Acceptance Day in April the question "What is my biggest success story?"

I replied, "My daughter, as I am a parent of not only a student that graduated from Anna Maria College with her undergraduate degree in 2022 but in 4 weeks, she will be also graduating with her master's in business administration."

Being a parent of a student and a member of the faculty, I truly gained a unique perspective of how the faculty in all departments genuinely want each and every student to be successful.

Dr. Karin L. Ciance DNP, RN
Tenured Associate Professor of
Nursing

**Click the button above to read more
of Karoline's story!**

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Academic Calendar 2024-25

Parent/Family Survey 2024

Campus Resource Directory

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