



## Alumni eNewsletter

### Everything You Need to Know About Anna Maria's RN to BSN Program with Dean Cabrera '09



Dr. Emily Cabrera '09, Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences at Anna Maria College, is an alumna who built a successful career as a registered nurse and educator. Now, she prepares nursing students for meaningful careers. In her Q&A, Dr. Cabrera shares what sets Anna Maria's **RN to BSN program** apart and the impact it has on future nursing professionals.

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**Welcome Heather Ventresco!**



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Heather  
Ventresco!*



Director of Residential Life &  
Community Standards

Anna Maria College is thrilled to welcome Heather Ventresco as our new Director of Residential Life & Community Standards! With extensive experience in campus life and a global perspective gained through her travels, Heather is eager to bring fresh ideas to enhance the student experience. Her passion is to make Anna Maria College a warm, welcoming, and supportive home away from home for all students.

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## **From Canvas to Community: Anna Maria's Art Center Gallery Provides Educational Experiences**



Anna Maria College's Art Center Gallery is a vibrant hub for artistic expression, hosting artists from across the globe who bring their unique perspectives to campus. Through these exhibitions, students experience a rich array of art forms that foster critical conversations and broaden cultural understanding.

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## Giving Tuesday



# Time to give back.

*Support our Students, Spread Love*



This #GivingTuesday, make a lasting impact by supporting Anna Maria College! Your gift helps provide scholarships, enhance programs, and create opportunities for our students. Together, we can shape the future of education and empower tomorrow's leaders.

**Donate Today!**

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# New Mental Health & Wellness Center



President Retelle will be retiring at the end of the '24/'25 Academic Year after a decade of leading Anna Maria College as the Institution's 10th President. She has always been a President for the Students and truly cared about their well-being throughout her tenure. The Board of Trustees, Cabinet Members, and the Advancement Office have decided an appropriate way to honor her legacy would be to raise funds for our current Mental Health & Counseling Center. Wellness includes our emotional, physical, psychological, and social health. We want students to be able to access these services in a welcoming warm space. Services like a nurse, dietician, clinician, mental health counselor, and more are so important for our students.

We are already 10% towards our goal, to raise \$500,000+ to name this area on campus after President Mary Lou Retelle. Raising general use funds for the College is first/foremost priority during this challenging time for small colleges. We are urging donors to support the Annual Fund primarily, and if so inclined to also please join us in honoring such an important leader in the history of the college, while also making a difference for the overall well-being of our students.

**Thank You for your consideration!**



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## Training Future Paramedics: New Track and Space Expands Student Opportunities





Anna Maria College is educating the future leaders of public service. Whether through the development of new training programs or the creation of new learning spaces, Anna Maria College is always thinking of new opportunities and resources for our students.

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The Pantry provides food & hygiene products  
for Anna Maria students in need

## LOOKING TO HELP?

**Amazon Wish List  
QR code**



**Mac & Cheese cups**

**Grab & Go snacks**

**Personal care items**



Donation bins can be found in the  
Student Life Office and Campus Ministry Lounge

## KNOW A STUDENT IN NEED?

Share this QR code or link below



<http://tinyurl.com/AMCpantry>

A huge "Thank You!" to Price Chopper  
for a donation of \$500 towards the Food Pantry!

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**Save The Date!**



Come enjoy holiday cheer with fellow AMCATs and their families on December 12th. Complimentary Food, Cash Bar.

'Olo Pizza

40 Millbrook Street, Worcester, MA

5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Look forward to seeing you there!

[RSVP Here](#)

**An AMCAT Wedding!**





Left to Right: Paul Phillips, Shawn Conrad, Bailey Braga '19 '20G, Nicole (Damiani) Braga, Mike Burlas, Hayden Braga '21 '22G

Just Married? Click the button below  
and send us your pictures with fellow alumni!

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

## The AMCAST



# Conversation with Men's Soccer Captains

“Living moment by moment at your highest potential” is the mantra of Men's Soccer Head Coach Joe Dincecco and the team has taken these words to heart.

In this episode, we hear from team captains Valter Santiago and Iweka Iweka about how teamwork and leadership lessons from the field and in the classroom have equipped them with the resilience necessary to tackle life's challenges.

[Listen Now](#)

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## Why I Include Anna Maria In My Estate Planning



# Leave a Legacy

**Mission** – As a Catholic Institution inspired by the ideals of Sisters of Saint Anne, Anna Maria College educates students to become individuals who will transform their world as ethical leaders and community-oriented professionals.

The College's future mission depends in great measure on the continuing generosity of our alumni and friends. There are many ways to craft a special gift this season. Here are a few options below...

- A Charitable Bequest is an easy way to provide a lasting gift by leaving a Legacy at the College you love! Together, we can shape the future of Anna Maria College. If the institution is close to your heart...you can assign a percentage of your estate in your will to Anna Maria College. You can also list the College as a beneficiary of all or part of retirement plans, life insurance policies, or donor-advised funds. Others have given real estate, personal property, etc. The benefit to you is that your estate receives a charitable gift tax deduction at the time of the donation, and you make a big BIG difference for others, forever.
- An RMD is "required minimum distribution" and is the minimum money that you are supposed to remove for your retirement account annually at age 73. Making a gift to Anna Maria College can fulfill your RMD without getting taxed. At age 70 ½ you can start to donate.
- If you itemize your taxes, and amount you donate, you can write off any amount you donate to a non-profit organization like Anna Maria College which lowers your taxable income.
- If you did well in the stock market this year, some choose to donate appreciated securities. You can receive similar tax savings as above, and eliminate tax on the appreciation.
- If you have a DAF or Donor Advised fund you can designate Anna Maria College.

Want to learn more?

Contact Senior Philanthropic Office Ed Connor

Reach out to [econnor@annamaria.edu](mailto:econnor@annamaria.edu)

We are grateful for your support!



"There is a certain peace of mind that comes with an estate gift. It is comforting to know that the 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

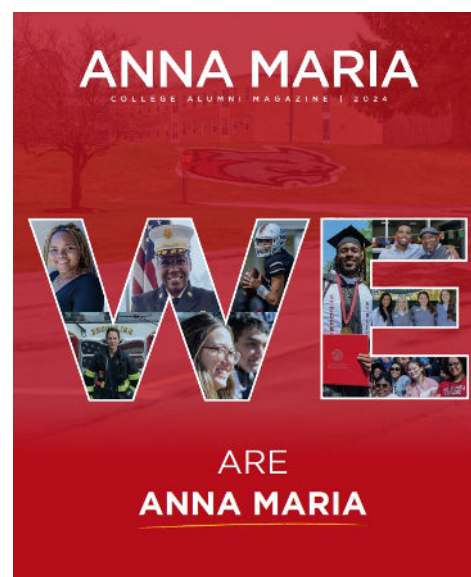
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## 2024 Anna Maria College Alumni Magazine

Did you get a chance to read the newest version of the Anna Maria College Alumni Magazine? If not click the button below to read the digital version!

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### Looking To Get Your MBA In As Little As 12 Months?

Anna Maria's campus and online graduate programs provide the expanded training you need to succeed in your career, and the depth of knowledge you're looking for as you continue your education...**read more**

#### *Alumni Standouts*

**Cara Rossi, '98G** – Ashland Police Department - Elected to the 3rd Vice President seat with the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association

**Lisa DeLeo, '05 '06G** – EG America- Manager of Corporate Recruiting

**John Marzec '21 '23G** - Old Republic Surety Company - Promoted to Contract Underwriter

***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

**Waldo "Wally" Lunetta '89G, Estelle (Page) Tobin '57, Gail Frieswick '84G**

May Waldo, Estelle, and Gail rest in peace.



# #GOAMCATS

## AMCAT Home Game Schedule

DECEMBER							2024
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
1 	2 Women's Basketball 6:00pm	3	4	5 Men's Ice Hockey 5:40pm	6 Women's Ice Hockey 5:40pm	7 Women's Ice Hockey 7:20pm	
8	9	10	11 	12	13 Men's Ice Hockey 5:40pm	14 Men's Basketball 1:00pm	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25 	26	27	28	
29	30	31					

## The AMCAT Challenge



This is our Athletic Department's annual fundraising campaign when our athletics programs compete against each other to raise funds for their specific programs. We look to enhance the student-athlete experience, by investing in new competition opportunities, increased support staff, or new training equipment. Your support helps our teams address their need and pursue championships! We need YOU to consider making a gift to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual AMCAT Challenge, and to help us reach our goal of \$30,000!

[Donate Today](#)

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## Save The Date!





**VS**



***ALUMNI GAME***

**FEBRUARY 15, 2025**

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

**[goamcats.com](https://goamcats.com)**

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**Thank You, from  
the Advancement & Alumni Relations Team at Anna  
Maria College!**



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Group?

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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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