

## ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



On Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 12 Amity Alumni and former teachers/coaches were inducted in to the Amity Hall of Honor and Amity Hall of Fame. Regardless of the connection of these illustrious inductees, they all shared one common experience that has been a formative aspect of their lives-Amity Regional High School. As 1988 alumnus Michael Effley stated, “In the same way you cannot develop courage without fear, you cannot develop character without adversity.” There was no particular program, curriculum or class that was a consistent part of each story. What was consistent was that the people-fellow students, teachers, counselors, administrators-who are a part of our community work to create an environment where growth, self-exploration and creativity can thrive. Communicated through every inductee’s story, a common theme of support and encouragement was woven together to create a fabric reflective of the culture we continue to build today. Each inductee reflected on how Amity allowed them to explore their passions and experiences setbacks while continuing to grow and thrive in a supportive environment. [Mr. Effley](#), [Nic Novicki](#) (Class of 2002) and [Jack Santucci](#) (Class of 2001) also shared their stories with some of our students during school on Thursday and Friday. In Spartan Seminar this week, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students continued to explore the concept of “growth mindset” by reflecting on successful people who have had famous fails. Our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students connected with Link Crew Leaders and the 12<sup>th</sup> grade students began to think about how to “pay it forward” through a district-wide initiative of having 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade pen pals. These various activities are a few examples of how we continue to work toward building a strong school and district community while creating a safe environment where students can take risks and explore their interests. Based on the success of the members of the 2019 Hall of Honor/Fame class, Amity has a solid foundation on which to build. Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*

Principal

**College and Career of the Week:** This week’s college is the **Penn State University at University Park** and the career of the week is **Anthropologist**. [Pennsylvania State University at University Park](#) (“Penn State for short”) is the largest of the 20 PSU campuses, serving 40,000 students. The campus is located in State College, PA, approximately 320 miles from the BOW area. The estimate cost for an out-of-state student (tuition, fees, room and board) is approximately \$50,000 per year. [Refer to the tuition calculator here](#). Penn State is also a “[top 50 college](#)” with Amity students. “[Anthropologists](#) and archeologists study the origin, development, and behavior of humans” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2018). Anthropologists typically work in research

organizations, government and consulting firms. Most anthropologists will earn higher degrees (MS and/or PhD) to stay competitive in the job market. **Faster than average job growth is expected (10%) through 2028** and the average salary is \$ 62,410 (BLS, 2018). For more information, please visit the [American Anthropological Association](#) or the [National Association for the Practice of Anthropology](#) websites.

*For more information, students can view the bulletin boards in the main hallway and in the Career Center and/or speak with the Career Center staff.*

## **Happenings and Information**

**Winter Sports Information Night:** Tuesday October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the main gym will be our annual Winter Sports Information night. This is a MUST attend event for all students and parents/guardians interested in trying out for a winter sport. Mandatory information as well as tryout information will be presented. **THIS IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT EVENT** to attend if you are interested in a winter sport!

**End of Marking Period 1:** November 1<sup>st</sup> is the end of marking period 1. Grades will be finalized in PowerSchool by the end of the following week.

**Upcoming Important Amity Referendum:** There will be an important special referendum on **December 4<sup>th</sup>** to vote on funding capital improvement projects, including athletic facility improvements. All information, including FAQs and presentation can be found [here](#).

**Deadline approaching for AP Exams!** There are **10 days left** to make sure you have paid for your exam(s)!

- Cost: \$97 per exam (\$145 for Research and Seminar)
- Register and pay through Total Registration by clicking on this [link](#)
- Deadline: Monday 11/4 at 11:59pm (late fees will apply after this date)
- Please contact Gerilyn Ferguson at [Gerilyn.ferguson@amityregion5.org](mailto:Gerilyn.ferguson@amityregion5.org) with any questions

## **Senior Happenings**

**Attention seniors-first quarter grades:** If you would like first quarter grades to be sent to colleges, you must fill out a Google form. We will plan to send out first quarter beginning the week of November 18<sup>th</sup>, according to the college deadlines. Please use [this](#) Google doc. If you need grades sent to more than 10 schools, please fill out the form multiple times.

**DIRECT ADMISSION DAYS at AMITY HIGH SCHOOL:** Some local colleges will soon be visiting with our seniors for on-site admission appointments. *In order to participate, seniors should have already submitted their application to the visiting college at least one week before Amity's scheduled event.* Please understand that financial aid information will NOT be available at these meetings and will be sent to you at a later time. Seniors must make an appointment in the CAREER CENTER in order to participate.

The following colleges are currently scheduled:

- University of New Haven      Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Albertus Magnus College      Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>
- Quinnipiac University\*\*      Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

\*\*NOTE – NO instant decisions for Health Sciences or Nursing majors

- Central CT State University      Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>
- Western CT State University      Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

**Local University Campus Fall Open House Information:** The UConn Waterbury Campus is launching the **Allied Health Sciences** major at their campus as a four-year degree program starting the Fall 2020. This major pairs perfectly with the Certificate of Entry into Nursing offered by the School of Nursing as a 1-year post-baccalaureate program at the UConn Waterbury campus. Interested students should attend the upcoming Fall Information Session on Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 10:00am-12:00pm. Please register [here](#). **Southern Connecticut State University** Open House-Saturday, November 2, 2019-1:30pm-4:30pm. Please register [here](#).

**College Visits:** Each week, throughout the fall season, Amity High School hosts representatives from many colleges throughout the country. These representatives are available to share information with juniors and seniors about their institutions and to discuss the admissions process. Counselors will attend these sessions and take notes on the discussion. Notes will be posted on Naviance under each individual college name under "Counselor Comments for Students." A list of schools visiting can be found on Naviance and in our weekly Happenings. **A student must register on Naviance and obtain a pass from the Career Center.** Students are provided excused absences from class to meet with representatives. Please click [here](#) for list of colleges coming next.

**Notes from Counseling Department**

**Apprenticeship Info Session Offered:** Keri Lamontagne from **the CT Dept. of Labor Office of Apprenticeship Training** will be speaking in the Career Center during period 2 (8:30-9:30am) on November 12, 2019 to discuss the manufacturing pre-apprenticeship program, certificate and other apprenticeship career opportunities post-secondary graduation. If interested in attending this informational session, please stop by the Career Center to obtain a pass.

The **ASVAB test** will be given at Amity on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am until 11:00am. Any student in grades 10, 11 or 12 is welcome to take the test. The ASVAB or “Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery” is an online, multiple-choice test that helps students identify career strengths. **Students may register to take the test by signing up in the Career Center.** While the US military branches all use the ASVAB as an admissions exam, *students do NOT have to be interested in military careers to take the test.* **Taking the ASVAB does not obligate students to enlist!** Please [visit this link](#) for more information.

### **Volunteer Opportunities in the Community:**

**\*Turkey Hill Halloween Hoot-Saturday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00pm.** Please contact [jennydisorbo@me.com](mailto:jennydisorbo@me.com) or [rogersre13@gmail.com](mailto:rogersre13@gmail.com)

**\*Orange Park & Rec Department “Funtober/Trunk or Treat”** at the High Plains Community Fairgrounds on **Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> (rain date 10/27) from 1-3pm.** Please email Jessica Simone at [jsimone@orange-ct.gov](mailto:jsimone@orange-ct.gov) to sign up.

**\*Elementary School Drama Clubs!** Both Turkey Hill School, Orange, CT and Bethany Community School, Bethany, CT are seeking Amity High School students for their Drama Clubs. Turkey Hill School meets on Tuesdays from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. and Bethany Community School meets on Wednesdays from 3:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Please email [deborahsansone@gmail.com](mailto:deborahsansone@gmail.com)

**\*As a reminder, all community service hours must be logged in PowerSchool by the student under “ECollect Forms” first, and then signed community service forms should be handed into the Career Center.**

### **Important Reminders**

**Class T-shirts-** This year, class shirts for 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades will be purchased through MyPaymentsPlus! To fill out sizing requests, please go to PowerSchool, then E-collect, and the form is under each class name. After filling this out, the payment will be processed through MyPaymentsPlus. Thank you for your support for our graduation classes!

**Deadline for Dropping a Course:** Please be aware that the deadline to drop a course or a level in course without a “W” appearing on the transcript is November 1st. If your child is having difficulty in a course, please be sure to speak to the teacher and school counselor prior to the deadline.

**DEADLINE EXTENDED for AP Exam Registration!** We have heard the requests for more time! Please note the **\*UPDATED\*** timeline to pay for AP Exams. The registration dates are today through Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 11:59pm. Please use [this link](#) to register and pay:

AP Exam Fee:

- \$97 per exam
  - AP Seminar and Research Exam fees are \$145 each
- AP Physics C has two exams – Mechanics and Electricity & Magnetism

Late Fees: after November 4, 2019, late fees will be imposed as follows:

- \$10 late fee per exam until November 15, 2019 (fee set by ARHS)
- \$40 late fee per exam after November 15, 2019 (fee set by The College Board)
- Anyone trying to pay after November 4<sup>th</sup>, please contact Gerilyn Ferguson at [gerilyn.ferguson@amityregion5.org](mailto:gerilyn.ferguson@amityregion5.org) for instructions.

## **Athletics**

**Athletic Department Website:** For all information regarding practice and athletic schedules for fall sports, please refer to the athletic department’s website [here](#).

For a copy of next week’s competition schedule, please click [here](#).

For a copy of this past week’s competition results, please click [here](#).

## **Community Happenings**

**2019 Music in Motion:** Tonight and tomorrow only! Come see this year’s Music in Motion performance-the 10 year anniversary! This Amity tradition is a showcase of the

Amity Band and includes various acts. Tickets can be purchased [here](#) and the show starts at 7:00pm both nights!

**Senator Logan Hosts Community Forum:** Senator George Logan will be hosting a community forum to discuss the opioid epidemic on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 at Naugatuck High School. Please see this [flyer](#) for more information.