

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



This past Wednesday was International Holocaust Remembrance Day. It was also a Spartan Seminar day at the high school during which our students and faculty/staff continued the discussion we began earlier in January about the importance of intentionally considering our personal code of ethics along with our school's core values and beliefs. It was a poignant day to have a discussion about our moral responsibility to ourselves and our community. Over the past year we have seen how division and caustic rhetoric can exacerbate the stress felt during challenging times and negatively impact our sense of community. It is imperative that we stay true to our personal ethics, core values and beliefs so we can work collaboratively to build a society that is just, inclusive and kind. Have a good weekend and stay warm!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College & Career of the Week: Not sure where to begin your college career OR what to study? [The 12 Community Colleges in Connecticut](#) offer students the opportunity to attend college close to home without sacrificing quality AND saving themselves money. [Academic programs](#) range from 2-year associate degrees to 9-month certificates in various disciplines. Learn more [about transfer options](#) to bachelors' degree programs at both public and private colleges and universities. Campuses closest to home are [Gateway CC](#) in New Haven, [Housatonic CC](#) in Bridgeport and [Naugatuck Valley CC](#) in Waterbury. [Annual tuition](#) for full time, in-state residents is **\$4,476.00** (2020-2021). Visit the [PACT website](#) here to learn more about attending a CT community college for little or no cost! "[Diagnostic Medical Sonographers and Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians](#) (including vascular technologists) operate special imaging equipment to create images or to conduct tests" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019). [Medical sonographers](#) work in hospitals, clinics and physicians' offices where doctors need visual tests to accurately diagnose patients. The average annual salary is \$74,320 for medical sonographers and \$57,720 for technicians (BLS, 2019). To learn more, please visit the following websites: [The Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography](#), [The American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine](#), and [The Society for Vascular Ultrasound](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in medical sonography include:

Gateway Comm College	American Inst of Healthcare Tech	Comm Coll of Rhode Island
University of Hartford	SUNY/Upstate Medical	Bunker Hill Comm Coll (MA)
Rhode Island College	Quinnipiac University	Sacred Heart University
Mass Coll of Pharmacy	Rochester Inst of Tech	Long Island Univ/Brooklyn

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Happenings and Information

Next week's cohort schedule: We will continue with the hybrid model for the week of 2/1, with the L-Z cohort attending on Wednesday. We will start the week with a "B" day.

Second Marking Period Report Cards/Parent-Teacher Conferences: Report cards for 2nd marking period will be sent out no later than Tuesday, February 2nd. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held virtually on the evening of Wednesday, February 3rd.

Independent Study Information: Any junior or senior that is interested in a second semester Independent Study must contact Mrs. Campbell at Courtney.campbell@amityregion5.org All proposals are due to Mrs. Campbell by Friday 2/5 by 3:00.

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

Amity's Annual Shakespeare Speaking Competition: This year's English Speaking Union's school-wide Shakespeare Speaking Competition will be held virtual on February 9th at 3pm. Students can sign up and learn more about the program by clicking on this [link](#).

Senior Happenings

Midyear Transcripts for seniors: Just a reminder that we automatically send a mid-year transcript to all schools listed in Naviance. Please be sure to update Naviance with college outcomes and make sure the list is up to date. Mid-year reports will be going out the first full week in February.

SSLP/SIP Presentation: A copy of the SSLP/SIP presentation from Wednesday will be posted in the Counseling Google Classroom for those who couldn't attend live.

Local Scholarship Opportunities:

- **Big Y Foods, Inc.**-In tribute to both its employees and its customers Big Y offers an annual scholarship program. This program offers over 300 scholarships each year totaling \$250,000. Big Y scholarships recognize academic merit and achievement and are awarded to the most academically outstanding students in the Big Y area. Applications, must be submitted by **February 1, 2021** and must be filled out online [here](#).
- **Silver Pen Essay Contest**-Sponsored by Evergreen Woods Retirement Community in North Branford, is offering high school seniors, within a 25-mile radius of any Senior Living retirement communities, an opportunity to apply for 3 scholarship award. Students can apply by writing an essay in response to a specific topic. Community members on the Resident Advisory committee will choose who will receive cash prizes. This Advisory Council consists of successful retired business professionals, educators and community leaders. Please visit their website to apply online [here](#) by **February 12, 2021**.
- **The CT Bar Foundation** is running their **21ST Annual Quinton Johnstone Statewide High School Essay Contest**. Prizes will include one \$2,000 winner and two runners-up for \$1,000 each. Essay submissions are judged on content/originality, organization, use of resource materials and writing. For more information and application, please click [here](#). Deadline to apply is **February 22, 2021**.
- The **Amity Charitable Trust Fund**, established by the Amity Club of New Haven, is awarding scholarships to Orange and Woodbridge seniors attending college in the fall. Criteria includes, students who have scored a combined 1000 or more on SAT's or 20 or more on ACT. Applications must be submitted by **March 31, 2021**. All applications are available in the Career Center.
- **Yale New Haven Hospital Auxiliary** is offering ten \$2,000 scholarships to area students planning to pursue a career in a healthcare-related profession. The application deadline is **Monday, March 19, 2021**. Please stop in the Career Center for an application.
- **Justin Wisniewski Firefighters Scholarship Fund:** To honor Justin's memory, his family, along with the Southington Fire Department, is offering a scholarship to those who are a child, grandchild or sibling of a Connecticut Firefighter. Please go to www.ride4justin.com to get more information or to download an application. Applications are due **Monday, March 15, 2021**.
- **Connecticut General Assembly's African American and Latino and Puerto Rican Sub-Commissions of the CWCSEO** will be offering 6 scholarships totaling \$6,000 to African American and Latinx high school seniors. Interested students are asked to fill out the application and return it via email to cwcseo@cga.ct.gov by 5:00pm on **Friday, January 29, 2021**. Applications are available in the Career Center.

- **Live Out Loud Young Trailblazers Scholarship** is awarding scholarships of \$5,000 to LGBTQ+ identifying youth in financial need. Applications are available [here](#). Applications are due **Monday, March 15, 2021**.
- **New Haven Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** is awarding scholarships to an African American senior who has excelled academically. Applications must be submitted electronically by **Friday, January 29, 2021**. Details can be found [here](#).
- **Bethany Lions Club Scholarship** has established four scholarships for \$2,000 each and one scholarship for \$3,000. Applications are available at the Clark Memorial Library, the Bethany Town Hall and the Career Center. Applications must be returned to the Amity Guidance Office or Bethany Town Hall on or before **May 1, 2021**.
- **Glenn Moon Scholarship** is offering financial help to qualified Seniors who are planning a career in education. Apply online at www.artet.org. Deadline to apply is March 31, 2021.
- **Carl Moller Scholarship Program**-The CT Police Foundation will award a \$1,000 scholarships to five deserving seniors, one student from each region, who will pursue a career in law enforcement. Applications can be downloaded at www.cpcanet.org. Application deadline is **April 1, 2021**.
- **Orange Scholarship Fund Association** is offering their annual scholarships to all Orange students entering college in the fall of 2021. Criteria includes financial need, community service and leadership roles you have displayed within an activity or organization. Please note that parents must submit a copy of their Federal Tax For (pages 1 & 2 of Form 1040) as required to substantiate income data. The deadline to apply is **May 1, 2021**. Applications are available in the Career Center or email at info@orangescholarshipfund.com.
- **Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven Scholarships** are available to Jewish high school seniors. An academic average of "B" or better plus verified financial need qualifies a student to be considered. Applications are available in the or online at jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships or within the Career Center. Application deadline is **May 14, 2021**.
- **Empower Her is accepting applications for their 4th Annual GIRLS (Growing, Inspiring, Respecting, Learning and Succeeding) Scholarship.** The application process is now open and will remain open till Wednesday, **March 31, 2021**. The application can be found at : <https://www.empowerherct.org/girls-scholarship.html>
- **Junior League of Greater New Haven 2021 High School Voluntarism Scholarship** is now open to 2 females in the Greater New Haven area who are active in volunteering in their community. Applicants must be nominated by a community organization, school official, or member of the Junior League. Applications must be received by **April 1, 2021**. Please inquire within the Career Center.

Notes from Counseling Department

Military Programs Students who are interested in Military Programs can come to the Career Center to obtain information regarding the Armed Forces. Representatives from all divisions visit Amity High School virtually by request. Students who are considering applying to Military Academies should schedule an appointment with their school counselor to discuss requirements. To learn more about a career in the military click [here](#) and to explore individual branches of service please visit these individual sites: www.airforce.com www.army.mil www.uscg.mil www.usmc.mil www.navy.mil

ASVAB test will be given at Amity High School on **Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 8:00am**. Any student in grades 10, 11 or 12 is welcome to take the test. The ASVAB or “Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery” is an online, multiple-choice test that helps students identify career strengths. **Students may register to take the test by signing up [here](#)**. While the US military branches all use the ASVAB as an admissions exam, *students do NOT have to be interested in military careers to take the test*. **Taking the ASVAB does not obligate students to enlist!** Please [visit this link](#) for more information.

College Readiness Three-Part Webinar Series: Join higher-education author Jeff Selingo and a panel of experts virtually discuss the future of student search and how colleges will recruit and enroll students in this new environment. Ideas and lessons will help you develop a strategic enrollment plan for the future. [First Series](#) “**Getting In and Paying for College**” takes place on **Friday, February 8, 2021, 8pm**. [Second Series](#) “**Rethinking Recruitment Strategies in Uncertain Times**” takes place on **Monday, February 11, 2021 2pm**. [Third Series](#) “**Positioning the Post Pandemic University**” takes place on **Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 1pm**.

CT’s Colleges and Universities Teaming Together to Help Students Navigate FAFSA Process/Applications: Connecticut’s public and private colleges and universities are partnering to provide virtual information sessions and individual appointments to help guide students and their families through the FAFSA, (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application process. FAFSA is used by colleges, universities and the federal government to help determine a student’s qualifications for grants, loans, scholarships, work-study opportunities, institutionally funded aid programs and other assistance. Interested students and families can register here: <http://bit.ly/ctcollegebound>. Virtual Sessions are limited to the first 100 registrants, and will be held at 4pm and 5:30pm on the following dates: Jan. 26, 27, 31 & Feb. 2, 3, & 7.

Working Papers: Due to restrictions governed by the Connecticut Department of Labor, some jobs may require WORKING PAPERS. In order to obtain WORKING PAPERS, a student must present a promise of employment letter from the hiring employer as well as a copy of **one** of the following: student’s birth certificate, passport, driver’s license or a learners permit. WORKING PAPERS are needed for formal

employment by students under the age of 17. You may obtain working papers in the College & Career Center.

Athletics

Covid-19 Screening: Please be sure to complete your student-athlete's daily screening **prior** to 1pm through the Slate app.

The ARHS Booster Club is back!: The Amity Athletics Booster Club is looking for members to attend our first meeting of the year! The meeting will be Thursday, February 4th at 6:30pm via zoom. Please register prior to the meeting. A link will be sent to all registrants. ALL ARE WELCOME! Please consider getting involved in our booster club! Please click on [THIS LINK TO REGISTER FOR February 4th 6:30pm meeting via zoom:](#)

Community Happenings

Amity Adult Education-SAT Prep Course: Please see this [flyer](#) for information regarding a preparation course for students planning on taking a spring SAT.

Prevention Presentation: Please see [this flyer](#) for information about an anti-vaping presentation by Tricia Dahl, senior research assistant at Yale School of Medicine. The February 4th presentation will be fully virtual. This event is sponsored by BOWDAAC and registration can be completed [here](#).

Reminder- Stop & Shop shoppers: please choose Amity PTSO 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!

Woodbridge Youth Services Updates:

- **Team Gratitude Baskets Community Service Event:** Youth Services invites students to form a team of 2-6 friends to put together a thoughtful basket for our hard-working and dedicated teachers or health care providers. Make a team captain to collect all items, while social distancing, and drop off to Youth Services. Each basket must weigh 20 lbs, or less and can include the following:

\$5 gift cards, water, protein bars, trail mix, coffee packs, wipes, masks, hand cream, hand sanitizers, etc. Be creative and have some fun! Community service hours will be given to each team participant at the time of drop off. Please bring completed community service forms for each team member. Please call us at 203-389-3449 or email youthone@woodbridgect.org to schedule a drop-off. Collection will end on Friday, February 26, 2021. This event is sponsored by Woodbridge Youth Services and the Town of Bethany. Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and safe 2021.

- **Snow Art Competition:** Bethany and Woodbridge families who find themselves in a heap of snow can express their talents this winter. Each family is encouraged to get out on a snowy day and build the best snowperson or animal they can. Get creative and start sculpting. Then email a photo of your family with your creation to youthone@woodbridgect.org. Prizes will be awarded based on creativity and skill. Check the Town of Woodbridge website at <https://www.woodbridgect.org/160/Youth-Services> for updates and prizewinners. Due date for photos is February 26, 2021. Sponsored by Woodbridge Youth Services and the Town of Bethany.