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Archbishop Williams High School names Dr. Verna-Ann Power – Charnitsky of South Easton to its Academic Hall of Fame

BRAINTREE, MA, ISSUED NOVEMBER 3, 2011…Dr. Verna– Ann Power– Charnitsky a member of the Class of 1994 at Archbishop Williams High School, a leading Catholic co–educational college preparatory high school located in Braintree, was recently inducted into the school’s Academic Hall of Fame, at a ceremony held on October 30th at The Neighborhood Club in Quincy.

Dr. Power– Charnitsky is currently is an assistant professor in the Department of Biology at Regis College. She received her undergraduate degree in Biochemistry from Regis where she received numerous academic accolades including membership into Alpha Lamda Delta, the National Scholastic Honor Society, Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society, Delta Epsilon Sigma, the National Honor Societies of Catholic Colleges, Psi Chi, and the National Honor Society of Psychology. She was also the recipient of the Presidential and Alumnae Scholarships while at Regis College.

She later attended Northeastern University where she received her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Biomedical Sciences/Pharmaceutical Sciences with a Specialization in Pharmacology. Dr. Power– Charnitsky was the recipient of several accolades including NEU Scholarship, Outstanding Teaching Assistant Nominee and Finalist for three consecutive years, recipient of the Graduate and Professional Student Association Travel Award, Northeastern University and Finalist for the Cecile Lehman Mayer Research Award.

In 1999, she was a finalist for the Cecile Lehman Mayer Research Award. She currently is a member of the Society for Neuroscience and the Faculty Development Committee at Regis College. She has published in various journals including the Molecular Psychiatry Journal,
Journal of Respiratory Care and Neurotoxicology and has presented at numerous conferences.

Since 2003 she has been employed at Regis College where she is currently teaching A&P I and II, Pathophysiology, Microbiology, and graduate-level Pharmacology. I serve on the Faculty Development committee at Regis College. She is also the Microbiology Lab Coordinator (overseeing the teaching assistants, lab adjuncts, etc.) and acts as an internship advisor.

Prior to her teaching at Regis, she was the Operations Manager/Senior Scientist at StethoGraphics, Inc. at Faulkner Hospital where she was also Electrocardiogram Technician.

While at AWHS, Dr. Power-Charnitsky was a valedictorian of her class- sharing the role with another student that year. She was a member of the National Honor Society, as well as receiving grad medals in Theology, English, Mathematics and Science. Dr. Power-Charnitsky is married and has a 2-year old daughter, Hailey. She and her family reside in South Easton.

“All inductee we honored today has lived to learn,” said Carmen Mariano, President of Archbishop Williams High School. “Each has given more to the world’s wealth of knowledge than they have taken from it. They have made the world a wiser place just by being who they are. Today’s inductees will help our students believe they can. They have achieved educational excellence and earned educational distinction.”

About Archbishop Williams High School

Archbishop Williams High School is a Catholic co-educational high school, which educates young men and women spiritually, academically, morally and physically. A college-preparatory school, Archbishop Williams High School graduates go on to study at leading colleges and universities across the county. Graduates include leaders in the business world, politics, the arts and theater, the media, education and religious life as well as strong contributors to society. Archbishop Williams High School is part of a Christian community that integrates learning with faith and focuses on developing the whole person. The school derives its name from the Most Reverend John Joseph Williams (1822-1907) fourth Bishop and first Archbishop of Boston. Archbishop Williams High School, which opened its doors in 1949, is located at 80 Independence Avenue, Braintree, MA 02184. For additional information, please call 781-843-3636 or visit www.awhs.org.