



Alumni eNewsletter

DR. SEAN J. RYAN VISITS CAMPUS



Anna Maria College
Names Dr. Sean J. Ryan
as Next President

On Thursday, April 3rd, please join Trustee Chair David Trainor for an in-person welcome event for our next President, Dr. Sean J. Ryan. The event will take place from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Jacques. Dr. Ryan will be on campus that day for this event and a separate welcome event with students.

This event will be an opportunity to hear from Dr. Ryan and engage in casual conversation. Refreshments will be served. Earlier during lunch in the Campus Center, Dr. Ryan will hold a meet and greet with students.

NATURE WALK AT ANNA MARIA

Nature Walk at Anna Maria

Join us on Saturday, April 5th at 1:30pm for a walk through Anna Maria's hiking trails!



Additional Info

Meet at the Soquet house. Please wear shoes you are comfortable walking in, a water bottle, and anything else you may need for a hike!

Join AMC Alum and Certified Forest Therapy Guide, Ernie Brooks '14 for a Forest Therapy Walk through the trails on campus at Anna Maria on Saturday, April 5, from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. We will meet on the grass behind Socquet House at 1:30pm for an introduction before beginning our wandering through the trail. More about forest therapy can be found meaningfully described by the Association of Nature and Forest Therapy at: <https://www.anft.earth/about/the-practice-of-forest-therapy>. This is in partnership with Student Activities.

ANNA MARIA COLLEGE SPRING CAREER FAIR

Spring Career Fair



Wednesday, April 9th
from 11-2 In Info Common

Professional Dress Is Encouraged
Bring Copies Of Your Resume

Sign Up Here!



2025 LAVIGNE LECTURE SERIES

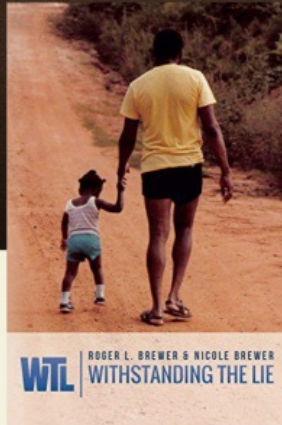


ANNA MARIA
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2025 LaVigne Lecture Series

Roger L. Brewer &
Nicole Brewer

Wednesday, April 9 at 4:30 p.m.
Information Commons



For many, bigotry and discrimination are inescapable. To live in a world in which a trip to the grocery store puts you in harm's way due to the color of your skin, the accent of your voice, or even the type of clothes you wear is hard for some people to fathom-yet it's not uncommon for many. Roger and Nicole Brewer take you on an emotionally strengthening exploration of self-encouragement and positive motivation. They have laid out a five-step course of action to better combat bigoted speech or any level of discrimination. Follow these five guidelines daily to strengthen your resistance, inside and out.

A book-signing and reception will follow the lecture. All are welcome to attend.



The lecture series is the legacy of Edith Mooney LaVigne '63, beloved Anna Maria alumna and Trustee.

Questions? Email kchampagne@annamaria.edu

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CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The International Students Advisory Board at
Anna Maria College, in partnership with local colleges, is inviting all to

A GALA TO BENEFIT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Food, drinks, & entertainment provided. Formal dress encouraged.

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, April 11th

*Information Commons at
Anna Maria College*



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THE 16TH ANNUAL ANNA MARIA COLLEGE GOLF TOURNAMENT RAFFLE



15-Person Catered Event by Sodexo

Must live 20 miles from the Anna Maria College Campus



Boston Getaway

Includes a \$500 gift card to Marriott Hotels



\$500 Worth of Scratch Tickets

A bunch of different varieties of scratch

We are immensely grateful for the unwavering support you have generously extended to Anna Maria College's annual golf tournament. Last year, we generated an impressive \$95,000, contributing to our shared mission. As we embark on another year, we are thrilled to set our sights higher with an ambitious goal of \$110,000. Your continued support will be pivotal in achieving this milestone and impacting our community. The proceeds of this event go directly to the scholarship fund. The success of this tournament is crucial for so many of our students. Today, nearly 40% of our students are the first generation in their family to attend college, and scholarships make this possible. In addition, 100% of full-time undergraduate students receive some form of financial aid.

By purchasing raffle tickets **(1 ticket - \$50 or 3 tickets - \$100)**, not only will you have the opportunity to win fantastic prizes, but you will also be making a meaningful difference in the lives of students who rely on financial assistance to pursue their education.

Drawing held on June 2nd during the Anna Maria College Golf Tournament Luncheon.

You do not have to be present to win!

Purchase Raffle Tickets

SUPPORT THE 16th ANNUAL ANNA MARIA GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 16th Annual Anna Maria College Golf Tournament presents an excellent opportunity for businesses to promote their brand while also supporting Anna Maria College's mission.

Purchasing a **Tee Sign for \$500.00** will allow you to showcase your business to a diverse corporate audience of participants and demonstrate your commitment to supporting the College and the development of future leaders in our community.

Another opportunity to get involved with the tournament is to provide giveaways to be included in the golfers' gift bags. This presents another fantastic opportunity for us to promote your business while enhancing the overall experience for tournament participants.

We are enthusiastic about the opportunity for you to participate in this prestigious event and align your business with Anna Maria College's mission and values.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the Anna Maria College community. Please let me know if you have any questions or need more information.

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WORCESTER COUNTY ST. PATRICK'S PARADE

2025 Worcester County St. Patrick's Parade- Anna Maria style. We had a blast! ☐

Thanks to all who participated. Special shout out to MAC the AMCAT (aka Julia Smith) and our amazing photographer, Gabby Vasquez! ☐





**PICKLEBALL EVENT RAISES \$1,000 FOR ANNA MARIA
RETENTION FUND**



Pictured above are Donna Potter Greenough '92 & Jodi Bush Bourassa '92.



On Saturday, March 29, 2025, the Anna Maria College Alumni & Friends PickleBall Event raised \$1,000 for the AMC Retention Fund. The Retention Fund helps provide Financial Aid for our students who need just a little bit extra to be able to return each semester. Thank you to Terri Gerhardt '84 & Shawn Conway '85 for organizing this event.

ALUMNI & STUDENT ART SHOW

2nd Annual Alumni & Student Art Show
Saturday, September 27, 2025, during Homecoming.
More details coming next month.
Start creating your masterpieces now!



RELIANT FOUNDATION PRESENTATION



Reliant Foundation presented a \$30,000 check to Anna Maria. Reliant has been a generous grant giver to Anna Maria's mental health programs, helping create career pathways for Anna Maria students to support the mental health and recovery needs of the region. We are grateful for Reliant's steadfast support.

Advantages of using your IRA to make a gift to Anna Maria!

A Beneficial Way to Make a Difference

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from an individual retirement account (IRA) is a well-established and popular way to give. If you are age 70½ or older, this option allows you to make a charitable gift and satisfy your annual required minimum distribution if one is due. Your gift does not qualify for a charitable income tax deduction, but no tax is due on the distribution. You can also use a QCD to create a lifetime income stream for yourself and/or your spouse.

IRA Basics

To understand the advantages of using your IRA to make a gift, it helps to remember the basics of how traditional IRAs work:

1. An IRA is a tax-deferred retirement account, meaning contributions within stated limits are tax deductible, and appreciation and earnings are not taxed until they are withdrawn.
2. IRA distributions are taxed as ordinary income (at a marginal federal tax rate as high as 37% in 2025).
3. When IRA owners reach age 73, they must take mandatory annual distributions or pay a penalty on any amount that should have been withdrawn but was not.

Uncomplicated Giving

If you want to support our work using your IRA assets, you could take your required distribution, pay the tax, donate the proceeds, and hope that the charitable deduction would be enough to offset the income tax due on the distribution. The QCD is a much simpler, more straightforward option that allows you to make a gift to us directly from your IRA, meet your distribution requirement, and pay no tax on the distributed amount.



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CONGRATULATIONS FIREFIGHTER JACKSON!



Congratulations to Fire Science program graduate Douglas Jackson '24, as a new member of the Dallas, TX Fire Department. Firefighter Jackson is part of the Dallas Fire Department's new Recruit Class which began in early March. FF Jackson was a member of the AMC varsity football team where he was a quarterback/defensive back. The California native was an Assistant Coach of the AMCAT'S Football team this past season. AMC is proud of you Doug. Here's wishing you much success at DFD.

Alumni Standouts

Colt Hagmaier '08- Chief Counsel (A) at FEMA
David Lima '13- President- John Paul II Catholic School
Elliot Kuzma '16- Assistant Director of Data Solutions at Liberty Mutual Insurance.
Michael Mitchell '06G- Adjunct Faculty at Nichols College
Stephanie Cammuso '14-Realtor at The Nest Group Realty
Todd Ames '06- Director, Senior Counsel at Dataminr
Dan Volovski '12- Fire Marshall- Town of Windsor,CT

Congratulations to all of our alumni for their amazing professional accomplishments!

**Have a new job, promotion, or other news?
Email us at: alumni@annamaria.edu**

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of
Alvin Toney Sr.'85, J. Louise Magaldi '65, Marilyn Atchue '84, Barbara Herlihy-Chevalier '87G

May Alvin, J. Louise, Marilyn & Barbara rest in peace.

Class of 2025 Senior Gift Special



Celebrate your achievement or your graduate's achievement and add your

message to our Legacy Walkway! The Class of 2025 can add their brick for \$20.25!

Giving as a gift – we will provide a certificate to present to the graduate!

In August 2017, Anna Maria's iconic gazebo was moved to the center of campus. The students saw a need to make the new location easily accessible and were inspired to create a personalized brick pathway to the gazebo. As their senior gift to the College, the Class of 2018 began efforts to sell bricks to students, alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and community members. We are currently working towards a new installation to the walkway in 2025. **Click the link below to purchase a brick!**

Legacy Walkway

ATHLETICS

2025 HALL OF FAME CLASS



Anna Maria College and the Athletic Department inducted the 2025 Hall of Fame Class on Saturday, March 22, 2025 on the campus of Anna Maria College. The inductees for the 9th Hall of Fame class included an outstanding group of individuals: Michael Cagle '86 (Basketball), Jennifer Hurley O'Malley '06 (Field Hockey, Basketball), Jeff Scafidi '12 (Baseball), Robert H. Small '14 (Football) and Raymond W. LeBoeuf, Jr. (Athletic Trainer, 1986 -2021). The 2025 Hall of Fame photo album is **here**.

Read More:

https://goamcats.com/Hall_of_Fame/HOF_2025_Induction

DEREK RAPOSO NAMED DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE



Earlier this month the MASCAC announced men's ice hockey All-Conference and Major Awards for the 2024-25 season. Senior defenseman **Derek Raposo** was named Defensive Player of the Year while also being named to the All-Conference First team while graduate forward **Matthew Gilbert** was named to the Second Team. Read More:

<https://goamcats.com/sports/mice/2024-25/releases/20250326danyx0>

JORDYN BLEANEY NAMED TO MASCAC ALL-CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM



Senior women's Ice Hockey player was named to the MASCAC All-Conference First Team after an historic season for the AMCATS. This season, Bleaney finished fourth in the MASCAC for points in a season with a career high of 21. She finished third in the MASCAC for assists in a season with 13 as a career high and was tied in sixth with overall goals in a season with 8 to complete the all-career high breaking year for Bleaney. Jordyn's performance this season placed her on the All-Conference First Team for the MASCAC. Read More: <https://goamcats.com/sports/wice/2024-25/releases/20250326hhyxcs>



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MONTHLY SCHEDULE



Composite Schedule - April 2025 - Anna Maria College



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the Advancement & Alumni Relations Team at Anna
Maria College!**



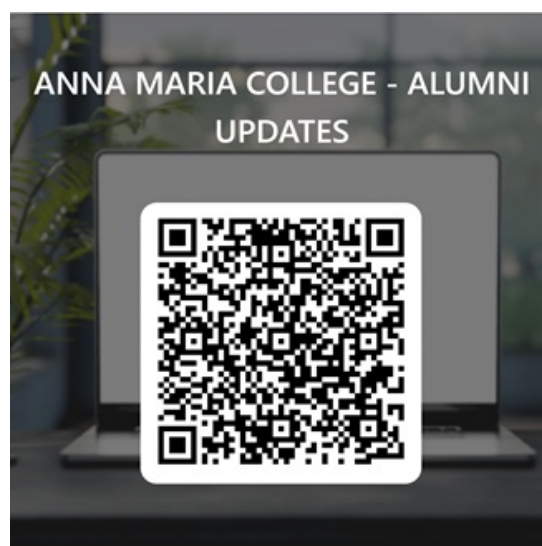
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