

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



As we wrap up the month of February, we move in to the second half of the marking period. It is a good time to revisit goals set earlier in the year or at the beginning of the semester and evaluate progress. It is also an opportune time to consider parameters for success. Our students engaged in an intentional reflection on success this past week during Spartan Seminar by watching [this video](#) and discussing the various habits of success. In addition to the habits that are highlighted in the video, another aspect of success is empathy, which we worked to strengthen within our school community earlier in the month. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once stated, “The time is always right to do what is right.” We must remember to do right by ourselves and our community to support the success of everyone. Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This week’s college is **Fairleigh Dickinson University** and the career of the week is **Human Resources Specialist**. Founded in 1942, [Fairleigh Dickinson University’s](#) main Florham Campus is located in Madison, New Jersey, approximately 110 miles from the BOW area. The university has three other campuses – the Metropolitan Campus located in Teaneck, NJ and two international campuses - one in Vancouver, Canada and the other at Wroxton College, England. Total enrollment for all four campuses is over 12,000 students. [Annual costs](#) are approximately \$60,000 per academic year (tuition, fees, room and board). [“Human resources specialists](#) (sometimes known as a personnel manager) recruit, screen, interview, and place workers. They also handle employee relations, compensation and benefits, and training” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2018). A bachelors’ degree is usually required for entry into the profession. The median salary is \$60,880 and the profession is expected to have average job growth at 5% through 2028 (BLS, 2018). For more information, please visit the [National Human Resources Association](#) or the [Society for Human Resources Management](#).

Happenings and Information

Student Efficiency Award Nomination Form: Please click on this [link](#) for the student application for the Jack B. Levine Efficiency Award of Excellence. The deadline for applications this year is April 24, 2020. There will be one recipient from each school and each awardee will each receive \$300 and recognition at the June Board of Education meeting. Click on this [link](#) for more details. Students can complete forms electronically and return them to me via e-mail or submit paper applications. Extra forms are outside the main office.

Health Office Reminder: Due to continued flu activity parents are reminded to follow the school illness policy. Students should not return to school until they are fever free for 24 hours **WITHOUT** the use of Tylenol/Motrin. Students should also not attend school if they are vomiting or have flu-like symptoms such as fever, chills, body aches, sore throat and cough. See this [link](#) for interventions recommended by the CDC to prevent the spread of germs.

Unified Theater Production: The Amity Unified Theater will be holding our 2020 production, "A Few of our Favorite Things," in the **Blackbox at 3:30 on Thursday, March 12**. Admission is free; everyone is welcome. Come watch us put the spotlight on ability! Donations always appreciated but never expected. Email allyson.wuerth@amityregion5.org for more information.

Yearbook Grad Ads: There are still a few grad ad spaces left in the 2020 yearbook! Take advantage of this last chance to honor and encourage your graduating senior in a book that he or she will keep for years to come! Please contact the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark and Vicki Hulse, at embers@amityschools.org if you are interested. Please note that we can no longer accommodate requests for full-page ads.

STAR Assessment Results: The Winter STAR Assessment results for reading and math are now available in PowerSchool Unified Classroom for students in grades 7 through 11. [Click here](#) for directions on how to access these scores as well as information on the STAR Assessment.

Save the Date!! College Fair: The annual **Amity High School College Fair** will be held on **Wednesday, April 1, 2020** from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the AHS Gymnasium. This is a great way for students and parents to meet one-on-one with college admission decision-makers and answer questions about a particular institute. The college fair is free and open to the public. A list of colleges will be listed soon! Mark your calendars for a great night!

Save the Date!! Career Day: Amity High School will be hosting our 6th Annual **Career Day on Friday, April 24, 2020** at 8:30 a.m. We are looking forward to providing a variety of career clusters to our 10th grade students. Please contact Lynn Cocco at: lynn.cocco@amityregion5.org or call 203-397-4836.

Senior Happenings

Additional Scholarship Resource Information: Naviance is only one of the many resources for researching scholarships. The Amity College and Career Center posts local and national scholarships on Naviance throughout the school year. Students can navigate through these scholarships in Naviance under the scholarship tab. Additional merit based and need based scholarships may be available by checking with the individual college or university or additional websites like [this one](#).

Current Local Scholarships available! Applications available in the Career Center.

- Bethany Lions Club (Bethany seniors only)
- Orange Scholarship Fund Association (Orange seniors only)
- Glenn Moon Scholarship (Open to all seniors pursuing Education)
- Amity Charitable Trust Fund-(Orange/Woodbridge Seniors only)
- New Haven County Tax Collectors Association Scholarship (Open to all Seniors)
- UConn Waterbury Campus Scholarship: Click [here](#)
- Orange Community Women's Scholarship (Orange seniors only)
- Yale New Haven Hospital Auxiliary/Allied Health Scholarship
- Yale New Haven Minority Nursing & Allied Health Scholarship
- West Haven & Orange Chamber of Commerce Women in Business Scholarship
- Junior League of Greater New Haven Voluntarism Scholarship Award
- Orthopaedic Specialty Group Scholarship
- Orange Little League Scholarship

Attention Seniors-Community Service Information: Seniors who have completed at least 100 hours of volunteer service during their high school career at Amity will be recognized at graduation. Each Senior will receive a certificate along with a special honor cord to be worn at graduation. All completed community service forms **must be handed no later than**

Monday, April 20th, 2020. Seniors can find their accumulated hours in PowerSchool under Forms. If you have any questions regarding community service, please stop by the Career Center.

Notes from Counseling Department

Parent Support Group: Amity Student Outreach Counselor Gary Lindgren will be starting a parent support group on Wednesday March 11th @6:30pm in the Career Center (in the high school counseling department). This is a program is meant as support for parents who have concerns about their children in relation to substance abuse issues.

ASVAB at Amity: The College & Career Center will be sponsoring the ASVAB test on Tuesday, April 7th, 2020. The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is a career placement test that is used by the United States Military. Civilians also use the ASVAB as a career interest inventory to help job seekers find compatible jobs and careers. If you would like to take the ASVAB, please fill out this [registration form](#).

Gateway CC Field Trip: The College and Career Center is sponsoring a FREE field trip to Gateway Community College in New Haven. The trip will take place on Monday, April 6th from 9am – 1pm. Students can bring their own lunch OR purchase lunch at the Shake Shack. Any junior or senior who is interested in attending must sign up in the Career Center by March 12th. (Permission form links will be emailed to your parent/guardian once we have your name.) See Mrs. Cocco or Mrs. Vallie for more information.

Do you care about the Environment? The Natural Resources Conservation Academy Conservation Ambassador Program at UConn is a summer opportunity for high school students (grades 9-11) who are interested in the environment, science, and community engagement. Through a week-long field experience at UConn and a community conservation project, this program engages students in natural resource science and conservation biology in a fun and exciting way through experiential, place-based learning. The field experience will take place from **July 19-25** at the UConn Storrs Campus. **Applications are due by April 1, 2020.** Please click [here](#) for more information.

The Yale New Haven Hospital Summer High School Volunteer Program: Yale Hospital needs and welcomes energetic volunteers for their York Street and Saint Raphael campuses. This coming **Monday, March 2, 2020** the interview

slots and application for the 2020 Summer Volunteer program at Yale Hospital will open up [here](#). There are a limited number of interview spaces for new volunteers available on a first-come, first-served basis. Students who have volunteered in the past have already received an email with paperwork to sign up for the summer.

Important Reminders

Save the Date for Career Day: Amity High School will be hosting our 5th annual **Career Day** on **Friday, April 24th** at 8:30 a.m. Are you interested in volunteering to give insight to our students about your career or job? We are looking forward to providing a variety of career speakers to our 10th grade students. Please contact Paula Vallie or Lynn Cocco in the Career Center if you would like to speak. Call 203-397-4836 or email paula.vallie@amityregion5.org OR lynn.cocco@amityregion5.org

Yearbooks Are Sold Out: The yearbook staff is excited to have reached its sales goal for this year; at this point, there are no longer any books available for purchase. The publisher may be able to provide us with additional books prior to distribution day, but as there is no guarantee that they will be able to do that or how many they will be able to provide, the yearbook staff has begun keeping a waiting list for those still interested in purchasing books. In order to get their name on the waiting list, students must see either Mr. Clark or Mrs. Hulse in person (we will not honor e-mail requests), and they must provide the full purchase price of \$85, either in cash or by check (made out to ARHS). Students will be refunded if their requests are unable to be fulfilled after Tuesday, June 9th. Please note that the waiting list will prioritize seniors over underclassmen.

Substitute Teachers Needed: If you are interested in becoming a [substitute teacher for Amity Region 5](#), please click on the link and fill out an application.

Athletics

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

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

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

Community Happenings

Job Bank Teens Looking for Work: Woodbridge Youth Services has teens who want to do odd jobs in Woodbridge like snow shoveling, yard work, babysitting, and tutoring. Residents may call 203-389-3429 for assistance.

Amity Adult and Continuing Education: Our Winter/Early Spring Session continues. New rounds of Tai Chi and Yoga are open for enrollment. Classes start next Wednesday. Log on at this [link](#) to register.

- **SAT Prep** will start in late March. Visit [this link](#) to register!
- **Drivers Education** will begin its Spring session April 2nd. Log on [here](#) to register!