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Alumni E-Newsletter

Anna Maria Recognized for COVID-19 Safety

Anna Maria College is being recognized for its best practices and safety planning in response to COVID-19.

Vice President for Student Affairs and Retention, Drew Klein, was invited by the President of AICUM, (Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts) to represent small colleges at the Higher Education COVID-19 Testing Protocols/Response Webinar in December. He shared how Anna Maria is increasing campus compliance with COVID-19 protocols and what is being done differently this Spring with more than 200 representatives from colleges throughout Massachusetts.

Michael Miers, Vice President for Administration and Chief Information Officer, was recently interviewed by the Worcester Business Journal about enhanced safety measures to protect against coronavirus and some of the permanent changes on campus. Read the WBJ article [here](#).



CLASS OF 2021

COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND • MAY 21–23

CLASS OF 2020 CEREMONY TO BE HELD MAY 23rd

annamaria.edu/commencement

Click [here](#) for more information

In adherence with Anna Maria College's Covid-19 protocols and the CDC guidelines, attendance at the Commencement ceremonies will be extremely limited; however, the

ceremonies will be live-streamed so that family and friends may watch from the safety of their own homes.



Did you miss our virtual cooking demonstration on February 11th?

We have recorded this special event so that you can watch it any time.

Bon Appetit!

[Watch it here!](#)



Justice and Peace

By Marc Tumeinski, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Theology and Program Director of
Graduate Theology

Recent events in the Capitol and across this country were a stark reminder of the fragility of peace, and the necessity to search for truth and work toward real justice. This is not only a political challenge but one that calls on each of us individually and in concert with others to build up peace in our own social circles, in our local communities, in this country and even around the world.

Where can we start?

Throughout this academic year, Anna Maria College is concentrating on the mission-related value of justice and peace - acknowledging our place within the world, the College emboldens our students to identify injustices and to contribute peaceful solutions to those injustices. ***Read more***



The Alumni Board of Directors is currently seeking new members. The Alumni Board serves in an advisory role to the Office of Institutional Advancement, focusing on alumni engagement, program enhancement, and as ambassadors to help communicate key messages from the College.

Members serve a two-year term, renewable up to three times. The Alumni Board meets three times annually and members are expected to be actively involved with the Anna Maria alumni community.

If you are interested, please contact Patty Shaffer at pshaffer@annamaria.edu.



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Save the Date History of Anna Maria Athletics Webinar March 14th 3:00 p.m.

In honor of Anna Maria College's 75th Anniversary, you are invited to join us for a webinar discussing the History of Anna Maria Athletics.

Our distinguished panel will include:

- President Mary Lou Retelle
- Joseph Brady '96 - Director of Athletics
- Steve Washkevich - Anna Maria's First Director of Athletics (1977-1997)
- Paul Phillips - Former Head Men's Basketball Coach (1986-1996) and Current Assistant Athletic Director for Alumni and Community Engagement
- Melissa Paulhus '97 - Head Women's Basketball Coach
- Sharon Zenevitch '84 - Former Field Hockey (1991, 2000-2003, 2011-2015) and Softball Coach (2000-2003)
- Shawn Conrad - Head Men's Basketball Coach and Assistant Athletic Director

Moderator: Mike Burlas, Assistant Athletic Director for Athletic Development/Member of the 75th Anniversary Committee

Learn how Athletics has evolved over the years and about some of the exciting things to come.

**Please plan join us on Sunday, March 14th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Registration details will be available soon!**

Sarah Merrill Named Women's Lacrosse Coach

The Anna Maria College Athletic Department and Director of Athletics Joseph Brady '96 recently announced Sarah Merrill as the next Head Women's Lacrosse Coach. She will also serve as a member of the field hockey staff, primarily assisting with recruiting. Read the article [here](#).



The number of U.S. adults who have a master's degree has doubled over the past two decades.
-U.S. Census Bureau

Are you interested in becoming part of this growing group of working professionals who are positioning themselves for career marketability, stability and advancement in today's unpredictable business environment?

If so, consider returning to Anna Maria College to start your graduate program and receive a **20% Alumni discount off of tuition!**

In addition, AMC alums are privy to a streamlined admissions process that includes:

- No test scores required
- We retrieve your AMC transcript
- Your \$40 application fee is waived

**Currently accepting applications for the Summer and Fall 2021 terms.
To apply, go to <https://apply.annamaria.edu/apply>**

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Further questions? Contact Paul Vaccaro, Associate Vice President for Enrollment,
at pvaccaro@annamaria.edu.



Alumni Standouts

Katie Schebel Chicoine '12 has started an artisan subscription box service that helps to create awareness and show support for local small businesses. Katie is offering monthly subscription boxes that are filled with self care products for men and women that are sourced from small businesses. She encourages all alumni to check out her subscription boxes at barebeautygirl.com and would love to connect with any alumni that have a small business product for a subscription box. Great job Katie! Congratulations to **Karen Ares '00G** for being recognized by the Worcester Business Journal as one of the '21 People to Meet in 2021.' Karen is the Executive Director of the Blackstone Valley Education Hub in Whitinsville, MA. **Robert O'Brien '19, '20G** was recently sworn in as the new fire chief in Haverhill, MA. He has been a Haverhill firefighter since 1994 and served as deputy fire chief for the past 11 years. Congratulations Chief O'Brien! **Bobby Perette '20** started his new position as a Bruins Broadcast Associate at NESN in January. We look forward to watching your career with NESN take off! **Brian K. Rand '11**, just released his first book, "Rise of the Emergency Manager: Restructuring Emergency Services in a Time of Civil Unrest." This is the first of a three-part series encompassing emergency management planning, identifying and defining new forms of terrorism, and first responder and military veteran suicide. Available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble, please consider picking up a copy to show support to a fellow alumni. Congratulations Brian!

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of the following alumni:
**Mary Jane Campbell Wilson '69, Sister Rollande Ferland SSA '60, and
Paula Daigneault Aldrich '67.**

May they rest in peace.

Upcoming Events

CJ Speaker Series - Careers in Probation
2/23/21 @ 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Register [here](#)

Criminal Justice Virtual Open House
2/24/21 @ 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Register [here](#)

CJ Speaker Series - Careers in Criminal Investigations
2/25/21 @ 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Register [here](#)

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