



## Alumni eNewsletter

### A legacy continues: Luis Frias II '13 new Director of DEI in Boston



Recently appointed as the new Director of DEI at the City of Boston Planning Department, Luis Frias II '13 reflects on how his time at Anna Maria College laid the foundation for the purposeful career he has today.

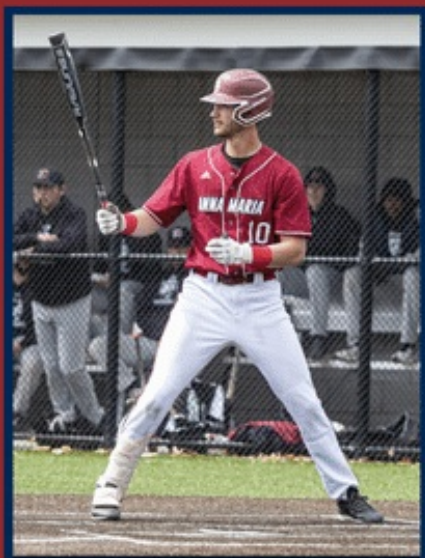
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### Health Science goes behind-the-scenes at BC



This month, Marino Vedova (a junior in the Health Science Department) met with the strength & conditioning staff at Boston College. As part of his degree program, Marino is completing a Directed Study in Principles of Strength Training under instructor Dan Kenary, MS, CSCS, who has been using his extensive network of professional contacts to advance Marino's education and training. Marino got a behind-the-scenes tour of the facilities and was introduced to Russ DeRosa, the head strength coach, who has earned 4 national championships for hockey during his tenure with BC.

## A Career Dream Come True: Jason Shell '21



Jason Shell '21



Jason Shell '21 always knew he wanted to become a firefighter. When the Sandwich resident began his college search, he was immediately impressed with the opportunity available at Anna Maria College. The reputation of the challenging Fire Science program combined with becoming a Baseball recruit allowed Jason to grow as a student and an athlete. In 2021, Jason graduated with his bachelor's degree in **Fire Science** and a minor in **Emergency Management**. After graduation, Jason decided to return to Anna Maria to continue his education in the **Master's in Public Administration program**.

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## Anna Maria College Alumni Secures Hail Mary Ball for The Commanders



"I just had my hands on my head in awe, and I saw everyone running around. I saw Noah [Brown] drop the ball, and my instincts just kicked in," said equipment intern Drew Sinclair.

Sinclair's instinct was to sprint to get the precious Hail Mary ball that Brown had dropped as everyone celebrated. In the mayhem of the moment, the intern embodied a value that's been preached all around him and seized a chance to help his team in a small way.

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**Join us for a highlights tour of the Worcester Art Museum!**



Sunday, November 3rd from 10:30 to 11:30 am. Admission to the museum is free on the first Sunday of every month and the tour will be guided by Martha (Krom) Chiarchiaro, '78, '85. After receiving her BA from Anna Maria College in Art History and English Lit, Martha completed her MA in the History of Art from Williams College. Martha has provided tours of the Worcester Art Museum for more than thirty years and looks forward to sharing with alumni the history of the Worcester Art Museum and highlights of the European and American collections.

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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

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<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!

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**An AMCAT Wedding!**



Left to Right: (Back Row) Niki Harvell '14, Professor Linda Nolin , Joe Jorge, Ashley Kent (Tutor), Dr. Rob Pejewski, Jeffrey Frizzell '15, Brianna Spelman '14 '24G, Tiffany Thibodeau '14, Deacon Jack Franchi (Front Row), David (DJ) Derro, Jr., Sloane M. Perron '15, Professor Travis Maruska, Professor Jim Bidwell, Dr. Lisa LeBlanc

Anna Maria College Manager of Marketing Communications and Class of 2015 alumna, Sloane M. Perron, married David (DJ) Derro, Jr. on September 22, 2024. The couple were the third generation to wed on this day with the bride's grandparents celebrating their 62nd anniversary and her parents celebrating their 40th anniversary. The wedding was full of Anna Maria College spirit with Anna Maria alumni and faculty celebrating together. Anna Maria's College Chaplain and Dean of Mission Father Steve Lundrigan and Deacon Jack Franchi presided over the church ceremony.

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## The AMCAST





## Teamwork with Mike Burlas and Paul Phillips

Teamwork and character building are two attributes of the Anna Maria student experience. In this AMCAST episode we hear from two legendary Central Mass coaches – Paul Phillips and Mike Burlas – as they share their wisdom about succeeding in college, practicing good sportsmanship, and living a worthy life.

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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 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 Chapdeline 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."

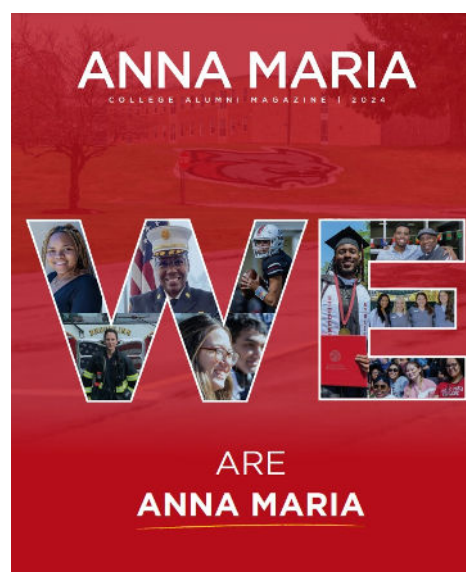
- Elizabeth "Tad" Chickering '74

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

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### ***Alumni Standouts***

**Annick Nzambimana, '95** – Pacific Community - SPC - Grants and Collaborations Manager

**Thaddeus J. Soltys II, '03** – Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority- Director of Risk Management (Property)

**Alex Angelo '20** - Math Teacher 6th-8th Grade - Venerini Academy

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

**Have a new job, promotion, or other news?  
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### **In Memoriam**

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

**Linda Ricciardi-Gazel '82, Edward Hebert '93G, Paul Guilmette '83G,  
Thomas Reney '90G, Judith Leary '84G**

May Linda, Edward, Paul, and Thomas rest in peace.

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# #GOAMCATS

## AMCAT Home Game Schedule

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

## 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!

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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.

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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