

Order of Exercises

Graduate - ten o'clock in the morning

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar
Performed by the London Symphony Orchestra

Declaration of Opening

Elzbieta Manos, Ph.D., *Mace Bearer*

Our National Anthem

The Star Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key
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Invocation

Rev. Dr. Enoch Kyeremateng, *Trustee*

Greetings

Sean J. Ryan, Ed.D., *President*

Student Speaker

Alisha April DiTaranto '26, M.S.W.

Commencement Address

Peter J. Ostroskey, *Trustee*

Conferring of Degrees

Presentation of Candidates

Chioma Ugochukwu, Ph.D., *Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Benediction

Reverend Stephen E. Lundrigan, Th.M., Psy.D.
Anna Maria College Chaplain

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Candidates for Graduate Degrees

Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology

Anne Catherine Brown	Lynn, MA
Celina Cabezas	Auburn, MA
Brian Turnbull Faust	Charlton, MA
Richard Jose Figueroa	Worcester, MA
Kevan James Flanagan	West Boylston, MA
Jennifer Marie Genduso	Sturbridge, MA
Antonella Patricia Leal Figueredo	Southbridge, MA
Kristin A. Mulroy	Holden, MA
Brianna Peladeau	Hubbardston, MA
Madelyn Perry	Auburn, MA
Natalia Vargas	West Boylston, MA
Haylee J. Walker	Londonderry, NH
Lydia Rose Hanson Willette	Amesbury, MA
Sebastian Mikolaj Zielinski	Clinton, MA

Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry

David J. Soares	Worcester, MA
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Master of Business Administration

Kwame Addae	Ghana
Leslie Benitez	Worcester, MA
Mysterline Keylida Bruno	Leominster, MA
Amina Awo Salisu Cobbinah	Worcester, MA
Guillaume Coulombe	Canada
Jason Feliciano	Worcester, MA
Andrew John Kurz Ghataora	Glastonbury, CT
Samwiri Jakana	Coto De Caza, CA
Isaac Kofi Mensah	Worcester, MA
Belkisa Micani	Worcester, MA
Jashandeep S. Pabla	Medford, MA
Parnell Ben-oni Pierre	Orange, NJ
Eric Kristopher Pino	Hartford, CT
Bruno Piva de Castro	Brazil
Trent Demetrius Smith	Middleton, NY
Olivia Kayla-Marie Stump	Southington, CT

Master of Education

Megan Coughlin	Holden, MA
<i>Elementary Education</i>	
William Kenneth Jurgens	Austin, TX
<i>Education Kodály Music Institute</i>	
Emma McGuane	Brighton, MA
<i>Special Education</i>	
Ariel Marie Terra	Berlin, MA
<i>Early Childhood Education</i>	

Master of Health Emergency Management

Samuella Afreh Gyasi	Worcester, MA
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Master of Public Administration

John Amento	Cotuit, MA
Daniel Robert Ashworth	Pawtucket, RI
David S. Ball	Newburyport, MA
Timothy J. Barry, Jr.	Danvers, MA
John Bartlett	Lynn, MA
Chris Bartone	Sudbury, MA
Thomas Paul Bogart	Lynnfield, MA
Justin Burl	Newburyport, MA
Chad J. Butler	Southington, CT
Keegan Joseph Byrnes	Marlborough, MA
Brenen J. Cardoza	Fall River, MA
Helen R. Chatel	Plymouth, NH
Mark Andrew Collins	Scituate, MA
Richard A. Craven, Jr.	Easthampton, MA
Sarah Calvario Downs	Medway, MA
Angeiris Encarnacion	Boston, MA
Jacob Marc Feeley	Rehoboth, MA
Gabriel Adrian Frias	Merrimack, NH
Scott M. Godin	Norton, MA
Matthew J. Grauer	N. Grosvenordale, CT
Eric Hagopian	Bellingham, MA
Sean Eric Hebert	Salem, MA
William T. Holm	Danvers, MA
Kory T. Hoyt	Plymouth, MA
John J. Hurley	Wakefield, MA
James D. Janchenko	Manhattan, IL
Cody A. Landry	Blackstone, MA
Joseph Louis Laudano	Wilmington, MA
Trevor Lefebvre	Smithfield, RI
Raquel Teixeira Lopes	Brockton, MA
Brett Harrison Lowder	Halifax, MA
Clifford J. Luce	Fiskdale, MA
Sean Michael McNulty	Providence, RI
Alex Monterrey	Chelsea, MA
Erik R Nugent	Worcester, MA
Vincent Carmine Oliva	Farmingville, NY
Amanda J. Osborn	Chesapeake, VA
Joseph G. Papetti	Sudbury, MA
Charles S. Pappaconstantinou	Lowell, MA
John Henry Potvin	Coventry, RI
Samuel Roman	Wenham, MA
Ryan Saber	South Kingston, RI
Ryan Sanschagrin	Enfield, CT
Marc Stephen Scola	Shirley, MA
Mikayla M. Spinale	Braintree, MA
Kyle James Stangl	Chugiak, AK
Mollie Elizabeth Sundvik	Fircrest, WA
Glen A. Terilli	East Greenwich, RI
Ian Christopher Timmons	Salisbury, MA
Anthony Michael Uva	Lynn, MA
Dylan James Vincent	N. Grosvenordale, CT
Gary David Vinnacombe	Oxford, PA
Kevin Weigold	Shrewsbury, MA



Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Caitlin Ann Bolles	Bellingham, MA
Ethan N. Bouchard	Swansea, MA
Christopher L. Bradley	Princeton, MA
David John Churchey	Paxton, MA
Ezekial David Diaz	Southbridge, MA
Renatha Eubanks	Fitchburg, MA
Demetrios K. Exarhoulakos	Lowell, MA
Adrianna Rose Fraioli	Worcester, MA
Nathan Hawkins	Westminster, MA
Richard D. Lauria, Jr.	Rockland, MA
Jeffrey Martinez	Salem, NH
Sean Robert Reardon	Lakeville, MA
Shannon E. Stamegna	Melrose, MA
Phu Gia Thien	Everett, MA
Kevin S. Thomasson	Beverly, MA
Thomas F. Tobin, Jr.	Shrewsbury, MA
David James Watkins Jr.	Medway, MA
Theodore Richard Yerardi	Newton, MA
Douglas Szeto Yu	Brookline, MA

Master of Science Industrial Organizational Psychology

Shawn S. Morris Marlborough, MA

Master of Social Work

Gloria Bremping	Worcester, MA
Emily Caron	Uxbridge, MA
Jasmine Mariah Davis	Attleboro, MA
Alisha April DiTaranto	Hubbardston, MA
Mackenzie Rae Hebert	North Oxford, MA
Lillie Annetta Jutras	Readsboro, VT
Brianna Faust Limbaugh	Charlton, MA
Elba Ivelisse Perez Marquez	Worcester, MA
Cynthia Marie Martinez	Worcester, MA
Luuna Xuan Nguyen	Worcester, MA
Sofia Marie Osman	Nashua, NH
Jared Pathiakis	Uxbridge, MA
Teresa Watts	Sutton, MA
Sandra Aninwaa Wiredu	Worcester, MA

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Tessa Henry '26, *Health Science*
Marino Vedova '26, *Exercise Science*

Conferring of Honorary Degrees

Michael P. Angelini, Doctor of Laws
presented by Mark W. Powers, *Trustee*
Patricia Zillian Eppinger, Doctor of Human Service
presented by Kathleen M. Jordan, *Trustee*
Edward M. Augustus, Jr., Doctor of Public Administration
presented by David P. Trainor, *Trustee Chair*

Commencement Address

Edward M. Augustus, Jr., *Chief Executive Officer, UniBank*

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Award Presentations

Bishop Timothy J. Harrington Award
Sr. Yvette E. Bellerose Award, *presented by Sr. Pauline Laurence, S.S.A., Community co-leader*
Dr. Bernadette Madore Award, *presented by Sr. Yvette Dargy, S.S.A., Community co-leader*

Benediction

Most Reverend Robert. J. McManus, D.D., S.T.D., *Bishop of Worcester*

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Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Flobatir Abdou	Lancaster, MA
Maya Angelo	Portland, ME
William Bailey	Haverhill, MA
Lucas Queiroz Borges	Hyannis, MA
Graeme Carlton	Uxbridge, MA
Alainna Shelby Elise Catino	Jefferson, MA
David John Churchey	Paxton, MA
Joshua M. Collins	Webster, MA
William Figura, Jr.	Seekonk, MA
Enmanuel Jimenez Perez	Clinton, MA
Nicholas Lopez	Lowell, MA
Rebecka Lynn Mailea	Worcester, MA
Aine Eleanor Manning	Carver, MA
Ryan Mastromatteo	Webster, MA
Robert B. Merrill, Jr.	Lancaster, MA
Hunter Alexander Pappas	Brick, NJ
Richard Priest, Jr.	West Brookfield, MA
Geidyann Soto Cruz	Worcester, MA
Shonnellia Stewart	Boston, MA
Tomasz Tepper	Mendon, MA
Thomas John Vanasse	Sturbridge, MA

Bachelor of Science in Data Analytics

Michael J. Azzarone	Bayville, NJ
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Bachelor of Science in Digital Marketing

Mariem Afnouch	Worcester, MA
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Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management

Connor Jacob Smith	Hudson Falls, NY
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Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science

Marino Vedova	Paxton, MA
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Bachelor of Science in Fire Science

Matthew James Antunes	Wilbraham, MA
Timothy Andrew Bailey	Franklin, MA
Adam Banks	Bridgewater, MA
Dylan J. Beck	Andover, MA
Eoin L. Bohnert	Foxborough, MA
Jacob Boyd	Springfield, MA
Jake Reid Braga	Norton, MA

John M. Brophy, III	Topsfield, MA
Jacob Thomas Buccola	La Verne, CA
Brendan Thomas Byrne	Braintree, MA
John Thomas Casey	Wilmington, MA
Christopher Curran	Wakefield, MA
Morgan Emily Grover Daly	Media, PA
Nathan Michael Dandurand	New Bedford, MA
Tyler Matthew Dunbar	Townsend, MA
Brian L. Espinoza	Roslindale, MA
Michael P. Findlen	Norfolk, MA
Max Gasinowski	Danvers, MA
Robert Gasparas	Chicago, IL
Edward Louis Gellar, Jr.	Plymouth, MA
Adam Giancola	Woburn, MA
Mark Gilbody	Weymouth, MA
Emily Elizabeth Goodsell	South Glens Falls, NY
Matthew Hosman	Peabody, MA
Clayton Joseph Landry	Hudson, MA
Richard Layne, Jr.	Candia, NH
Kelsea Lee LeBlanc	North Attleboro, MA
Jose M. Lozano	El Paso, TX
Travis K. Lucia	Westfield, MA
Collin Dennis Manuilow	Woodstock, CT
Tyler Austin Mayer	South Hadley, MA
Colin McGowan	Marstons Mills, MA
Jordan Findlay Mello	New Bedford, MA
Robert David Minichiello	Hopedale, MA
Tyler Paul Paquette	Somerset, MA
Justin S. Pariseau	Cambridge, MA
Tyler J. Regula	Windham, ME
Leo J. Ronan, II	Boston, MA
Dylan Rooney	Chicopee, MA
Jayson L. Russell	Anchorage, AK
Jason E. Smith	Chelmsford, MA
Jared Brent Soper, II	Windham, NH
Brian Soucy	Auburn, MA
Christopher J. Stivaletta	Weymouth, MA
Benjamin B. Tarbox	Hyannis, MA
David Richard Testa	North Andover, MA
Lance L. Thomas	Jamaica, NY
Jeffrey N. Tykot	Williamstown, MA
Samantha Haylee Wozniak	Framingham, MA

Bachelor of Science in Forensic Criminology

Yaw Gyamfi Junior Appiah-Kubi	Worcester, MA
Samantha Keys	Salem, NY
Joslynn Laverdure	Winchendon, MA
Abigail Smith	Hanscom AFB, MA
<i>Criminal Justice</i>	
Karisyra Suarez	Worcester, MA



Bachelor of Science in Health Administration

Brooke Maria Macey	Sturbridge, MA
Lexis Medina	Enfield, CT
Naomi Grace Moura	Sturbridge, MA
Livia Ruth Pontolilo	Rochdale, MA

Bachelor of Science in Health Science

Benjamin Kwaku Agyei	Worcester, MA
Ludny Célestin	Haiti
Megan Casey Grogan	Sutton, MA
Tessa Henry	Paxton, MA
Lia Nicole Mucera	Milford, MA
Ama Bruwaa Osei Asare	Worcester, MA
Madison Margy Paulhus	Charlton, MA
Mariana Del Pilar Perdomo	Worcester, MA
Lauren Karen Sundgren	Rosemount, MN

Bachelor of Science in Law, Justice & Society

Keyah Sylvia Adamson	Cambridge, MA
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Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Rhoda Opong Aborah	Worcester, MA
Francisca Adjei Korankye	Worcester, MA
Brigitte Tawiah Apenteng	Worcester, MA
Angela Boynton	Shrewsbury, MA
Gabriela Maria Campos	Marlborough, MA
Kelley Crosby	Uxbridge, MA
Andrew J. Decoteau	Northbridge, MA
Isabella Marie DeLordo	Crystal Lake, IL
Anetta DelPrado	Middletown, CT
Anthony DiPrato	Windsor Locks, CT
Ana Sofia Franco	Webster, MA
Alicia Rose Garofoli	Princeton, MA
Chelsea Hagan	Worcester, MA
Elizabeth Joy Hannon	Oxford, MA
Sarah Happy	Spencer, MA
Arlene Hernandez-Cante	Marlborough, MA
Sarah Elizabeth Josti	Douglas, MA
Shearita Kennedy-Okoampah	Worcester, MA
Fritzinie Lavoile	Gardner, MA

Ketty Leon	Worcester, MA
Christopher Paul MacLagan	Rehoboth, MA
Mya Markarian	Worcester, MA
Esi Mensah	Framingham, MA
Marcelly L.H. Miranda	Worcester, MA
Madison Marie Mulligan	Grafton, MA
Huldah Nkrumah Koiwu	Worcester, MA
Mary Nuyekpe	Milford, MA
Kristen O'Toole	Medway, MA
Christina Palau	Worcester, MA
Kaitlin Joy Prochnow	Worcester, MA
Loren Ribeiro Rezende	Worcester, MA
Shila R. Ryerson	Worcester, MA
Angeley Marie Santa	Southbridge, MA
Danielle Marie Schiloski	Upton, MA
Brianna Sherblom	Worcester, MA
Jordan Clifton Smith	Saunderstown, RI
Andraya Lee Stevens	Leicester, MA

Bachelor of Science in Paramedic Science

Julia Anne Erickson	Barre, MA
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Bachelor of Science in Sport Management

Seth Aidoo, Jr.	Leominster, MA
Brady M. Aylward	Plantsville, CT
David Ayoola	North Plainfield, NJ
Anderson Barnicoat-Sansone	Whitinsville, MA
Michael F. Berard	Leicester, MA
Dominic Christopher Brown	Sturbridge, MA
Elie William Charles	Stamford, CT
Nicklaus Choate	North Grafton, MA
Evan Jacob Fournier	Spencer, MA
Patrick F. Freeman	Natick, MA
Riley Grindle	Marshfield, MA
Mark Johnson-Morgan	Stockbridge, GA
Madison Pasqualina Leone Levesque	Feeding Hills, MA
Amari Shannon Mckinnon	Bethel, CT
Corey Scott McNally	Dudley, MA
Brannon Raheem Middleton, Jr.	Rahway, NJ
Dylan Morley	Riverview, FL
David J. Robinson, Jr.	Revere, MA
Joshua Jamel Roman	Chandler, AZ
Arianna M. Saladini	Fitchburg, MA

Baccalaureate students graduating with honors will receive a gold cord.

To graduate with honors, a student must achieve the following cumulative grade point average:

Summa Cum Laude – 3.90

Magna Cum Laude – 3.70

Cum Laude – 3.50

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Honor Society Members

Alpha Phi Sigma

Membership in this national Honor Society
for criminal justice has been awarded to:

Undergraduate:

Alainna Catino

Kappa Delta Pi

Membership in this international Honor Society
for education has been awarded to:

Graduate:

Emma McGuane

Phi Alpha Eta Psi

Membership in this national Honor Society
for social work has been awarded to:

Graduate:

Mackenzie Herbert

Brianna Limbaugh

Sofia Osman

Jared Pathiakis

Teresa Watts

Sigma Beta Delta

Membership in this international Honor Society
for business has been awarded to:

Undergraduate:

Mariem Afnouch

Brady Aylward

Pearce Baker

Julian Booth

Kevin Campbell

Matthew Hennessey

Dylan McLaughlin

August Otto

Maxandre Pelletier

Graduate:

Kwame Addae

Andrew Ghataora

Bruno Piva de Castro

Sigma Theta Tau,

Iota Phi at-Large Chapter

Membership in this international Honor Society
for nurses has been awarded to:

Brigette Tawiah Apenteng

Kelley Joan Crosby

Anetta Ann DelPrado

Alicia Rose Garofoli

Sarah Happy

Shearita Kennedy-Okoampah

Christopher MacLagan

Marcelly L. H. Miranda

Madison Mulligan

Sehila Ryerson

Danielle Schiloski

TriBeta National Biological Honor Society

Membership in this national Honor Society
for biological sciences has been awarded to:

Megan Grogan

Tessa Henry

Lia Mucera

Mariana Perdomo

Marino Vedova

Honors Students

The following senior scholars have completed the Honors
Program since being selected as freshmen.

Throughout their tenure at Anna Maria, they successfully
completed the elevated curriculum and other requirements of
this rigorous program.

Ivy Ballou

Ludjy Célestin

Ludny Célestin

Isabella de Carvalho Diaz

Tessa Henry

Mariana Perdomo

Geidyann Soto

Marino Vedova



Special Awards

The Bishop Timothy J. Harrington Award

The Bishop Timothy J. Harrington Award, established in 1988, is bestowed upon a graduating senior judged by a committee of faculty, staff, students and administration of the College to have demonstrated compassionate service in the promotion of peace and justice.

Recipient to be announced from the podium.

The Sr. Yvette E. Bellerose Award

The Sr. Yvette E. Bellerose Award was created in 2014 to recognize a graduating senior who has embodied the values and commitment to the Anna Maria College mission as exhibited by Sr. Yvette E. Bellerose, S.S.A., '72, Hon.D.Ed.'91, former chair of the Board of Trustees.

Through academic excellence and a commitment to Anna Maria College and the greater community, recipients must exhibit a commitment to the Catholic faith, service to those most vulnerable and encouragement to all individuals to play an active role in shaping their own future.

Recipient to be announced from the podium.

The Dr. Bernadette Madore Award

The Dr. Bernadette Madore Award for Academic Excellence is bestowed upon the graduating senior who, as a full-time student at Anna Maria College, earned the highest cumulative grade point average in a minimum of 90 semester hours.

This award was established by the faculty and staff of Anna Maria College to commemorate Dr. Bernadette Madore's twenty-five years of distinguished service as Dean of the College.

Recipient to be announced from the podium.



Honorary Degree Recipient

Michael P. Angelini, Doctor of Laws



Michael Angelini is a senior partner of the law firm of Prince Lobel and has been a practicing trial and business lawyer in Worcester since 1968.

He is a graduate of Wesleyan University and Duke University School of Law.

Mr. Angelini's experience includes being a Director and former Chair of the Board of Directors of the Hanover Insurance Group and a director of several financial institutions, including local banks and as chair and director of various local charitable and civic organizations, including the Greater Worcester Community Foundation, the United Way of Central Massachusetts, Community Legal Aid Association and the Worcester County Bar Association.

His public service includes being a Director of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority and Chairman of the Massachusetts Port Authority.

He most recently served as Chair of the Worcester Redevelopment Authority and is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.



Honorary Degree Recipient

Patricia Zillian Eppinger, Doctor of Human Service



Patty Eppinger is a distinguished business leader, educator, and civic advocate whose career reflects a deep and enduring commitment to leadership, education, and community service.

Ms. Eppinger began her professional career as a consultant with McKinsey & Company, where she advised organizations on strategy and organizational effectiveness. She later brought her expertise to the classroom, serving as a Lecturer at both the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College and the MIT Sloan School of Management.

A graduate of the College of William & Mary, where she earned a bachelor's degree in economics and government, she went on to receive her MBA from the Tuck School of Business, building a strong foundation for her professional and civic leadership.

For more than two decades, Ms. Eppinger has been a tireless champion for education and community engagement in Worcester. As a founder and former Chair of the Worcester Education Collaborative, she helped build and lead an organization dedicated to advancing excellence and equity in education-bringing together educators, families, and community leaders to drive meaningful, systemic improvement for Worcester's students.

As Co-Chair of the One City, One Library Initiative, Ms. Eppinger played a pivotal role in a transformative public-private partnership that brought libraries into Worcester's elementary schools and neighborhoods-an enduring contribution to literacy, equity, and community connection. This innovative collaboration was recognized with the Award for Excellence in Collaboration from the Massachusetts Nonprofit Network, underscoring its impact as a model for cross-sector partnership.

Ms. Eppinger's commitment to educational equity has extended to the state level through her service on the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, where she co-chaired the development of the Strategic Plan for Racial Equity, helping to shape a more inclusive and just future for public higher education in the Commonwealth.

The breadth and depth of her impact have been recognized through some of the region's highest civic honors. She has been celebrated for distinguished community service, transformative support of education, and her ability to mobilize public and private partners in service of the common good - receiving honors such as the Isaiah Thomas Award, the United Way Alexis de Tocqueville Award, the Worcester Public School's Thomas Jefferson Award, the Worcester Public Library Foundation's inaugural Dr. Richard E. Greene Award, the Women's Initiative Lois B. Green Award, and the Museum of Worcester's Harvey Ball Smile Award. Reflecting the profound and lasting nature of her contributions, Ms. Eppinger has twice been presented with the Key to the City of Worcester.



Honorary Degree Recipient

Edward M. Augustas, Jr., Doctor of Public Administration



Edward Augustus is the Chief Executive Officer of UniBank, the largest mutually owned Bank in Central Massachusetts with \$3 billion in assets, headquartered in Whitinsville, Massachusetts.

An experienced, results-driven executive, Mr. Augustus has spent more than 35 years in public service, building effective teams and bringing people together to have a positive impact on communities.

In June 2023, he was appointed by Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey to lead the newly created Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities.

As Secretary of the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, Mr. Augustus led the state's mission to create more homes and lower housing costs for Massachusetts residents. The executive office also distributes funding for community development initiatives, oversees the state's public housing, and operates homelessness prevention and housing stabilization programs.

Before joining the Healey-Driscoll Administration, Mr. Augustus served as City Manager of Worcester, where he led the state's second-largest city through a revitalization that became known as the Worcester Renaissance. Under his administration, the gateway city saw a wave of new development, infrastructure improvements and new housing that attracted statewide attention and restored pride to residents.

City Manager Augustus also spearheaded the \$240 million landmark redevelopment of Worcester's Canal District and Kelley Square, including leading negotiations to relocate the Boston Red Sox AAA affiliate (now the WooSox) to the city and construction of the multi-use Polar Park stadium.

Before joining the City of Worcester, Mr. Augustus served as director of Government & Community Relations for the College of Holy Cross, state senator for the 2nd Worcester District, chief of staff for Congressman Jim McGovern, and chief of staff to the assistant secretary for Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs at the U.S. Department of Education under President Clinton's administration.



Our Mission

As a Catholic institution inspired by the ideals of the Sisters of Saint Anne, Anna Maria College educates students to become individuals who will transform their world as ethical leaders and community-oriented professionals.

Our Values

- **faith and reason.** Drawing upon the Catholic intellectual tradition, the academic environment provides students an education that honors faith and reason as complementary paths of wisdom in the search for truth and meaning.
- **liberal arts.** The College prepares students to adapt to future challenges with creativity and innovation, by integrating a liberal arts education with personal development and professional achievement.
- **service to community.** In line with the values of the foundresses, the College stimulates within students a sense of responsibility and dedication to the community through selfless service to family, friends, colleagues and those in need.
- **justice and peace.** Acknowledging our place within the world, the College emboldens students to identify injustices and to contribute peaceful solutions to them.
- **development of the whole person.** A balanced education, curricular and co-curricular, aims to inspire holistic personal growth in students as lifelong learners.
- **cultivation of personal moral responsibility.** We expect students to develop as ethically responsible human beings, through serious reflection and active engagement.
- **respect for human dignity.** We welcome all, regardless of background, and encourage critical thought and ideas in the pursuit of truth.
- **Anna Maria College** encourages a lifestyle capable of sustaining these values in balance.

The Charisms of Esther Blondin

- To provide a faith-based education in co-educational settings
- To educate the whole person



Academic Regalia

The caps, gowns, and hoods worn in formal processions are patterned after the attire of monks and students in the Middle Ages. The Bachelor's gown is distinguished by the long pleated front, intricate shirring across the shoulders and back, and long pointed sleeves. The Masters gown is similar but has oblong, hanging sleeves. Those who hold the Doctorate wear a gown featuring broad velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on each sleeve. This velvet trimming may be either black or the distinctive color of the field of learning, represented by the degree.

Black is the traditional color of the gowns. However, many faculty who hold Doctorates wear gowns distinguished by the primary colors of the institution which awarded the degrees. The caps worn are of many different types. There are the traditional mortarboard, the soft beret type, and the Florentine style. The tassels of the caps are worn on the left side by those who already possess Bachelor's degrees.

The hood is probably the most distinctive feature of the regalia. The size of the hood varies according to the level of the degree held. The Bachelor's is the smallest, the Master's somewhat larger, and the Doctor's the largest of the three. The inner silk lining of the hood represents the colors of the institution which conferred the degree. The outer velvet border of the hood signifies the field of learning to which the degree pertains, such as the following:

- Arts, Letters Humanities – *White*
- Business Administration – *Drab*
- Business, Accounting – *Olive Green*
- Economics – *Copper*
- Education – *Light Blue*
- Fine Arts – *Brown*
- Law – *Purple*
- Library Science – *Lemon*
- Music – *Pink*
- Nursing – *Apricot*
- Philosophy – *Dark Blue*
- Physical Education – *Sage Green*
- Public Administration – *Peacock Blue*
- Psychology (Advanced Studies) – *Light Blue*
- Science – *Gold Yellow*
- Social Science – *Citron*
- Speech – *Silver Gray*
- Theology – *Scarlet*

- Walter E. Scheid



Cords and Stoles

Bachelor's Degree Students graduating with academic honors
a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.5 or above
Gold Cord

Alpha Phi Sigma - *Criminal Justice*
Blue and Gold Cords

Delta Epsilon Sigma - *Excellence in Catholic Colleges*
Red Cords

Kappa Delta Pi - *Education*
Purple and Green Cords

National Association of Social Workers
Turquoise Blue Cord

Phi Alpha Honor Society - *Social Work*
Double Knotted Blue and Gold Honor Cords

Sigma Beta Delta - *Business*
Gold and Green Cords

Sigma Tau Delta - *English*
Red and Black Cords

Sigma Theta Tau, Iota Phi at-Large Chapter - *Nursing*
Purple and White Cords

Additional cords and stoles represent levels of campus involvement and identification, including leadership, volunteerism, athletics, diversity, and service to country and community.

Mace

Since the sixteenth century in England and the colonial days in America, the mace has been a symbol of office carried by the procession leader in ceremonies. Today, at colleges, the most senior faculty member traditionally carries the mace. The Anna Maria College mace was commissioned in 1991 in honor of the 45th anniversary of the College. Hand carved from solid black walnut, it features the College seal trimmed in gold leaf.

The Presidential Medallion

The Presidential Medallion was first worn by Sr. Bernadette Madore when she was inaugurated as the College's fourth president in 1978. A Worcester area silversmith created the handmade medallion, engraved with the College seal. The medallion is worn when the president wears academic regalia for College functions.



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