

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



What a difference a week makes! It is hard to believe all that has happened in our state, nation and world over the past 7 days, but it is heartening to know that we are working together to maintain a sense of normalcy with schooling for our kids, support for our community and appreciation for the health care providers who are working tirelessly to address the pandemic that threatens our world. While we have been forced to move school off-site and online, it is important to maintain a positive, understanding mindset where we work collaboratively in our approach. We are here to help, so please feel free to reach out to the administration, technology department or other personnel if you have questions. Our kids are resilient and very capable. Our community is strong. As long as we work together, support each other and work to be healthy in body, mind and spirit, we'll get through this. Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This week's college is the “**University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)**” and the career of the week is **Genetic Counselor**. The [University of California at Los Angeles](#) (aka UCLA) is a public university located approximately 2,900 miles from the BOW area. UCLA has been [ranked as the #1 public university](#) by US News & World Report for the last 3 consecutive years. Founded in 1919, UCLA enrolls over 31,000 undergraduate students and offers over 130 academic programs within 7 academic colleges/schools. (See list of [majors/minors here](#).) Housing on campus is guaranteed for 3 years. [Annual costs](#) are approximately \$65,000 per academic year (out-of-state tuition, fees, room and board). “[Genetic Counselors](#) assess individual or family risk for a variety of inherited conditions, such as genetic disorders and birth defects” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2018). To work as a [genetic counselor](#), one must obtain a Masters' Degree in genetic counseling through an accredited program AND become board certified. The median salary is \$ 80,370 and the profession is expected to have **faster than average job growth at 27% through 2028** (BLS, 2018). For more information, please visit the [National Society of Genetic Counselors](#) and the [American Board of Genetic Counseling](#).

Happenings and Information

Address from the Principal: Please see this [link](#) for an address from Anna Mahon to students (and parents) today.

School attendance: Beginning Monday, March 23rd, all students will be marked with a new attendance code in PowerSchool-“C19”. This code will be used for the duration of the school closure due to the covid-19 outbreak. If your child is sick and cannot participate in on-line school, please call the attendance line to “call your child out sick” so that the school has a record of students who are ill. Arrangements for make-up work can be done through the counselor and directly with teachers.

Student Information for Off-Site Learning: Please use the following links for help with getting children ready for off-site/online learning. This is a 3 minute [video](#) of instructions. These directions will also be posted on the Amity Website school pages under *Students-Links/Resources*.

Open Choice Information: Please see this [letter](#) for information about the Open Choice Program. This [flyer](#) includes the link for application to the program in English. This [flyer](#) includes the link for application to the program in Spanish.

Senior Happenings

ARHS Scholarship Portal: Information regarding the Amity Scholarships will be sent to seniors via school email within the next week.

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](#).

Amity Regional High School SENIORS: Youth Services will choose (3) seniors, who live in Orange, to be rewarded with \$1,000 each toward their college education. Each applicant must fill out an application, provide a resume, a transcript of their grades & a brief essay. Students will be chosen based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, volunteer involvement & future endeavors. The deadline is 5/15/20. Contact Jessica Simone at jsimone@orange-ct.gov or (203)891-4785 for an application.

Notes from Counseling Department

Resources and links: This [article](#) has some good tips on how to handle concerns amid the pandemic outbreak.

Important Reminders

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.

Athletics

Athletic Department Update: Spring sports are postponed until further notice. Please see this [press release](#) from the CIAC.

Be safe and well, Amity!