

April 2021



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*Alumni E-Newsletter*

**Edith Mooney LaVigne '63**  
**Lecture Series**



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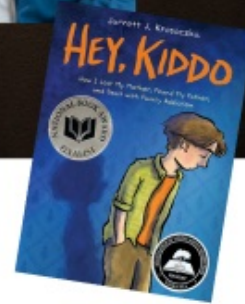
The Edith Mooney LaVigne '63  
Lecture Series 2021 Featured Author

## Jarrett Krosoczka

Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

A Virtual Event

While this lecture is open to the public, registration is required. Please visit [https://annamaria.formstack.com/forms/lavigne\\_series\\_jarrett\\_krosoczka](https://annamaria.formstack.com/forms/lavigne_series_jarrett_krosoczka) to register and receive the ZOOM link for this virtual event.



A 2021 honorary degree recipient and New York Times best-selling author and illustrator Jarrett J. Krosoczka first spoke publicly about his mother's addiction to heroin and his childhood growing up with his grandparents in a widely shared TED Talk. *Hey, Kiddo*, Jarrett's celebrated graphic memoir for young adults, digs deeper into his childhood and teen years, a period of time in which art became a lifeline and a way to process his mother's battles and the absence of his birth father. Learn how Jarrett created this deeply heartfelt memoir through research, revisions, courage, and a unique artistic process.



This lecture series is the legacy of Edith Mooney LaVigne '63 a beloved alumna and Trustee.



APRIL 18-23

ANNA MARIA COLLEGE  
**WEEK** OF  
**GIVING**

LUX ET VERITAS



**Our annual Week of Giving is off to a great start!** On Sunday, we kicked off the week with Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin's birthday. We'll end the week on Friday, April 23 - our founding day!

To honor the sisters of Saint Anne and in celebration of this milestone anniversary, the Board of Trustees has issued a challenge: Members have pledged a total of \$75,000 if we receive 575 gifts!

Participating is easy! Call 508-849-3341; or donate online [\*\*here\*\*](#); or mail your check to: Anna Maria College, 50 Sunset Lane, Box K, Paxton, MA 01612

**Let's meet this challenge!**





# UNMASKING THE MANY FACES OF IMMIGRATION

ANNA MARIA COLLEGE  
VIRTUAL SOCIAL WORK CONFERENCE  
HOSTED BY THE BACHELORS OF SOCIAL WORK CLASS OF 2021  
APRIL 30, 2021 9:00AM-12:00PM  
[HTTPS://ANNAMARIA.FORMSTACK.COM/FORMS/SOCIALWORKCONFERENCE](https://annamaria.formstack.com/forms/socialworkconference)  
2 SOCIAL WORK CEU'S  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: SHEREKA JOHNSON-BEAN



Passionate about philanthropy, immigration, and racial and social justice, Shereka Johnson-Bean, Department of Children and Families and student of Anna Maria College, will share her story of immigration from Jamaica to the United States.

## Anna Maria Students Place in National Association of Teachers of Singing Competition

Many congratulations to our talented Music Students **El Bowen & Chloe Panico** (students of Prof. Julie Krugman) who were awarded 2nd Place in Musical Theater Performance & 3rd Place in Classical & Musical Theater Performance in the New England Regional Round of the NATS (National Association of Teachers of Singing) National Student Auditions. As top-5 finalists El & Chloe will now advance to the National rounds of the Competition which will culminate in 15



students from across the US and Canada from each category moving to the National Semi-Finals. This is a very exciting opportunity for our Anna Maria students & the Music Department. Read more [here](#)

[Watch EI's video here](#)

[Watch Chloe's video here](#)



**NCAA Division 3 Week: Student-Athletes Discuss The Impact of Playing a Sport at the D3 Level** - read more [here](#)

**GNAC Announces 2020-21 Athletic Training Staff Awards of Recognition** - read more [here](#)

### SAVE THE DATES

AMCAT Alumni and Friends Golf Classic: October 18, 2021

AMCAT Homecoming/Reunion Weekend: Saturday, October 23, 2021

### AMCAT FEATURES

AMCAT Podcasts

More Than Just An Athlete

First-Year Spotlights

AMCAT Rewind

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**Master's degree holders earn an average of 19% more in annual wages than bachelor degree holders.**

*- Bureau of Labor Statistics*

### GRADUATE EDUCATION FOR THE HEALTH AND SERVICE PROFESSIONS

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- Counseling Psychology
- Industrial/Organizational Psychology
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- Education • Social Work

*Plus Graduate Certificate Programs in 15 areas of study*

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**20% Alumni discount off of tuition!**

No test scores required  
We retrieve your AMC transcript  
Your \$40 application fee is waived  
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**Click here** for more information on AMC's graduate program offerings.

Further questions? Contact Paul Vaccaro,

Associate Vice President for Enrollment,  
at [pvaccaro@annamaria.edu](mailto:pvaccaro@annamaria.edu).

Consider highlighting products or services, sales or promotions, personal bios, and more. Use images that complement your message, and link your images to supporting resources.



### Alumni Standouts

**Michael Wynn '01G**, Chief of the Pittsfield Police Department since 2007, was recently appointed by Governor Charlie Baker and Attorney General Maura Healy to the new Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission, a new state commission tasked with shaping policy changes for police officers throughout Massachusetts; **Eric Duval '01, '05G** started a new job at Pfizer as a member of the Pfizer Global Capital Project Safety Leadership Team; **Kevin Bugingo '11G** recently accepted a job at StudioC in Phoenix, AZ as an Engagement Specialist; **Mary Rose Moodie '12** is working at Lahey Heath as a Medical Social Worker; and **Belkys Stallings '04, '05G** was recently promoted to Director of Training and Diversity Initiatives at Security First Insurance in Ormond Beach, FL. Congratulations to all our alumni on their recent professional successes.

### In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of the following members of the Anna Maria community: **Jack Kramarz '77G, Peter Rotando '97, Paul Crehan '85, Jeanne Marie Tetreault Gibbard '66 and William J. Brady '76.**



Anna Maria is in a whirl of activities to commemorate the founding of the College 75 years ago. But there's another important anniversary approaching: It's been 20 years since the events of 9/11 and the tragic loss of life associated with them. Under the leadership of Deacon Jack Franchi '11, '12G, a special committee is making plans to commemorate this national tragedy with the attention and respect it deserves. We're calling it Operation Patriotism - 9/11 Tribute, to be held on Caparso Field in conjunction with other activities planned for that day.

All alumni and their families will be invited to attend, but we're asking for assistance from you to identify any members of the Anna Maria community who were lost or lost a loved one on that fateful day so that we may remember them appropriately.

Please email Patty Shaffer, Director Alumni Engagement, **before June 1, 2021** at [pshaffer@annamaria.edu](mailto:pshaffer@annamaria.edu), so we can coordinate with the committee's plans. We're looking forward to having you join us for this somber remembrance.



May they rest in peace.

## Upcoming Events

### **Week of Giving**

April 18th - 23rd

Donate [here](#)

### **Edith Mooney LaVigne '63 Lecture Series**

April 21, 2021 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Register [here](#)

### **Criminal Justice Virtual Open House**

April 21, 2021 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Register [here](#)

### **CJ Speaker Series - Careers in Forensics**

April 22, 2021 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Register [here](#)

### **Academic Symposium**

April 26, 2021

More information [here](#)

### **Social Work Conference**

April 30, 2021 @ 9:00 am - 12:00pm

Register [here](#)

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