

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



This week we had the opportunity to have limited student activities take place outside of the school class hours, including auditions for the Amity Creative Theater Fall Play and the OBOA "Books and a Blanket" conversation on Wednesday (the Tuesday conversation was postponed because of weather). As we are all well aware, high school students' well-rounded education is dependent on quality experiences inside and outside of the classroom. We were also able to make up some of the missed time with our students in the A-K cohort by welcoming them back for 3 days onsite this week and next. Additionally next week, during Spartan Seminar, we will hold a school-wide mock election (for all students). As we continue to adjust to our current status, there is also a need to look to the future to determine if and when we will be able to bring all students back onsite for every school day. We have learned that flexibility and kindness are two significant values for our school, town and state communities to move forward in this uncertain time. By working together, we can continue to be a school community based on **fairness, respect and passion** that holds the ideals of helping all students prepare to be contributing citizens of a just society. Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: The [University of Tampa](#) is located in Tampa, FL, approximately 1,200 miles from the BOW area. Despite being in downtown Tampa, the campus offers plenty of green space along the banks of the Hillsborough River. UT offers its 9,600 students [200 programs of study](#) within four academic colleges. [Annual tuition](#) including room & board is \$42,410. Learn more by looking at UT's [fast facts](#), taking [a virtual tour](#), or review [UT's rankings and recognitions](#). UT is also making a virtual visit to Amity HS on Tuesday, October 27th at 3pm - register for this visit on Naviance. "[Interpreters and translators](#) convert information from one language into another language" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020). [Interpreters and translators](#) are employed by both public and private sector organizations to work in schools, hospitals, and courtrooms, just to name a few. A bachelor's degree is required for most entry-level positions. The average annual salary is \$51,830 with expected job growth to be [much faster than average at 20% through 2029](#) (BLS, 2019). To learn more about this profession, please visit these websites: [American Translators Association](#), [National Council on Interpreting in Health Care](#), and the [National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in languages/translation include:

University of Tampa	North Carolina State Univ	Trinity College
Central CT State Univ	Boston University	Stonehill College
SUNY/Binghamton	Hofstra University	Long Island Univ/Brooklyn
Wesleyan University	Southern CT State Univ	Albertus Magnus College
UMASS/Lowell	Hamilton College	St. Bonaventure University
Salem State Univ	Syracuse University	University of Hartford

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Happenings and Information

Peer Tutoring help: The ARHS Peer Tutoring program is back and eager to help Amity students. To request PEER TUTORING, please use [this new link](#). Thank you!

Paying for College: Sallie Mae is hosting a virtual event for high school juniors and seniors about how to pay for college. Join the event on [YouTube Live](#). There will be four opportunities to tune into the event:

- **Tuesday October 27**
 - 2 – 3 p.m. ET
 - 7 – 8 p.m. ET
- **Wednesday, October 28**
 - 10 – 11 a.m. ET
 - 12 – 1 p.m. ET

Deadline for Dropping a Course: Please be aware that the deadline to drop a course or a level in course without a “W” appearing on the transcript is November 4th. If your child is having difficulty in a course, please be sure to speak to the teacher and school counselor prior to the deadline.

Senior Happenings

College Fair Opportunity: Join the **Verto Education**, New York Times bestselling author [Jeff Selingo](#), and 50+ college and universities at the next [Virtual College Fair](#) on **Wednesday, October 28th 2020 from 3:00-6:00pm**. Hear about how higher education is changing and what you should expect, directly from the source. Speak with representatives from William & Mary, Temple, University of Tennessee, University of Oregon, Case Western, Butler, Rhodes, Denison, and more! **Register [here](#)**.

Senior Portrait Yearbook Pose Selection: Seniors who had their portraits taken with Robert Taylor must choose a yearbook pose by **Friday, October 30th**. Students who do not select a pose by this date will have one chosen for them. Complete instructions for pose selection can be found on the [senior FAQ page](#) on the yearbook website.

Local Scholarship-American Legion-Post #127 of Orange Award-This scholarship is awarded to a male or female in the 2021 graduating class for citizenship, overall academic achievement, and excellence in U.S. History and Americanism. The student must be a child of a current member of the Orange Post #127 with a continuous membership for a term of not less than 3 years. Applications are available in the Career Center.

Additional College Resources: Seniors and parents are encouraged to visit our College & Career website [here](#), where you can find general information about college search resources, weekly college visits, Direct Admission Days at Amity, College & Career of the Week, career search resources, community service information, and working papers requirements/employment guidance.

Attention Seniors/Financial Aid Information: Please be aware - the **FASFA** has been made available as of **Oct. 1st**. Students and families should begin applying for [financial aid](#) as soon as possible. Colleges use FASFA information to determine need for institutional-based aid and grant money. Find out what documents you will need to complete [here](#). Get started now as many financial aid awards are distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Some colleges will also require the CSS Profile as part of their

financial aid process. Please click [here](#) for a list of schools that require this form. Additional information can also be found on our AHS [website](#).

Free Workshops for FAFSA: New Haven Promise, Higher Heights Youth Empowerment Program and CT Students for a Dream are joining forces to host a series of FAFSA workshops for the Class of 2021. Financial aid professionals will be on hand to help students and families navigate the process of need-based federal aid. For workshop dates and to register for free please click [here](#). Sessions are capped at 100 participants. Those who sign up will receive a checklist of items that they will need to have during the workshop in order to successfully complete the process. Zoom call details will be sent in advance to the meeting.

College Visits Throughout the Fall: 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](#).

College Search Information/Upcoming Virtual Fall Open Houses: Click [here](#).

Interested in attending a NACAC Virtual College Fair? Here's your chance to hear from admission representatives from more than 600 colleges and universities locally, across the country, and around the world. Topics will include how to apply,

financial aid, student life, diversity, academics, athletics, study abroad and more! Click to see the list of exhibiting colleges on the following dates: [Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020 from 12-8pm](#), [Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020 from 2-10pm](#). Each virtual fair is a free, one-day event. Attend as often as you like. Parents are invited, too. Simply sign up at virtualcollegefairs.org now and register for one or more fairs. On the event date, use your phone or computer to log in. Learn, connect, ask questions, and discover your best college fit!

It's a one-stop shop Connecticut event-CONNect Virtual College Fairs! Take advantage of a unique opportunity hosted by representatives from Connecticut's public universities (Central, Eastern, Southern, and Western) and the University of Connecticut. Find out what makes each institution special and have all your questions answered, without having to schedule five different Zoom meetings. Students can chat with representatives at each university. **Event dates include Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 7-8pm and Sunday, Nov. 1 at 1-2pm.** Click [here](#) to register.

Notes from Counseling Department

Looking for a part-time job? The College & Career Center will be posting part-time employment opportunities for students to browse through in the Career Center. A list of the companies in the BOWA area, who have hired Amity students in past, are listed for your own research. Please stop in the Career Center if you need assistance with the process of finding a job.

Are you looking for Community Service? As we all know, Community Service within our towns and beyond is pretty limited these days. However, there are opportunities that will arise throughout the year. The College & Career Center will advertise these opportunities as they become available through many venues. Please check our website [here](#), the Career Center's bulletin board, Happenings and [here](#) for other local opportunities. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Vallie at paula.vallie@amityregion5.org.

VOLUNTEER AS AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TUTOR: Volunteer tutors will learn techniques to assist ESL students with dialogue, listening comprehension, oral fluency,

phonics, reading comprehension and writing skills. No previous teaching experience required! Call The Literacy office between the hours of 9am-2pm at 203-878-4800. For more information on Literacy Volunteers of the Southern CT's ESL and other volunteer programs, visit www.lvsct.org.

Important Reminders

Yearbooks on Sale: For a limited time, *Embers 2021* is available for pre-order at the cost of \$70. When the regular sales window opens on November 15th, the cost will increase to \$75. It will increase again to \$80 on January 17th, 2021. Visit amityembers.com to reserve your copy today!

Ask Amity: Ask Amity is a program run by the Amity National Honors Society dedicated to answering questions from the ARHS parent and student community. If you have any questions about Amity clubs, sports, teacher expectations, classes, or support systems, then this is the place for you. All answers are authentically written by Amity students, and questions can be either personal to your student or published anonymously on our website. To ask a question, check out our [website!](#)

Support the ARHS PTSO through Stop & Shop: Please choose Amity to receive A+ Rewards from your Stop & Shop card! This is free to you (does not interfere with Gas Rewards or any other rewards program), and brings free \$ to Amity. To sign up, please register your 13-digit Stop & Shop card #, if you haven't already, at Stopandshop.com. Then go to "My Account," then "Rewards & Savings," then "A+ School Rewards." When asked for School ID #, please enter: **07220**. That's it! You will automatically earn points for the school every time you shop! If you need assistance, please call 1-877-366-2668, option 1. Please encourage friends and family to sign up too, thanks!

Reminder about Lunch Program: We encourage all students to grab a lunch bag from Chartwells on the way out of school or sign up to pick up a lunch during fully-remote days. Please see this flyer for more information.

AP registration is officially open! Use this [link](#) to register and pay for AP exams: CollegeBoard is strict about deadlines for registration so please sign up on time! Registration is open through Friday, November 6, 2020. AP Exam Fee is \$98 per exam; AP Seminar and Research Exam Fees is \$146 per exam. Late Fees: Registration will reopen from November 15, 2020 - March 1, 2020 but will have a \$40 extra late fee (as set by CollegeBoard, not ARHS).

Athletics

Competition: To view the calendar for ARHS Fall Sports competitions, please click on this [link](#). Events are also being livestreamed. You can watch by clicking [here](#).

Community Happenings

Opportunity for Parent Feedback: The local town prevention agencies are hoping to gather parent feedback through this [survey](#) on youth substance and mental health in our towns. BRIDGES and the Milford Prevention Council is working with our community to move the local council (BOWDAAC) forward. Thank you, in advance, for your feedback.