



ANNA MARIA
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PARENT & FAMILY NEWSLETTER / February 2026



Photos above: Entries from our recent Snowman Building Contest (winner in center)!

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We are excited to share the 2025-26 year with you and your students! Our family newsletter has information about upcoming events, important dates, and topics of interest for college families.

We hope that you enjoy this issue - please reach out if you have any questions or comments.

UPCOMING EVENTS

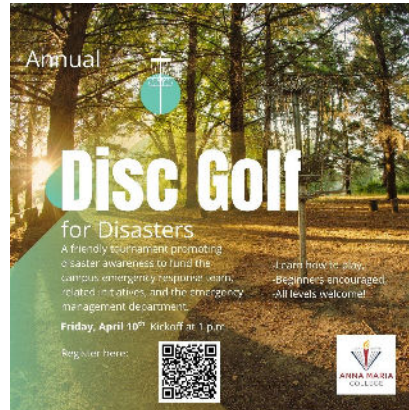


Happy Black History Month!

This February, we honor and celebrate the contributions and achievements of Black Americans throughout our nation's history.

The Offices of Student Affairs and Community, Culture & Engagement are hosting a series of engaging and educational events throughout the month.

See flyer for highlights!



We're excited to share an invitation to the first annual **Disc Golf for Disasters** event, taking place on our campus on Friday, April 10th!

Have you ever wanted to learn how to play disc golf? This event is truly for all ages and experience levels. Beginners are encouraged, and anyone who joins us will leave knowing the basics of how to play. If you can throw something and have fun, you're more than qualified.

Participants are welcome to come on their own, form a team, bring friends or family, or simply stop by to support emergency preparedness efforts on campus. Please see the attached flyer for details and registration information. We hope to see many familiar — and new — faces out on the course!

[Click here to register!](#)

Mary Lou Retelle Wellness Center

A Fresh Space for Well-Being (and a New Four-Legged Friend!)

The Mary Lou Retelle Wellness Center is open, and it's already becoming a favorite place for students to pause



and take care of themselves. Designed with comfort and calm in mind, the refreshed space offers students a welcoming environment to relax, reflect, and access support.

Adding to the good vibes? Our new support dog, Elwood, who now holds “office hours” in the space, offering stress relief, snack stealing, and plenty of tail wags.

[Learn more about student support here!](#)

Refer a Friend and earn \$500 for tuition!

Any Anna Maria student can refer a friend to enroll. If the friend enrolls, the Anna Maria student will receive a \$500 credit towards tuition. Please **email John McLaughlin**, Vice President for Enrollment, with any questions.

Admitted Students Day is April 11th

Admitted Students Day is right around the corner this spring, giving future AMCATS the perfect chance to experience campus firsthand. Students can explore academic programs, connect with faculty, meet future classmates, and get a real feel for life at Anna Maria.

[Use this link to Refer a Friend!](#)

Women's Leadership Brunch for Admitted Students

February 19th

This is a special event created for admitted students who are interested in connecting with the women leaders of Anna Maria College who help shape our community and support the success of all students.

We invite future AMCATS and parents to share this exclusive brunch with us and learn more about how Anna Maria College is upholding the original mission of the Sisters of St. Anne; educating dynamic and talented women.



Attendees will receive a welcome package and a unique Anna Maria gift.

There's still time to register!

[Claim Your Spot](#)

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



Photo above:
President Sean J. Ryan and Professor
David Wackell admire the exhibit.

Student Art Exhibit

The Department of Art and Design presented the 2026 All Student Art Show at the Art Center Gallery. Following an opening reception on January 21, the show ran through January 28. Student Art and Design works, selected from all Studio courses from Fall 2025 Term, were featured.

The 2026 Senior Art Show will be announced later this spring!

Flag Football, Cheer, & Dance

Anna Maria College recently announced the addition of multiple new programs and key leadership appointments. The expansion reflects the College's continued commitment to enhancing the student experience, broadening opportunities for student-athletes, and building a vibrant, inclusive campus culture. **Read More!**

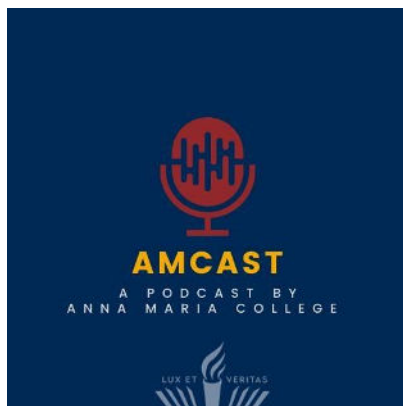


Photo: Athletics has installed an interactive touchscreen Hall of Fame display in their building!



Podcasting and Narrative Class

For three years now, the AMCAST has gone into the classroom to interview student podcasters in the Podcasting and Narrative class. This episode introduces you to several Anna Maria students and Professor Dana Sheehan. The semester assignment: create your own multi-episode podcast. From low-budget comedy movie reviews to NFL gameday analysis, the discussion will give you a glimpse at the



ingenuity and talent of our Anna Maria students.

[Listen to the AMCAST here!](#)

RESIDENCE LIFE NOTES

Housing Selection for 2026-27

The Office of Residence Life is excited to announce the beginning of Housing Selection for the 2026 - 2027 academic year! All students wishing to live on campus for the upcoming academic year should plan to participate in this process. All current students have received details by email; however, please **click here to email Residence Life** with any questions.

Who is eligible to participate?

- All undergraduate resident or commuter students with full time status for the 2026 – 2027 academic year
- Current seniors who will be graduating and enrolling in a graduate program for the 2026 – 2027 academic year
- Current graduate students returning for another year
- All applicants who have paid the \$75 Housing Selection deposit

What is Housing Selection?

Unlike incoming students placed into housing by Residence Life, returning students can select their housing assignment for the upcoming academic year! Students who submit the Housing Application by **March 9, 2026** will be given a lottery number to select their housing. For more information regarding the Housing Selection Process, Lottery Numbers, Creating Groups, etc. we encourage you to review the **Housing Selection Sway!** The Sway will serve as a one-stop shop for all Housing Selection Information!

Important Housing Selection Dates

- March 9: Housing application due
- March 16: Lottery numbers released by email to students
- March TBA: Housing Info Sessions and Roommate Mingles
- March 24-26 Housing Selection Nights (in person)

Important Spring Recess Information!

Residence Halls will close on Friday, February 27 at 5 p.m. and will re-open on Saturday, March 7 at 10 a.m.

We recognize that there will be a small handful of students that are seeking to request to remain on campus for part of or all of the Spring Recess due to travel

or other commitments. Any student requesting to stay on-campus over the Spring Recess must submit a Break Housing Request by Monday, February 23, 2026, with a full explanation of their need to stay. You can find the Break Housing form [here](#). You will be notified within several days of submitting your request if you are approved to stay on-campus.

Please be aware that Dining Services will not be available over the break.

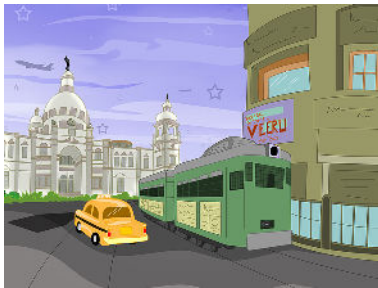
- Dining Hall closes after lunch (2:00 pm) on Friday, February 27, 2026.
- The Hub will be open until 5:00 pm on Friday, February 27, 2026.
- The Hub reopens at 4:30 pm on Sunday, March 8, 2026.
- There are no meals from breakfast on Saturday, February 28 until dinner on Sunday, March 8.

If you have any questions as we prepare for please do not hesitate to **reach out here!**

Planning Ahead?

- Residence halls will remain open for Easter Recess, April 2-6, 2026. However, dining will not be available over the break. Dining will close on Wednesday, April 1 at 5 pm and reopen on Monday, April 6 at 4:30 pm.
- Residence halls will close on May 4 at 5 pm for students other than graduating seniors.
- Residence halls will remain open for graduating seniors until Saturday, May 9, 2026.

Airport Shuttle



Spring Break Shuttle

Friday, February 27:
8 am departure from campus

Saturday, February 28:
8 am departure from campus

Register Here by February 23, 2026 at 5 pm

Welcome to our new staff members!

Welcome to our new Residence Director of St. Anne Hall, Gabriel Ferrante and Area Coordinator of First Year Experience, Brandon Pare!

Please don't hesitate to **reach out** if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT DATES & RESOURCES

**Spring Recess:**

February 28 - March 8

Summer/Fall Registration:

March 23 - April 17 (see link on left)

Easter Recess:

April 2-6

Final exams:

April 28 - May 4 (see link on left)

[Summer & Fall 2026
Registration Info](#)

[Spring 2026 Final
Exams Schedule](#)

[Student Academic Support
Services](#)

COMMENCEMENT 2026



Graduating students have received detailed Commencement information by email, including ticket and cap & gown information.

Upcoming dates for graduating students:

- **February 20:** Full-time Undergraduate cap & gown orders due
- **March 13:** RSVP form for tickets due
- **April 5:** Part-time/Online Undergraduate and all Graduate cap & gown orders due.

All Commencement Weekend events will be held on our beautiful Anna Maria College campus.

Baccalaureate Mass & Hooding Ceremony

Friday, May 8, 2026, 4:00 pm

Graduate Commencement
(All Master's Degree & CAGS Recipients)

Saturday, May 9, 2026, 10:00 am

Undergraduate Commencement
(All Bachelor's Degree Recipients)

Saturday, May 9, 2026, 1:00 pm

Families are encouraged to check the Commencement website below for updates!

Please reach out to us at **email us here** or 508.849.3388 with any questions.

[Click here for the Commencement website!](#)

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