

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



This morning we took a few moments to acknowledge the significance of this date--September 11th--in our country's history and to honor those who fell, those who saved lives and those who continue to protect our country. President Harry S. Truman once said, "America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand." Just as our country was changed forever on September 11th, 2001, our experiences over the past 6 months will have long-lasting impacts on our community, state and nation. We have reconfigured how we interface with teaching and learning, continue to work on addressing issues of systemic racism and bias and focus on a future where these experiences help us be a more patient, inclusive and just society. We are getting in to the swing of things with hybrid/synchronous instruction and we appreciate your support as we work together through the growing pains of implementing new technologies and try out new instructional methods. This truly is a new frontier and, hopefully, the lessons we learn from this experience will make us a stronger community in the long run. Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College & Career of the Week: This week's college of the week is the [University of Connecticut](#) (UConn) and the career of the week is engineering. [Founded in 1881](#), UConn was originally an agricultural school. Nearly 140 years later, UConn has grown to include 5 [campuses](#) and is nationally recognized as a top 25 public university. Almost 19,000 undergraduate students are currently enrolled at the Storrs campus. There are [over 100 undergraduate majors](#) offered within the 14 schools of the university. Most popular majors include business, engineering, psychology, allied

health, computer science and engineering. Those students who begin college as undecided majors are encouraged to explore their options via the [ACES program](#). [Annual tuition](#) for CT residents is \$17,834 at the Storrs campus, and \$15,246 at the regional campuses. Average housing and meal plan costs (at Storrs) total \$13,258. Check out the FACT SHEET [here](#). According to careerexplorer.com, “an [engineer uses science, technology and math to solve problems](#)” (2020). There are many different branches of engineering such as, [mechanical](#), [chemical](#), [civil](#), [electrical](#), [biomedical](#), managerial and [geotechnical](#). Colleges and universities offer various programs and [engineering degrees](#) that promote specialization within these branches. The median salary for all engineering jobs was \$91,010 in 2016 (BLS, 2018). For more information, visit the following professional associations’ websites: [National Society of Professional Engineers](#), the [Society of Women Engineers](#), and the [American Society for Engineering Education](#).

Happenings and Information

Virtual Back to School Night September 16th: This year, the Amity Regional High School Open House will be held virtually and all on one night-Wednesday, September 16th. Each teacher will create an introductory/welcome recorded presentation which will be posted on the teacher's Google Classroom site. Mrs. Mahon will create a recorded welcome which will be posted on the administrator's Google classroom. Students will be asked to guide their parents through program, starting with the administrator Google classroom and then moving through the student's schedule in order of class periods. Presentations will be ready for viewing by the afternoon of Wednesday, September 16th.

Join the ARHS PTSO: Amity High School PTSO is kicking off its 2020-2021 membership drive. Brand new this year-paid membership includes access to our new interactive portal for communication, up-to-date information on events and much more! To join, please go to [AmityPTSO.org](#) and see this [flyer](#) for more information.

Virtual Financial Aid Night will be held on September 15th at 6:30. Colleen Mulrooney, Director of Student Financial Assistance at Sacred Heart University will be our presenter. To participate in the live presentation, please use this [Zoom link](#). The password is **BrwLos**. The program will also be livestreamed [here](#).

2019-2020 Underclass Awards Night: We have rescheduled Underclass Awards Night from the spring. A virtual presentation will be held on September 30th at 6:30. More information and details regarding the presentation will be forthcoming.

Are you a Junior or Senior interested in attending a virtual college fair this weekend? The [NACAC](#) (National Association for College Admission Counseling) will offer a virtual college fair on **Sunday, Sept. 13 from 12-8pm**. Admission representatives from more than 600 colleges and universities will meet virtually and be accessible to students and families. The new NACAC Virtual College Fairs are a dynamic, digital meeting space for colleges, universities, high school students, families and counselors. If you are interested in attending this fair virtually, please register [here](#) and click “SIGN UP NOW”.

ARHS 2020-2021 Independent Study Program: Any 11th or 12th grade student that is interested in applying for the Independent Study Program must submit their completed proposals to Mrs. Campbell no later than Monday September 28th. Please contact Mrs. Campbell with questions.

Senior Happenings

College Visits Throughout the Fall: Welcome Back Students! This fall, college representatives will be visiting us virtually. Juniors and seniors may register for virtual college visits by signing into NAVIANCE and following these instructions:

- Click on COLLEGES - RESEARCH COLLEGES - COLLEGE VISITS
- Scroll through the listing of colleges (sorted by date and time)
- REGISTER for those visits you want to attend. (More details to follow.)

Virtual visits will be held afterschool on week days between the hours of 3pm to 7pm. You can view the complete listing of visiting college representatives in Naviance, OR you can view the [upcoming week's visit listing HERE](#). Visits begin on Monday, September 14th and conclude in mid-November.

For more information about virtual college visits, please contact the [College & Career Center](#).

Important Reminders

Breakfast and Lunch Program: Please see this [link](#) for information on the free and reduced breakfast and lunch program at ARHS as well as SNAP and Husky support benefits.

Yearbook Distribution: Current sophomores, juniors, and seniors who ordered a 2020 yearbook began receiving those books on Thursday, September 10th. THE distribution will continue through Tuesday, September 15th. The books will be delivered to students in their last session class. Parents of fully remote learners should reach out

to the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark and Vicki Hulse, at embers@amityschools.org to arrange a pickup date. The yearbook staff appreciates your patience as they work through this process.

Underclassmen Picture Days: Underclassmen photography will take place on campus on **October 6th, 8th, 9th, and 16th**. More details and a complete schedule are forthcoming. Information on photography sessions for fully remote learners is also forthcoming.

Announcement about mask use throughout the day: During dismissal on Thursday and Friday, students were reminded that they need to wear throughout the day, including the entire bus ride to and from school.

Have a wonderful weekend!