Dear Alumni,

The Anna Maria community has just enjoyed a yearlong celebration of the College’s 75th anniversary. I hope you were able to join us, either in person or remotely, at some of the events, to share in the joy of this wonderful milestone.

I know you take great pride in your alma mater as an institution of educational excellence graduating service-oriented contributors to the communities they live in. In turn, we’re incredibly proud of you and your fellow alumni.

The challenges in today’s world — especially the relentless pandemic — affirm the importance of service to community. It’s more critical than ever to have a citizenry that is well educated, ethically grounded, and ready to serve. The values instilled by the Sisters of Saint Anne 75 years ago remain steadfast and true.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful holiday season,

Patty Shaffer
Director of Alumni Engagement
The Anna Maria College community celebrated the Christmas season with our annual concert on Sunday afternoon December 12, 2021 at Christ the King Church in Worcester. In celebration of our 75th Anniversary, the concert was dedicated to the Sisters of Saint Anne, who joined our students on stage for the final number. The concert was comprised of performances by the Anna Maria College Concert Chorus, Bel Canto Chamber Choir, the Wind Ensemble, and were joined by the Shepard Hill Regional High School Women’s Choir.

The Anna Maria College football team appeared in the NCAA National Championship Tournament for the first time in school history. While the team didn’t advance in tournament play, they had a remarkable season! With a record of 7-2, including 6-1 in the Eastern Collegiate Football Conference (ECFC). Anna Maria claimed the conference championship with a 31-7 victory over SUNY.

Pictured above from left to right: Marisa Phaneuf Liebke ’97, Jolene Yates, Coach Melissa Paulhus ’97, Tara Nawrocki ’97 and Tara D'Ambra Bond ’97.

Welcome home to Melissa Paulhus’97 who is the new Head Women’s Basketball Coach at Anna Maria. On
Maritime on Saturday, November 13th in the regular season finale.

Read More

December 4th a meet the coach alumni reception was held for past women’s basketball alumni. It was a fantastic turn out in support of Coach Paulhus.

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**Grants Received**

**RELIANT FOUNDATION**

We are pleased to announce that for the fourth consecutive year, Anna Maria has once again been chosen by the Reliant Foundation as a Community Grant Award recipient. This grant builds upon past work funded by the Reliant Foundation at Anna Maria, the Substance Use, Outcomes, Barriers, and Efforts to Recovery Project (SOBER), and will focus on addiction counseling and delivering youth services in our Addiction and Youth Service Preparedness for Early Career Professionals project.

**HIGHLAND STREET foundation**

Anna Maria has also received a grant from the Highland Street Foundation in support of our First-Year Student Persistence Through Peer Mentoring Program. This will also be the fourth year we have received funding through Highland Street and we are excited to be able to expand the program with this increased funding. Student mentors work one-on-one with first-year students, weaving in students’ academic experiences within the context of larger community building and fostering a sense of connectedness. Since this program began, it has served over 1,000 Anna Maria students.

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Tips on Charitable Contributions: Limits and Tax Breaks

As we head into the final month of 2021, 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!

Donate Here

Welcome to the AMCAST, a podcast by Anna Maria College.

Each year, the Mission Committee continues to bring our values to the attention of...
new podcast produced by the Anna Maria College Marketing and Communications Office. In this pilot episode, we offer a special message for the holiday season from two film fans from the faculty to help provide to us a bit of holiday cheer. Communications Professor Travis Maruska and Psychology Professor Lisa Williams joined the AMCAST to discuss their favorite holiday films and what makes these movies work. There must be something appealing in the holiday film formula because we watch them year after year.

**AMCAST Pilot Episode**

This year our focus value is: *Development of the Whole Person* – A balanced education, curricular and co-curricular, aims to inspire holistic personal growth in our students as lifelong learners.

The Committee is happy to announce a book club discussion on *The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life* by David Brooks.

If interested please feel free to reach out to Patty Shaffer, Director of Alumni Engagement at pshaffer@annamaria.edu or (508) 849-3298.

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Have you shared your alumni story yet? If not, there is still time!

We announced this summer that the Alumni Office is partnering with PCI - Publishing Concepts from Texas on an Oral History Project. On our behalf, PCI is helping us to verify alumni data and gather alumni stories to be included in an alumni book that will be published in 2022. You may have received a postcard, email, or even a phone call from PCI in an effort to verify your data and ask for your story. All alumni stories are being told over the phone and translated into written text. You will have the opportunity to review your story before it is published. You do not have to submit a story if this doesn’t interest you - all story submissions are voluntary. However, we encourage alumni to participate in this project and be included in this very special publication.

If you have any questions, please contact Patty Shaffer, Director of Alumni Engagement at pshaffer@annamaria.edu or 508-849-3298. Frequently asked questions are also on our website – https://annamaria.edu/alumni/#oralhistory
Alumni Standouts

Christine Mitchell '21 started a new position as a Medical Surgical Nurse at Harrington Hospital; Colton Prentiss '14 is being recognized for all his hard work and dedication for W.L. French Excavating Corporation; Rachel Cooper '09G has been promoted to Director of Programs at Children's Friend; Eric Bozoian '07 started a new position as a Grants Management Specialist at USDA - Agricultural Marketing Service; and Caitlyn Laliberte '15 has been promoted to Claim Consultant at MAPFRE Insurance. Congratulations to all of our alumni on their amazing professional accomplishments.

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Claudette Sortino '64, Debra Carey Sears, sister of Steve Carey '81, '95G, Deacon Joseph Baniukiewicz '88, 05G, and Sister Barbara Flynn '55 a Sister of Saint Anne, Honorary Degree Recipient in 2012, and a former trustee alum.

May they rest in peace.

Upcoming Events

Services and Success
March 31, 2022
Registration begins in January 2022

Worcester Railers Game
March 4th
Registration to come
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.