

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



*The question isn't if we can weather this unknown,
But how we will weather this unknown together.*

~Amanda Gorman

February is Black History Month and an opportunity to continue to reflect on celebrating diversity, inclusive practices and behaviors. The core values of **fairness, respect and passion** have been the cornerstones of our school programming, curricula, instructional practices and school culture since their formal adoption eight years ago. Over the past year, the educators at Amity Regional High School have worked to navigate teaching during a pandemic along with intentionally revising and rewriting curriculum to be more inclusive and reflective of our entire community. The quotation above, from United States Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman's poem "The Miracle of Morning," reminds us that by working together--and relying on the core values of fairness, respect and passion--we will work through these times together and be a stronger, more inclusive and fulfilled community as a result. Happy Lunar New Year today to those who are celebrating. Have a wonderful, long, Valentine's and President's Day weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College & Career of the Week: The [University of Massachusetts, Boston](#) opened in 1965 as the second campus in the UMASS system. UMB's waterfront campus is located on Columbia Point in Dorchester, approximately 5 miles south of downtown Boston. Known as the "only public research university in Boston", UMB currently enrolls about 16,000 students within its eight colleges and offers over 200 [programs](#). Unique programs for undergrads include the [School for the Environment](#) and the [Honors College](#). [Annual tuition for out-of-state students](#) is approximately \$37,000. Learn more by visiting the [admissions website](#), taking a [virtual tour](#) or viewing UMB's [fast facts](#). "Victim advocates act as a liaison between a crime victim and the criminal court. The [advocate](#) advises the victim as to how the criminal justice system works through its processes" (thebalancecareers.com, 2020). Some job tasks include assisting victims by

accompanying them through court proceedings, helping to file protective orders and in seeking restitution. Entry level jobs in this career require a bachelors' degree usually earned in social work, psychology or criminal justice. Most are employed by government agencies such as police departments, criminal courts and prosecutors' offices. The [average annual salary for social workers is \\$50,470](#) with much faster than average job growth expected (13%) through 2029 (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019). To learn more, please visit the following websites: [Victim Support Services](#), the [National Advocate Credentialing Program](#), and the [National Organization for Victim Assistance](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in criminal justice/human services studies include:

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| UMASS/Boston | Albertus Magnus College | University of Connecticut |
| Central CT State Univ | University of New Haven | Western CT State Univ |
| Quinnipiac University | Sacred Heart University | Mitchell College |
| CUNY/John Jay College | Roger Williams University | Springfield College |
| SUNY/Albany | Rhode Island College | Clark University |
| Bridgewater State Univ | Endicott College | Marist College |
| Salve Regina University | Merrimack College | Western New England Univ |

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 2/15 but will not have school on Monday or Tuesday. The L-Z cohort will attend on Wednesday, which will be a "D" day.

ARHS School Website Addition: Please click on [this link](#) to see a new section of the website called "Principals' Corner."

2021-2022 Course Selection Process: We are ready for our 9th through 11th grade students to begin to select their courses for the 2021-2022 school year. Please see [this booklet](#) for information about courses and programs. Students should complete their course selection sheets through PowerSchool (through the "course selection" tab by February 22nd) after which parents must complete the course verification form and any waivers, through the parent portal on PowerSchool, no later than March 5th. All directions were sent out via PowerSchool SwiftK12 on Thursday.

After School Pick-Up Reminder: Please be reminded that, if you are picking your child up after school, students who are being picked up are dismissed after those who ride the bus. Pick-up is in the bus loop directly in front of the building.

Senior Happenings

Attention Seniors-SSLP Info: For those students/family members who missed the SSLP Presentation Night on January 27th, the recorded presentation can be viewed [here](#).

Local Scholarship Opportunities:

- **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**.
- **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.artct.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**.
 - **Waterbury Campus of The University of Connecticut** is offering 2 scholarships to incoming freshman. The scholarship application for Incoming 2021-2022 Waterbury Campus students is now online. Please check the Waterbury Campus Admissions page at: <https://waterbury.uconn.edu/admissions/tuition-and-aid/> (scroll to the bottom of the page). The application deadline for **Incoming Freshman is March 19, 2021**. To directly link to the scholarship application, [click here](#).
 - **Lockheed Martin Vocational Scholarship** is awarding over 100 scholarships of \$6,600 each for students pursuing associate degrees and vocational-technical certifications in specified fields of study. To learn more, visit <https://lockheedmartin.com/vocational>. **The Application opened January 14, 2021. The deadline to apply is March 11, 2021.**
 - **Joe Lieberman Connecticut Scholarship Program** is offered to assist outstanding high school seniors from Connecticut. Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and demonstrate outstanding leadership potential and record of community service. Application materials are available at: <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/lieberman/> Application submission is due by **Wednesday, March 3, 2021 by 3:00pm**.
 - **Yale New Haven Hospital Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship Program** established a program to assist minority students in the greater New Haven area who plan to continue their education in specific health related majors. Student must plan to enroll in a full-time course leading to a degree in Nursing or Allied Health, (Registered Nurse, Pharmacy, Medical Technology, Respiratory Therapy, X-ray Technology, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, or Nuclear Medicine Technology.) Renewable scholarships are offered each year for full-time study at an accredited institution of the student’s choice. Please find an application and more information [here](#). Applications are due by **Wednesday, March 3, 2021**.
 - Orange Rotary Club Scholarship is offering scholarships to Orange Seniors heading off to college this fall. *No member of the immediate family of any

Rotarian is eligible for the scholarship. All applications are available in the Career Center. Applications are due Saturday, May 15, 2021. All applications are available in the Career Center. The application deadline is **Friday, May 25, 2018**.

- Holy Infant Women's Guild Scholarship application process is now open! The applicant must be a female senior who is an active parishioner of Holy Infant Church and process a strong background of volunteerism. Completed applications must be submitted by **1:30pm on Friday, April 23, 2021**.
- **New Haven County Tax Collectors' Association** is awarding three scholarships in the amount of \$300 each. Must be resident of New Haven County, in good standing in school, current in tax obligations, to town or residence, and this award is based upon an essay. Application deadline is **Wednesday, March 31, 2021**.

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.

Upcoming College Fair Events: The [NACAC](#) (National Association for College Admissions Counseling) and [NEACAC](#) (New England Association for College Admission Counseling) 2021 Spring College Fair will be virtual! Drop in on Zoom sessions offered by hundreds of colleges. Hear about student life, majors and programs, financial aid, scholarships, and more. For dates and times, please visit individual websites.

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.

2021 Summer Programs-Virtual and/or Various Locations: Looking to take a pre-college course or partake in a fun hands-on program? Please find a list of summer program opportunities as a courtesy to students and families. The Amity High School has not conducted any review or background checks of these programs. If a student and their parents decide to pursue any of these programs, they should conduct their own review. Please click [here](#) for a list of available summer programs in and outside of Connecticut.

Important Reminders

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.

Athletics

Spectator Policy Update: Please read our spectator policy for athletics. Starting Monday, February 15, each student-athlete is allowed 2 family members to attend their game. YOU MUST SIGN UP AND BE ON THE GUEST LIST TO ATTEND! Please see [this link](#) to policy.

SCC Live Stream Information: The SCC has compiled a list of how each school is broadcasting their events. To see how each team is live streaming, click this [link](#).

Amity Athletics Live Stream/Broadcast: Any student interested in assisting the athletic department with live streaming our games is asked to contact Mr. Goodwin at egoodwin@amityregion5.org

ARHS Class Act Council Award: CONGRATULATIONS to the Class Act Council for their efforts in raising sportsmanship and character in our school! Amity was one of 16 schools in the entire state to be awarded the Michaels Achievement Cup for being a Class Act School! Please see [this link](#) for more information.

Community Happenings

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, and 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.
- **Woodbridge Job Bank Seeks Teens Who Want Work:** The Job Bank in Woodbridge offers occasional jobs to teen residents (ages 13 – 18) who would like to work to earn some extra cash. The application process provides an opportunity to learn about the interview process, safety on the job, and how to negotiate pay. Due to COVID-19, most jobs are currently outdoors with masks and social distancing as required. Teens can do yard work, dog walking, shoveling, etc. Responsible teens who wish to join the Job Bank should call for an interview at 203-389-3464 or e-mail npfund@woodbridgect.org
- **Need Snow Shoveling or Yard Work? Woodbridge Job Bank Can Help:** Woodbridge Job Bank teens will work for Woodbridge residents who wish to hire someone to assist for odd jobs like yard cleanup, weeding, moving boxes, and snow shoveling. Call 203-389-3464 for more information.