

Letter from the President

Dear Alumni/ae:

One of the most famous quotations attributed to Mother Marie Anne Blondin, the Foundress of the Sisters of Saint Anne, is, "The deeper the tree sinks its roots in the soil, the greater the chance of growing, branching out, and providing fruit." The roots of Anna Maria College can be traced to the founding of the Sisters of Saint Anne in 1850 and the founding of the College in 1946. Each year the roots sink deeper and the tree grows stronger. As the 2008-09 academic year draws to a close, Anna Maria College provides evidence of the meaning of these words from Mother Marie Anne both literally and figuratively.

Just a few weeks ago, the college community celebrated the 200th anniversary of the birth of Mother Marie Anne. And in commemoration of this historic date, the College planted a tree in front of Socquet House ... a visible and tangible reminder of Mother Marie Anne's extraordinary life and commitment to the values that are central to the College that bears her name. In the years to come, we will watch this tree grow stronger as the College grows and develops, branching out and bearing fruit. This tree will serve as a constant reminder of our genesis and our future as a Sisters of Saint Anne College.

But the metaphor of a well rooted tree bearing fruit is appropriate for the College as well. As you will see and read in this newsletter, the end of the academic year provided ample evidence of the "fruits" of Anna Maria College. Student recognition through service, academic and athletic awards preceded the culminating event of Commencement. And our Baccalaureate Mass on campus and Commencement Exercises at the Hanover Theatre celebrated the achievement of over 300 graduates. These students, many of whom came to Anna Maria unsure of their future and searching, have grown and developed in their knowledge and wisdom, their faith and commitment, their values and their leadership, ready to take their places in the world as active professionals and servants to the Common Good.

We also see evidence of growth in the development of the College. Expansion of facilities, new programs and additional faculty and staff will help to serve the needs of a growing student population. The new athletic field, which will be completed this summer, will provide a great resource for our student athletes and all of our intramural programs. In the Fall, we will welcome the largest freshmen class in the history of the College with many new faculty and staff and the expansion of student services. While the College carefully responds to the challenging economic times, we continue to deepen our roots and bear new fruit.

There is a Chinese proverb that says, "If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people." With deep roots and the abiding support of our alumni/ae and friends, Anna Maria College will continue to provide the highest quality education. Thank you for all you do for AMC!

Sincerely,

Jack P. Calareso, Ph.D.
President

A Quick Glance of what's been happening at AMC to keep our Alumni Informed on their Alma Mater.

A Special Celebration...

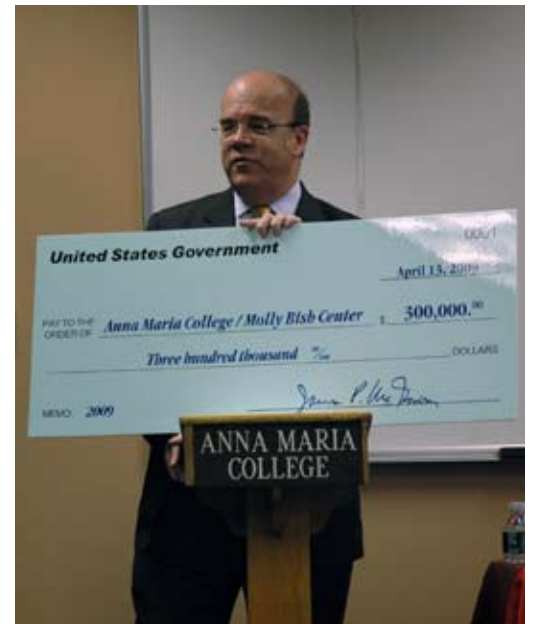
On April 15th the Anna Maria College community and over 20 Sisters of Saint Anne gathered to recognize the 200th anniversary of the birth of the Foundress of the Sisters of Saint Anne, Blessed Marie Anne Blondin, with a special Mass in Madore Chapel followed by a tree planting in her memory on the lawn of the Socquet House. The tree is a red maple and a new sign will be erected near it in honor of Blessed Marie Anne.



The Sisters of Saint Anne, AMC Community Members, and friends of the College bless the tree

A Grant for the Molly Bish Center...

April 15th was a busy time for AMC as we were also treated this day to a visit to our Worcester campus by Congressman James McGovern, who presented a \$300,000 earmark grant to the Molly Bish Center for the Protection of Children and the Elderly. Our president, Dr. Jack P. Calareso, used this event as an opportunity to publicly acknowledge the Congressman for his efforts on behalf of children and the elderly. According to David Tuttle, Director of the Molly Bish Center, the \$300,000 grant will allow the Center to continue to provide education and advocacy on behalf of children and the elderly. It will also give the Center the opportunity to continue its important work with the Worcester District Attorney's Office, as well as provide support for the revitalization of the Worcester County Elder Abuse Roundtable, which is led by the Bish Center.



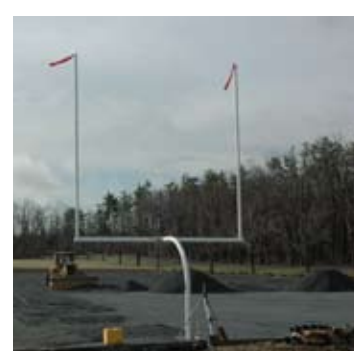
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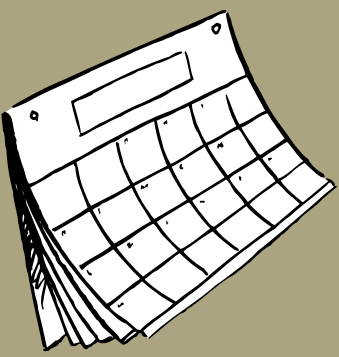
On April 22nd, the AMC community gathered once again to celebrate Earth Day with a campus-wide cleanup conducted by faculty, staff and students. Volunteers helped clean up branches still left behind from this winter's ice storm and planted flowers to welcome spring.



Athletics Update...

When you drive down Sunset Lane, new goal posts, a large score board, and a turf field will catch your attention. The new field will be used for soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, intramurals and the College's first-ever football team, which will kick-off this fall. Four new varsity teams were introduced during the 2008-2009 season, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse, men's tennis, and women's tennis. Although starting a program from scratch can be difficult, each first-year team managed to capture at least one victory in their inaugural season.





Upcoming Events:

Thursday, May 28

Networking After Hours

5:30 – 7:30 pm

O'Connors Restaurant & Bar

1160 West Boylston St

Worcester, MA

Monday, June 22

& Tuesday, June 23

Anti-Terrorism Workshop for

Campus Law Enforcement

Anna Maria College

Thursday, July 23

Cape Cod Clam Bake

West Barnstable, MA

Saturday, July 25

Red Sox vs. Baltimore Orioles

Boston, MA

Saturday, August 29

Red Sox vs. Toronto Blue Jays

Boston, MA

Saturday, September 12

First Home Football Game

Anna Maria College

Save the Date!

Reunion & Homecoming

Weekend

October 16-18

Anna Maria College

Student Accomplishments

Spring at AMC also brought opportunities to recognize the accomplishments of our students. AMC's student Social Justice group received a community service award from the College's of Worcester Consortium for their work on providing backpacks filled with school supplies to Worcester elementary school children, and three of AMC's ALANA students were acknowledged for actively demonstrating leadership and commitment in the area of diversity and multicultural education for the college and community at a special community-wide ALANA Awards Banquet. On campus, student leaders were acknowledged for their outstanding commitment and dedication to Anna Maria College at the annual JFK Awards. Students were acknowledged for the important roles they played in the Student Government Association, ALANA, residence life, and admissions.



Student leaders recognized at JFK Night.



Students inducted into Honor Societies for the 09 year.



Dean Klein, members of the Social Action Group, Dr. Calareso at the Consortium's Alden Awards Dinner

Another Milestone...

On May 2, students in AMC's RN-BSN received their pins at a special pinning ceremony held on campus in Madore Chapel, and on May 9 over 275 graduates were recognized for their outstanding achievements at the College's 60th Commencement Ceremony held again this year at the Hanover Theater (more details to come in our August publication).



Now you're up to date on AMC, we want to hear what you've been up to...

Call for Stories

We love to tell the stories of our alumni/ae in our magazines by sharing information in our Class Notes section, however, we can't do this without your help. Please send us information on what's happening in your life so we can keep the spirit and community of AMC alive. Information can be sent to alumni@annamaria.edu or click on the Submit Class Notes button at www.annamaria.edu/alumni.

Alumni Awards

In the Winter/Spring Issue of the Alumni Magazine there was a call for Nominations for the annual Alumni Awards that will be presented at this year's Reunion & Homecoming Weekend October 16-18. Just a reminder to get your nominations in soon. The deadline is July 15th. Visit www.annamaria.edu/alumni and click on the Call for Nominations button to submit your nomination.

AMC ANNUAL FUND

Please consider making your gift to the AMC Annual Fund before our fiscal year ends on June 30. Your gift directly supports our students and their educational needs, from scholarships and financial aid to classroom equipment and library books. Thank you in advance for your support.

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