



## Alumni eNewsletter

### Emily Woodard '24 Uses Her Personal Experiences To Improve Others' Lives



Emily Woodward '24 was a transfer student focused on her goal of becoming a social worker when her former guidance counselor recommended Anna Maria College to her.

Anna Maria College's **Bachelor's in Social Work** checked off all the boxes that Emily was looking for: it was a commutable distance away from home, it had a small campus that fostered learning, and it had a BSW program that could streamline her into the MSW program...[read more](#)

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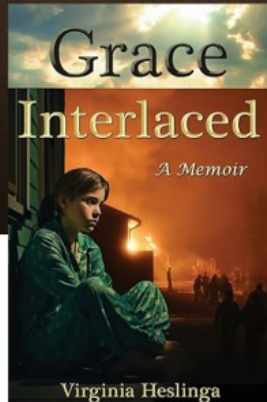
**Virginia Heslinga: Creative Writing Professor and  
Storyteller Slated as LaVigne Lecture Speaker**



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## 2024 Featured Author Virginia Heslinga

Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.  
Information Commons



Virginia Heslinga is known by generations of Anna Maria students as the writing professor who encourages her classes to discover their own writing styles and “voices” and to look at their own life experiences through the eyes of a storyteller. The author and a panel of Anna Maria Fire Science and Humanities faculty will discuss the book and its real-world implications.

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](mailto:kchampagne@annamaria.edu)

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## Anna Maria College Partners with MPTC to Bolster Public Safety Workforce Pipeline



Anna Maria College has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the **Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC)** to streamline the process for qualified Anna Maria seniors to enter an MPTC academy. This partnership is a significant step forward for aspiring law enforcement officers in Massachusetts, providing a clear educational path to a meaningful career...[read more](#)

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### **Thank you to our Women's Leadership Panel!!**

Speakers: Teradyne's Global Head of Talent Michelle Randall-Berry '91, Bay State Savings Bank Chief Community Engagement Officer Diane Giampa '88, Anna Maria's Head Women's Basketball Coach Melissa Paulhus '97, and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Chioma Ugochukwu.

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### **Looking To Visit Campus? Why Not Come To An Event!**

**4/10 - Academic Symposium**

**4/10 - Edith Lavigne  
Lecture featuring Virginia  
Heslinga**

**4/13 - Relay For Life of Anna  
Maria College**

**4/14 - Spring Production  
(Zecco)**





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**Did you know Anna Maria has a Podcast?**



**Check out the latest episode listed below!**

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## **Episode 23**

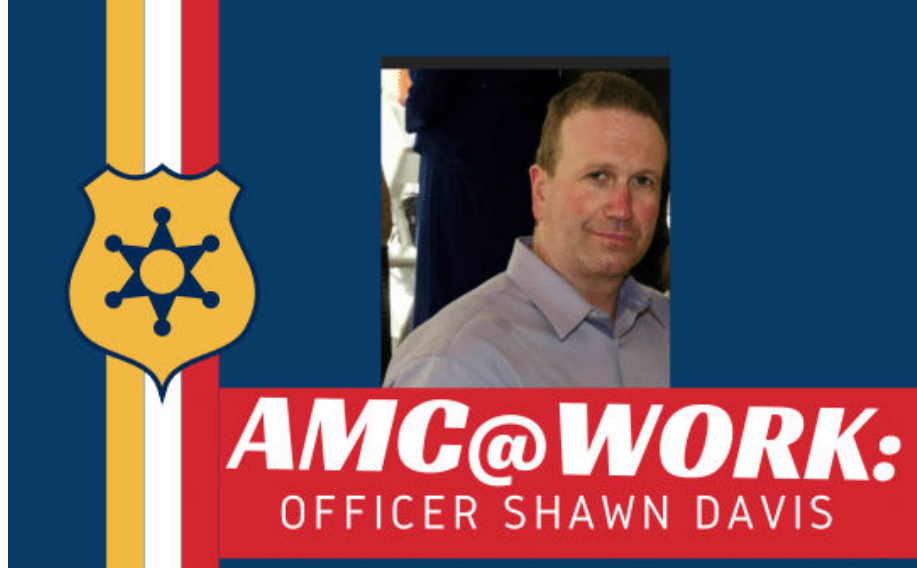
### **The AMCAST: Ghost Stories**

The English class is called Writing through literature. This AMCAST episode takes you into the classroom where first year students just completed their ghost stories unit and are reading their stories out loud for the first time. You'll experience how fun this class can be. Enjoy their stories and prepare to be scared.

**[Listen Now](#)**

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**AMC@Work: Shawn Davis G '23**



Police officer by day and crime writer at night, Officer Shawn Davis G'23 turns the notion of a stereotypical police officer on its head. Davis embodies what it is like to have a unique career filled with unexpected turns.

[Read More](#)

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## Anna Maria College Athletics 2024 Hall Of Fame Induction Recap!!



Anna Maria College and the Athletic Department officially inducted the 2024 Hall of Fame Class on Saturday, March 23, 2024 on the campus of Anna Maria College. The 8th Hall of Fame class included: Kylie (Dalbec) Perdomo '16, Tina (Oliveri) Seabury '07, and the 1996 Men's Basketball Team...**read more**

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## Class of 2024 Senior Gift Special



Celebrate your achievement or your graduates achievement and add your message to our Legacy Walkway! Class of 2024 can add their brick for \$20.24!

Giving as a gift – we will provide a certificate to present to the graduate! Bricks will be placed in early September, 2024 in time for Homecoming & Reunion weekend!

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 are 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 2024.

[Order Here!](#)

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## Why I Include Anna Maria In My Estate Planning



"There is a certain peace of mind that comes with an estate gift. It is comforting to know that when I 'go gentle into that good night,' I will also, through my gift, say a final thank you to an institution that paved the way for a happy and productive life."

- Suzane Chapdelaine Kelly '59

"I wanted to endow a scholarship at Anna Maria for a student in financial need, but the amount of money needed today was beyond my reach. What I've done instead is leave the College a portion of my estate to endow a scholarship in the future that will last forever."

- Elizabeth "Tad" Chickering '74

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# NAME THE PUB CONTEST

We need your help to re-brand the campus pub!

Please submit your entries using the code below.

Finalists will be selected by a committee and  
then the winning name will be selected by vote.



**CONTEST ENDS APRIL 25TH AT MIDNIGHT**



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**Hiring or Looking For a Job?**





**GREG WALTHER**

DIRECTOR OF CAREER  
SERVICES



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### *Alumni Standouts*

**Michael Rezkalla, '00** – Pawnee Mental Health Services - Chief Executive Officer

**Tammy Ragsdale-Pozerycki, '97G** – Clear Guidance LLC - Care Manager & Dementia Educator

**Kelly Lederer, '93G** - CVS Health - Representative II, RX Records

***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](mailto:alumni@annamaria.edu)**

### **In Memoriam**

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of

**Catherine Duvarney '72, Martha Lane Hughes Main '92G,  
Elizabeth Creedon '88G**

May Catherine, Martha, and Elizabeth rest in peace.



## **Head Men's Hockey Coach Dave McCauley Named Edward Jeremiah Award Finalist**



PAXTON, MA. - Anna Maria College men's ice hockey head coach David McCauley was named one of 12 finalists for the 2023-24 Edward Jeremiah Award, given annually to the Division II-III Men's Ice Hockey Coach of the Year.

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**Athletic News, Schedules, Results, and More!!**

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## **Student Loan Repayment Toolkit**

Along with a **report on institutional considerations**, the Resumption of Loan Repayment Task Force has created this Student Loan Repayment Toolkit. Easy-to-use resources were designed to help institutions and financial aid administrators communicate with borrowers as they begin transitioning back into repayment on federal student loans.

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Just got married? Had a baby? Got promoted? Let us know what you have been up to! Submit a class note for the Alumni Magazine or eNewsletter. Email [alumni@annamaria.edu](mailto:alumni@annamaria.edu), or call 508.849.3342.



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