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## **Anna Maria College Names Dr. Sean J. Ryan as Next President**

PAXTON, MA - [March 6, 2025] - The Board of Trustees of Anna Maria College is pleased to announce the appointment of [Dr. Sean J. Ryan as the institution's 12th president](#), effective July 1, 2025. The ~~Board's vote was unanimous~~ Dr. Ryan will succeed President Mary Lou Retelle, who has led the College since 2015.

Dr. Ryan joins Anna Maria College from Bellarmine University in Louisville, Kentucky where he currently serves as Senior Vice President, directing for Administration, Strategic Initiatives, and Trustee Affairs. Since joining Bellarmine in 2007, Dr. Ryan has held positions of increasing responsibility, including Vice President for Enrollment Management and Dean of the School of Continuing and Professional Studies.

"After a comprehensive national search, we are delighted to welcome Dr. Sean J. Ryan as the next president of Anna Maria College," said David P. Trainor, Chair of the Board of Trustees. "Dr. Ryan's impressive track record in leadership, commitment to Catholic higher education, and proven success in enrollment growth and financial management make him exceptionally qualified to lead Anna Maria College into its next chapter. The Board approached this search with great care and dedication, confident that this decision will have a positive and lasting impact on Anna Maria College. **Dr. Ryan's** passion for our mission and ability to articulate our values while honoring the College's rich tradition founded by the Sisters of Saint Anne perfectly aligns with our vision for the future."

A New England native with strong regional ties, Dr. Ryan brings extensive experience in strategic

President for Development and Alumni Relations where he led efforts that raised \$7 million in just seven months. His responsibilities included advising the President on administrative and academic matters and acting as the primary liaison to the Board of Trustees in the President's absence.