

@Anna Maria College

Alumni E-Newsletter



Commencement 2021 May 21 - 23

Commencement will be held on campus this year and to accommodate social distancing as well as complying with our Covid protocols, graduates will be limited to two guests per person. To further protect the community, we will be hosting a Baccalaureate Mass and three ceremonies for the class of 2021, as well as bringing back members of the class of 2020 for their in-person commencement.

Honorary Degree recipients include William B. Evans, Jarrett J. Krosoczka, and Sister Rita M. DeRoy, S.S.A.

Congratulations to all of the graduates!!

Details about the weekend can be found on our website -www.annamaria.edu

Anna Maria College and Paxton Fire Department Announce Expanded Partnership

Anna Maria College announced it has signed a five-year partnership with the Paxton Fire Department. The agreement outlines the College's emergency and non-emergency services from the Paxton Fire Department, including ambulance details at athletic events and building inspections. The partnership will feature an expanded experiential opportunity for a select number of students to give them real world experience. The Paxton Fire Department Student Participation program will help students to gain operational training skills, practice teamwork and better understand the comprehensive suite of services that Paxton Fire and EMS provide the local community. Fire Science and Paramedic Science are among the College's most popular areas of study.

Read *more*

In case you missed it...

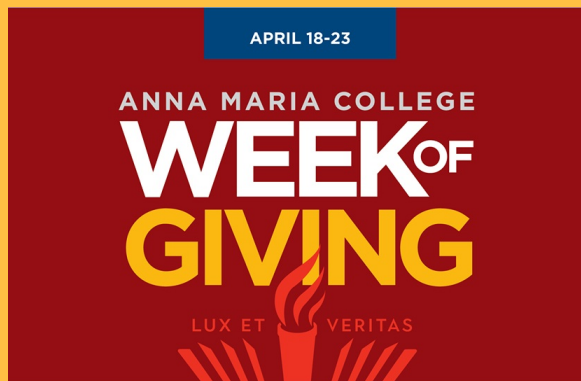
Edith Mooney LaVigne '63 Lecture Series

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.

Listen to the recording [here](#)

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



And the results are in...

We are pleased to report that we raised over \$80,000 and unlocked all of the challenges.

Thank you to all those who donated during the Week of Giving.

If you weren't able to make a gift, please consider making one before the end of our fiscal year - June 30th. Donating 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. Thank you for your support!

Scholarships Raffle

Drawing on June 14, 2021

All proceeds to benefit scholarships at Anna Maria

TOP PRIZE - Trip for 2 to San Francisco & Sonoma, CA

Roundtrip coach class airfare for 2 within the contiguous U.S. to San Francisco or Oakland, CA; 1 night accommodations at The Fairmont San Francisco and 2 nights' accommodations at The Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa; Daily breakfast for 2; Tasting for 2 at Chateau St. Jean, Sonoma and Tour and Tasting for 2 at Benziger Family Winery, Sonoma. Trip is valid for 2 years.

ADDITIONAL PRIZES

Golf for 3 - Worcester Country Club

A round of golf as guests of President Mary Lou Retelle (date TBD by winner).

4 Box Seat Tickets to a Worcester Red Sox Game

3rd Base Line at Polar Park (date TBD by winner).

Boston Getaway

Includes a \$250 gift card to the Marriot Hotels and a \$150 gift card to The Union Oyster House, located in downtown Boston.

\$100 per Ticket
ONLY 150 Tickets are Being Sold!

You don't have to be present to win.



SAVE THE DATES

AMCAT Alumni and Friends Golf Classic: October 18, 2021

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

AMCAT FEATURES

AMCAT Podcasts
Athlete Spotlights

The History of Athletics Webinar

Anna Maria College
75th Anniversary Event

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

Watch the Webinar Here

Follow Athletics: Twitter: [@goAMCATS](#)

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Shop Online at [AnnaMariaGear.com](#)

Learn more about the AMCAT Club and how you can help AMCAT Athletics [here](#)



Master's degree holders earn an average of nineteen percent (19%) more in annual wages than bachelor degree holders.

- Bureau of Labor Statistics

GRADUATE EDUCATION FOR THE HEALTH AND SERVICE PROFESSIONS

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

Plus Graduate Certificate Programs in 15 areas of study

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

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

Currently accepting applications for Fall 2021.

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

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.

Academic and Leadership Awards

Anna Maria College held its annual Academic and Leadership Awards ceremony on the evening of May 5th. Unlike years past, the 2021 event was held both in-person (with proper Covid protocols) and virtually, so that all award recipients and their families were able to participate in this time-honored evening.

Read *more* and watch the video *here*.

Design Your Story - Tricks and Tips to Land a Job Michelle Randall-Berry '91

How to answer that popular interview question of
“tell me about yourself” using the
PAR (Problem, Action, Result) Method

How to build a compelling resume
using impact statements

Networking like a pro

Job application pointers



If you were unable to join us at our recent webinar, please use the link below to enjoy the recording.

Webinar Recording



Alumni Standouts

Kristin Carmody '20 has been appointed to serve as Nahant's second assistant public health nurse. A 30-year Nahant resident, Carmody adds the position to her full-time work as administrative manager at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center's radiology department, where she oversees the department's 140 faculty and trainees; **John Vaughn '10** recently began a new role with the New York Mets as a Player Development Associate and will be working with



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.

the Mets AA team in Binghamton, NY; **Diane Giampa '87G** was promoted to Executive Vice President - Human Resources, Marketing & Retail Banking at Bay State Savings Bank; **Robert Durant '08** was promoted to Interim Director of Programs at Mercy Centre for Development Disabilities; **Maglenes Hoogasian '08** started a new position as Nurse Practitioner at Middlesex Weight Management; **Kimberly Kennedy '97G** and Vice Chair of the Anna Maria College Board of Trustees started a new position as Chief Operating Officer & Vice President of Personal Lines Strategic Operations at The Hanover Insurance Group; **Tim Murray**, Anna Maria College Trustee and President & CEO of the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce and **Celia Johnston Blue '04G**, President, CEO, Visionary, & Founding Member of Massachusetts Women of Color Coalition in Worcester, were both named to the 2021 Power 50 Class for the Central Region by the Worcester Business Journal. Congratulations to all!

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we share the news of recent alumni deaths - Retired Yarmouth Police Officer **William Coughlan '82G**; and **Joanne Gleason Condon '63**.

May he rest in peace.

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**, so we can coordinate with the committee's plans. We're looking forward to having you join us for this somber remembrance.

Upcoming Events

May 20, 2021

6 pm - 8 pm

CJ Speaker Series

Careers in Corrections

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