

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



As we conclude our third week of off-site learning and the 3rd marking period, I want to formally thank all of the parents and caregivers for your support of your children, of our teachers and the district administration throughout the transition to off-site learning. Please continue to stay patient and positive as we continue to move through this unprecedented situation at our local, state, national and world level. Through collaboration and maintaining hope, we'll get through this together. As part of our continued effort to promote community and school spirit, please take a few minutes to view this faculty-created [video](#). Please enjoy and have a wonderful Passover or Easter Holiday to all those who celebrate!

(Special thanks to Joy Shane and Jeremy Iverson for their hard work on the faculty video and to all the faculty/staff who submitted photos!)

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This week's college is the “**University of Massachusetts at Amherst**” and the career of the week is **Chemist**. The [University of Massachusetts at Amherst](#) is located about 95 miles from the BOW area in Amherst, MA. UMASS/Amherst is the flagship campus (one of five) in the UMASS system. Founded in 1863, the university currently enrolls over 24,000 undergraduate students and offers more than 95 undergraduate [programs](#) within 11 academic schools. UMASS/Amherst currently ranks as #24 in US News & World Report's (2020) “[Top 100 Public Universities](#)”. Also, UMASS/Amherst is a member of the acclaimed “[Five College Consortium](#)” where UMASS students are able to take classes at the other four (Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke, and Smith) colleges. Annual costs are approximately \$50,000 (2019-2020) per academic year ([out-of-state tuition & fees](#), [room](#) and [meals](#)). Learn more about [UMASS/Amherst here](#). “[Chemists](#) and materials scientists study substances at the atomic and molecular levels and analyze the ways in which the substances interact with one another” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2018). Entry level job seekers must have a bachelors' degree to work in this career field. With additional education or experience, chemists can [specialize in specific areas](#) such as water, hazardous waste and analytical chemistry jobs. The median salary is \$ 76,890 and the profession is expected to have **average job growth at 4% through 2028** (BLS, 2018). For more information, please visit the [American Chemical Society](#) or the [American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology](#).

Happenings and Information

Fourth Marking Period/Final Exams: When we return from April break we will begin 4th marking period. The last day of the 2019-2020 school year is currently scheduled to be June 12th. Given the current situation with school closure and offsite learning, we will not be administering traditional final exams this year. There will be more information to follow after the April break.

April edition of *The Trident*: Please find this month's (digital) edition of the student written and produced school newspaper, *The Trident*, [here](#). Additional thanks to advisor Emily Clark for her mentorship with our students.

Student Activities Refunds: The district office finance department has been working to refund paid student activities. MyPaymentsPlus will credit the credit card or bank account, whichever was used to make the payment. Once the refund has been processed, the payee will receive an email of alert that a refund has been processed. It can take up to 7 days for the credit to be reflected in the account.

Fourth Marking Period and Report Cards: As a reminder, the 3rd marking period closes today, April 9th. The beginning of 4th marking period will begin on April 20th and report cards for 3rd marking period will be published by the end of the day on Friday, April 24th.

Reminder-Peer Tutoring returns!: ONLINE PEER TUTORING IS AVAILABLE - please submit your [request HERE](#) or email the advisors: alison.staak@amityregion5.org OR lynn.cocco@amityregion5.org

ATTENTION JUNIORS - in lieu of visiting colleges this month, the College and Career Center has prepared links to "virtual tours" for the 50 most popular colleges with Amity students (2016-2019). Just click on the [link here](#) (or visit the College & Career Center's webpage) and enjoy the tours!

A Message From the ARHS Health Department: This [information](#) has been released from the CDC. Despite wearing face protection, it is extremely important to continue maintaining the proper social distancing of 6 feet, continue with proper sneeze/cough etiquette and frequent hand washing.

CT Congressional Delegation Military Service Academy Night Webinar: If you are interested in learning more about our Nation's Military Academies, please join the virtual meeting below for more information. The webinar is hosted by the Connecticut Congressional Delegation.

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Apr 22, 2020 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: CT Congressional Delegation Military Service Academy Night

Register in advance for this [webinar](#):

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar

NCAA: For information regarding the impact of COVID on college athletics and high school recruiting, visit the NCAA website [here](#)

College Board Updates: For College Board updates, including dates for AP exams this year, please visit their COVID impacts webpage [here](#)

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 is April 10th. Students received directions on how to complete the application through school email.

Current Local Scholarships: All applications can be found and uploaded through Naviance under each individual scholarship. If you should have any questions regarding scholarships, please email Mrs. Vallie at paula.vallie@amityregion5.org.

- **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**

Attention Seniors: If seniors have any completed community service forms at home, please scan or take a picture of your forms and email them to Mrs. Vallie at paula.vallie@amityregion5.org. If you are unsure how many hours you have accumulated, you can view your hours on PowerSchool under forms. Completed forms must be handed in by April 15th! As always, email Mrs. Vallie if you have any questions or concerns.

Notes from Counseling Department

College Admission Webinar Opportunity: A FREE interactive conversation with the Dean's and Admissions representatives from four colleges and universities is being offered. This one-hour online webinar will assist in your preparation, planning, and navigation of all the big changes ahead!

Learn more about college admissions, life on campus, COVID-19 concerns, SAT's, scholarships and more! Each speaker offers a unique perspective into college and what parents and students can expect. A portion of the program will be dedicated to Q&A.

"Meet the Deans": Thursday, April 9th at 2 pm a live conversation with UConn, University of Bridgeport, Naugatuck Community College, CT Community Foundations, and INROADS. You can register [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

Parent/Guardian Resource: Our school social worker, Nicole DeNara, has created a Parent/Guardian Resource document. It can be found on our webpage under COVID Resources or click [here](#).

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](#)

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*.

Speak-Up: Parents and students can help stop intolerant and inappropriate behavior by using our anonymous "Speak Up" system to report any bullying, drug possession, crime, and other school or community safety concerns by calling or texting 203-936-6784. There is also a [link](#) on the District 5 website.

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

BOW Relay for Life Update: Based on current guidance and out of an abundance of caution, **we have decided to suspend our Relay event scheduled for May 16th.** We invite you, instead, to join us for **Relay USA**, an all virtual Relay event, to be hosted on **Saturday, April 25 at 4pm EST**, on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube! All Relay participants nationwide are invited to join, and they do not have to change their registration from their local event to this online opportunity. Please feel free to contact dana.wolf@cancer.org or bowrelayforlife@gmail.com with any questions. It should be an exciting broadcast for Relayers to stream, participate in, and fundraise during the interactive event. The broadcast will feature the traditional elements of Relay we love – opening ceremony, survivor lap, caregiver recognition, and a luminaria ceremony – in an all-virtual experience.

Continue to be safe and well, Amity!