

December 2020

@Anna Maria College *Alumni E-Newsletter*



Wishing all of our alumni a
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Faculty Standouts



Congratulations to Professor Achu Johnson Alexander, whose article "***A Transdisciplinary Approach to Student Learning and Development in University Settings***", co-written with Nancy Budwig of Clark University, was recently published in *Frontiers of Psychology*.

[Read the article here](#)

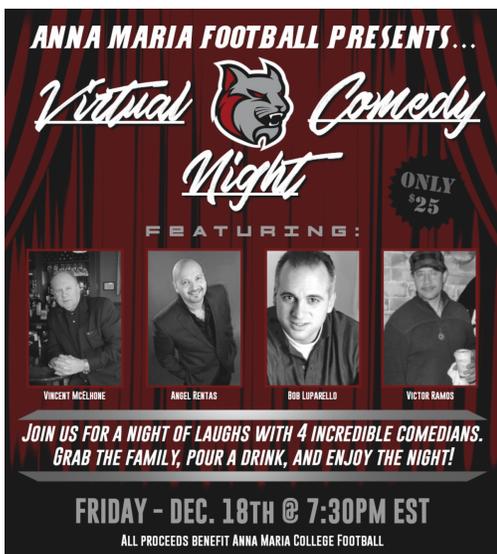
Congratulations to Marc Tumeinski, Assistant Professor of Theology and Program Director of Graduate Theology, for his reflection, "***Sowing Seeds of Peace***," recently published

in the Catholic Free Press.

[Read the article here](#)



We are pleased to announce that Anna Maria College has once again been chosen by the Reliant Foundation as a Community Grant award recipient in their most recent 2020 grant cycle. This funding will support continued education and training through the College's SOBER (Substance Use, Outcomes, Barriers, and Efforts to Recovery) Project.



There is still time to register for the Virtual Night of Comedy

Please join us on Friday, December 18th at 7:30 pm

[Register here](#)

All proceeds to benefit the Anna Maria College football program.

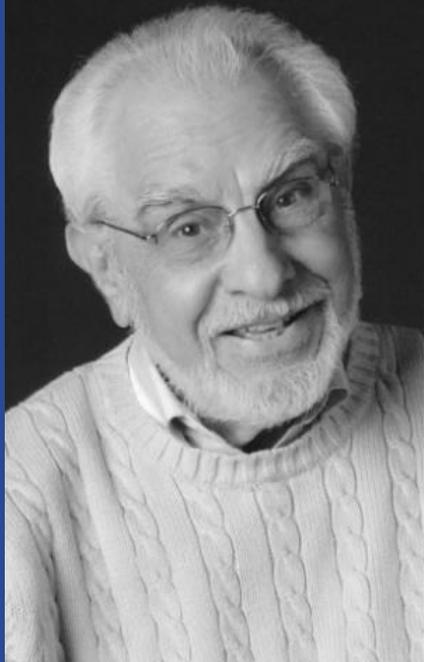


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Ralph A. Parente
former Art Department Chair

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Ralph Parente. Ralph was the chair of the art department for nearly 30 years. He began his



teaching career in Socquet House, the first space on campus for studio classes and art exhibits.

Affectionately known to many as "Mr. P.," Ralph was a steadfast mentor, colleague, and friend to Anna Maria's Art community, ushering hundreds of students into professional careers.

At the time of his death, Ralph was still teaching at Quinsigamond Community College. He had a long life, well lived. May he rest in peace.

Want some Anna Maria swag while supporting the College?

75th Anniversary Calendar - \$10 each

Anna Maria logo-ed red plaid flannel lounge pants - \$30 each

Ultimate Care Package - calendar, 1 pair lounge pants, face mask, sticky-note pad, pen, and hand sanitizer - \$50 each

To order by phone, or for more information, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at (508) 849-3341.

A portion of your order will benefit the Anna Maria Fund which supports all aspects of the College.



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Tips on Charitable Contributions: Limits and Tax Breaks

As we head into the final month of 2020, please take a moment to review some information regarding charitable contributions. Read the article [here](#).

If you have not already made a donation to Anna Maria College, we encourage you to make a donation today! Whether it is \$10 or \$10,000, your gift has an immediate impact for the College. Thank you for your support!



New Year's Resolution: GET YOUR GRADUATE DEGREE!

With the New Year approaching and resolutions being top of mind, may 2021 be the year that you decide to start your graduate studies en route to advancing in your career...and may Anna Maria College be the place where you return for that journey!

PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR SPRING: January 15, 2021

SPRING CLASSES BEGIN: Week of February 8, 2021

Anna Maria alums receive a 20% discount off of graduate tuition!

To apply, go to <https://apply.annamaria.edu/apply>

GRADUATE EDUCATION FOR THE HEALTH AND SERVICE PROFESSIONS

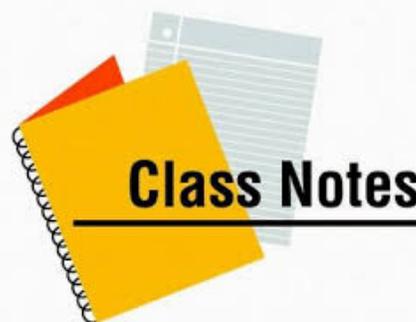
- Business Administration
- Counseling/Psychology
- Criminal Justice
- Education
- Health Emergency Management
- Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- Pastoral Ministry
- Social Work

Click here for more information on Anna Maria's graduate program offerings.

Further questions? Contact Paul Vaccaro, Associate Vice President for Enrollment,
at pvaccaro@annamaria.edu or (508) 849 - 3482



Alumni Memorial Mass



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The City of Worcester has hired

Each month a Mass is offered in honor of Anna Maria College alumni/ae, living and deceased, in Madore Chapel.

Because no visitors are allowed on campus at this time, we encourage all to attend Mass at their home parish or via online resources each month on the date of the Alumni Memorial Mass.

The December Memorial Mass will be held on Monday, December 21, 2020 @12pm

If you have any questions or would like to add someone to the prayer list for an upcoming Mass, please contact the Alumni Office at 508-849-3298 or alumni@annamaria.edu

Stephanie A. Williams '12, '14G as the new Chief Diversity Officer. Ms. Williams most recently served as Assistant Director of the Department of Transitional Assistance; **Lauren Dummer '19** recently accepted a position as a part-time museum educator with Old Sturbridge Village; **Kaitlyn (Shinney) Farina '19G** has been selected as one of the Labor Ambassadors for the 10th annual Irish Labor Awards; **Lori Nelson '91** recently published a collection of poems entitled "Compass Rose." Lori has generously donated two signed copies of her new book to the Anna Maria library and is offering them to alumni at a discounted price. The books won't be available in retail stores until 2021 but can be purchased now directly from Lori at finnsisu6@gmail.com. Thank you Lori!

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of **Mary Jane (Horton) Dacri '68, Ralph A. Parente, Jr. - former Chair of the Anna Maria Art Department, and Beverly (McDermott) Gorman '53.** May they rest in peace.

Class Agents

Class of 1965 - Joan Friel Cronin - jmfcronin@gmail.com

Not hearing much news from classmates - please send me your updates!

Class of 2019 - Jerica Washington - jdWASHINGTON@amcats.edu

Jerica would love to connect with classmates and share your updates. You can reach Jerica at jdWASHINGTON@amcats.edu

We are always looking for Class Agents - if you are interested, please send an email to alumni@annamaria.edu

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