

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



This week we launched our “first week” of school in the off-site learning approach that has been necessitated by the world-wide pandemic and the appropriate response of our state to enforce protocols to help flatten the curve of the covid-19 spread. Throughout the week, we have all learned A LOT. Students have gotten a lot of work from eager teachers who are anxious to reconnect with their students and their school. We all continue to get used to this approach and I commend all of the parents, guardians and caregivers who are supporting our students and helping them regulate a work/school schedule while maintaining appropriate time for recreation and family. I wanted to share this [resource](#), shared with me by Jodi Everone, one of Amity’s speech and language pathologists, to help families continue to navigate social distancing without emotional isolation. Now, more than ever, we need to continue to reach out to each other and support each other in this new realm of connecting through virtual platforms. If you, your child or your family in general is looking for more support, please reach out directly to our counseling department and ask for help. As mentioned in the article, this is new for all of us and it is appropriate for us to be new at this together. As many people in our community, not just our students, transition to “off-site” working (via our devices), I encourage you to unplug a bit this weekend and spend quality time with your family, socially interacting with those with whom you live in a meaningful way. As we are all learning through this experience, there is no substitute for being together and we are still able to experience that with the people with whom we live. Have a wonderful weekend, Amity!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This week’s college is the **University of Rhode Island** and the career of the week is **Pharmacologist**. The [University of Rhode Island](#) is a public university, originally established around 1890. The [main campus](#) (one of five) is located in Kingston, Rhode Island, approximately 90 miles from the BOW area. (Note to beach lovers – the campus is approximately 8 miles from Narragansett Beach.) URI enrolls over 14,600 undergraduate students and offers over 90 academic programs. (See [list of majors](#) here.) [Annual costs](#) are currently \$44,374.00 (2019-2020) per academic year (out-of-state tuition, fees, room and board). “[Pharmacologists](#) study the effects of drugs and other chemicals on animals, humans and plants” (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service,ucas.com, 2020). They are different from pharmacists, who prepare and dispense medicines/drugs. Simply put, pharmacists use the knowledge gained by pharmacologists, who create medicines/drugs. “[Pharmacology](#) is the science of how drugs act on biological systems and how the body responds to the drug” (aspet.com, 2019). The current [median salary](#) for

pharmacologists is \$101,000 (payscale.com, 2020). According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, [medical scientists](#) can expect to see ***faster than average job growth at 8% through 2028*** (BLS,2018). For more information, please visit the [American Society for Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics](#), the [American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics](#) or check out [this video](#).

Happenings and Information

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

End of 3rd Quarter Reminder: As a reminder, the 3rd marking period has been extended to April 9th. We will continue to grade for 3rd marking period through April break. The beginning of 4th marking period will begin on April 20th.

Instagram: ARHS Administration has created an Instagram page. Visit us at arhsspartans to follow up with our school community.

Outside Resources: We've created a community resource document for students so they have resources beyond Amity if they need outside support. [Click here to access](#)

Attention 11th grade students/parents/guardians: The CT State Dept. of Education announced that there will be no Next Generation Science Standards testing for this school year for juniors.

In addition-SAT in-school testing: The CT State Dept. of Education also announced that there will be no SAT school day testing for juniors this year. The CSDE will work closely with the College Board to determine how best to afford all students the opportunity to take an SAT assessment either this spring or sometime in the future.

Senior Happenings

ARHS Scholarships: Every year, we are able to select recipients for scholarships supported by members of the Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge communities. Approximately 100 scholarships are given to members of the senior class who demonstrate the attributes and characteristics described in each scholarship. Our scholarship application is up and running. The deadline for all applications here is April 3rd. Students received directions on how to complete the application through school email.

Current Local Scholarships: Please email Mrs. Vallie at paula.vallie@amityregion5.org for questions regarding scholarship applications.

- **Bethany Lions Club**
- **Orange Scholarship Fund Association**
- **Amity Charitable Trust Fund**
- **Uconn (Waterbury Campus) Scholarship**

- **Connecticut Association of Latinos in Higher Education, Inc. Scholarship**
- **Beth-wood Baseball League Scholarship**
- **Orange Little League Scholarship**
- **The Lucy Scillia Scholarship**
- **Orange Youth Services Scholarship**
- **Orange Rotary Scholarship**
- **Joseph Cuzzocreo Scholarship**

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

Community College: Connecticut Community colleges are now free. For more information please visit this [link](#).

Jeff Selingo, author of *There is Life After College*, has released a Zoom panel discussion on the College Search and COVID-19. The panel discusses College Board To watch the recorded discussion, click [here](#).

College Board has released some updates-General College Board updates can be found [here](#). The latest information about AP testing and AP instructional supports are found [here](#). This is a major change in AP testing so if you are scheduled to take an AP exam, please visit the link above.

AP Resources: The College Board, administrator of Advanced Placement exams, is offering students access to free, live AP review lessons, delivered by AP teachers from across the country beginning on Wednesday, March 25th. These optional, mobile-friendly classes are designed to be used alongside work that may be given by schools. These classes will also be available on-demand, so teachers and students can access them at any time. These online classes are not dependent on current AP teachers continuing instruction as we know many AP teachers now face challenges that would make that impossible. Additionally, for the 2019-20 AP Exam administration only, we're developing secure 45-minute online exams for each course. These streamlined digital exams will not require any test booklet shipments, external proctors, or any additional workload for schools. The exam content will focus on what most schools were able to complete by early-March. For each AP subject, there will be two different testing dates. By April 3rd, we'll publish the full exam schedule including the specific free-response question types that will compromise each AP exam. Please find more details [here](#).

Important Reminders

School attendance: All students will be marked with the 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, and written instructions can be found here. These links 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.

Athletics

Athletic Department Update: Spring sports are postponed until further notice. The athletic department has been reaching out to students who have registered for a spring sport with information to get prepared for the season. Please refer to Amity student email for more information.

Community Happenings

Community Opportunity: On Tuesday, March 31st at 6PM, South Asian Americans in Public Service (SAAPS) National will be hosting a virtual event with former US Surgeon General, Vivek Murthy, and Executive Director of Doctors for America, Alice Chen. This is open to all anyone interested in engaging with these leaders on 'Hope, Positive, and Action in the Age of COVID-19'. Please see this [link](#) for more information.

Programs Suspended: Due to concerns over the spread of COVID-19, Youth Services has suspended all programming until further notice. If Woodbridge residents have any concerns, please contact Human Services at 203-389-3429 and leave a message.

Red Cross Babysitter Training: American Red Cross Training is postponed. Please check the Town of Woodbridge website for updates.

Woodbridge First Selectman's Youth Award Nomination Deadline Extended: Woodbridge Youth Services, in collaboration with First Selectman Beth Heller, is accepting nominations for the First Selectman's Youth Award. Call 203-389-3429 for more information or find the nomination form on the Town's website at <https://www.woodbridgect.org/160/Youth-Services>. Please submit nominations to Woodbridge Youth Services at 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT 06525, by April 30, 2020.

Continue to be safe and well, Amity!