Alumni eNewsletter

Alumni Night at the WooSox

Thank you to all who came out to Polar Park to cheer on the home team at our first Alumni Night at the WooSox! It was a fun evening to reconnect with Anna Maria alumni and watch a great ballgame.

If you missed out on this event, we are hosting another WooSox Alumni Night on Friday, September 24th when they take on the Rochester Red Wings. Tickets are $25 and include a ballpark buffet, a complimentary first beverage, and seating in the FlexCon Landing.

Tickets will go fast - we sold out in less than 2 days for our first event - so order yours today using the link below.

Get your tickets to Alumni Night at the WooSox
Battle of the Badges 2021

The Battle of the Badges, held on the Anna Maria College campus, is a dynamic summer program that allows prospective students to explore a number of our unique academic programs. They’ll learn from prominent speakers working in Criminal Justice, Emergency Management, Paramedic Science, Forensic Criminology, Pre-Law and Fire Science, and compete in the annual Dodge Ball tournament between the badges to win bragging rights. This free, overnight educational program is designed for prospective students interested in public service. Learn from the best while having a great time on Anna Maria’s beautiful campus.

Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 8:30 AM until Friday, August 6, 2021 at 1:00 PM

For more information, click here.

Alumni Association Board Welcomes Two New Members

Terri Gerhardt ‘84
Terri (Brigham) Gerhardt is a proud member of the class of 1984 and has a MA in Education in Health Sciences from Worcester State University and an Education Specialist degree in Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development from Walden University.

She is a retired science teacher from Grafton Public Schools; was an Adjunct Faculty member at Becker College for 11 years; and currently works at Anna Maria College as a Guest Lecturer in the Liberal Arts and Sciences Dept. as well as at the Alumni Association.

Kelly Prendergast ‘99G
Kelly (Gaydusek) Prendergast has been at the Department of Children and Families since January 2008. She came to the then Department of Social Services as the Central Region’s Regional Clinical Director and following the agency’s reorganization was promoted to Area Clinical Manager in 2011. Kelly became an Area Director in June 2013.

Kelly holds a Bachelor of Science degree from St. Lawrence University, Masters of Arts in Counseling Psychology from Anna Maria College and a Certificate of
WPI as the Operations Coordinator of the Teacher Prep Program & also serving as a Program Supervisor for student teachers.

In 1996, Terri received the Anna Maria College Mission Statement Award for being the founder of the Wachusett Food Pantry. She is the proud mom of three grown children, Elizabeth, Megan, and Andrew and lives on Styles Lake in Spencer.

“Working at Anna Maria has brought me full circle and I am happy to be able to pay it forward and give back to the school where I began my educational journey and that holds so many fond memories.”

Advanced Graduate Study from Simmons College in the Multi-contextual Treatment of Complex Trauma. She is currently enrolled at Salem State University in a course in Equity Minded Practice. Kelly is certified in Dialectical Behavioral Therapy and QPR Suicide Prevention and has participated in many additional trainings in the delivery of clinical treatments.

Kelly belongs to the Our Lady of the Rosary Parish and serves as a CCD teacher, Lector and Communion Minister. She lives in Worcester with her husband and two teenaged daughters and enjoys reading, gardening, learning new things, and volunteering in the community.

**Announcing the Calendar Photo Contest**

This First Annual Anna Maria College Calendar Photo Contest is open to all members of the Anna Maria College community: students, alumni, faculty, staff and trustees. Photos are being collected for the 2022 Anna Maria College Calendar.

For more information about the photo contest and how to enter, click [here](#).

**Anna Maria Alumni Office Kicks Off Oral History Project**

The Alumni office is collaborating with trusted partner PCI, the company
that produces our alumni directory updates every few years, on a new project - the Anna Maria Oral History Project. The goal of this project is to collect the stories of alumni like you in your own words and preserve them in a book that celebrates the impact Anna Maria has had on your lives and who you are today. The 75th anniversary of the college seems like the perfect time to begin collecting these stories. For this project we are partnering with PCI, which gives us access to their trained staff who are looking forward to hearing your stories of your time at Anna Maria. PCI will also assemble and create a book filled with your stories which you will be able to purchase if wanted.

As part of this project, we are also taking this opportunity to help make it easier for you to stay connected to Anna Maria. PCI will help us to collect updated contact information from those of you who may have moved and inadvertently lost touch with your alma mater.

So, please watch your mailboxes for communication from PCI as we kick off this project in the coming week.

Please note that we have only shared your contact information with PCI in conjunction with this project. We have NOT sold your contact information, or otherwise used it for outside marketing purposes.

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It's Not Too Late to Apply to Graduate School for this Fall!

If earning a master’s degree remains in your future plans, your alma mater can help begin to make that a reality for you as early as this September.

**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

**Currently accepting graduate applications for Fall 2021.**

To apply, go to [https://apply.annamaria.edu/apply](https://apply.annamaria.edu/apply)

- No test scores required
- We retrieve your AMC transcript
- Your $40 application fee is waived
- Receive a 20% Alumni discount off of tuition!

**Click here** for more information on AMC’s graduate program offerings.

Further questions? Contact Paul Vaccaro, Associate Vice President for Enrollment, at [p Vaccaro@annamaria.edu](mailto:pvaccaro@annamaria.edu).
SAVE THE DATES

AMCAT Alumni and Friends Golf Classic @ Wachusett Country Club on October 18, 2021

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

View the most up-to-date Anna Maria Athletic Schedule here

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Learn more about the AMCAT Club and how you can help AMCAT Athletics here

Alumni Standouts

Annette Nance-Holt '19G is the new Commissioner of the Chicago Fire Department; Brian J. Cook '20 was promoted to Leverett's new Fire Chief; Patrick Nay '04 is working at IsoPlexis as a Production Planner; Trisha Daniel '18 started a new position as an RN at MGH Lurie Center for Autism; and Michael Black '12G will be a physics teacher and lacrosse coach at Lakeside School in Seattle, WA.

Congratulations to all of our alumni on their tremendous successes!

In Memoriam

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
It is with great sadness that we share the news of these deaths in our alumni community - current graduate student and Worcester Police Officer Manny Familia ’23, Barbara Dennison Connelly ’55 and Rev. Peter John Guerin, a Benedictine monk and brother of Marjorie Guerin ’59, Claire Guerin Bouchard ’65, and William V. Guerin, Chair of the first Anna Maria Board of Trustees.

May they rest in peace.

Please email Patty Shaffer, Director Alumni Engagement, before July 31, 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

The Cadets Show Rehearsal & Family Fun Night
Anna Maria campus
July 30th
7:00pm - 8:30pm

Feast of St. Anne Mass
Madore Chapel
August 4th
9am
Brunch after Mass
RSVP to Melissa LaNeve
508-849-3205 or mlaneve@annamaria.edu

Cape Cod Alumni Event
Hyannis Yacht Club
August 19th
4:30pm - 6:30pm
Register here

Operation Patriotism
Caparso Field
September 11th
10:30am

Family and Friends Weekend
Anna Maria College campus
September 17th - 18th

75 Cheers with Paxton
Anna Maria College campus
September 18th
11am

Alumni Night at the WooSox
Polar Park
September 24th
5:30pm reception; 6:35pm first pitch
Register here

Please check the events calendar on our website for more details.

Keep up with the latest Anna Maria news and events by visiting our news page here.