

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



For almost a full year now we have been working through unprecedented circumstances and facing amazing challenges. While the past year has not been easy, it has offered ample opportunities to demonstrate all of our school's stated core values and beliefs, along with other important characteristics including being flexible (in our planning as well as our expectations) and steadfast (with our productivity and our intentions). We are all looking forward to weather and health metrics that will permit us to carry on in-person learning. We have also been forced to realize how much is out of our control. With continuing to be flexible and steadfast, we will be able to learn and grow from all of these experiences and live out our mission of being an inclusive, just society that affirms all of its members. Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: The [Massachusetts College of Art & Design](#) (MassArt) is a public college located in downtown Boston and was founded in 1873. MassArt enrolls just over 1,600 undergraduate students and offers 18 [disciplines/degree programs](#) in the fine arts. A unique "[Foundation Year](#)" is required of all freshmen and sets the tone for future study. Annual [tuition, room and board](#) is approximately \$59,000 per year. To learn more, visit MassArt's [admissions website](#) or [take a virtual tour here](#). "[Industrial designers](#) combine art, business, and engineering to develop the concepts for manufactured products", (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019). [Industrial designers](#) are employed in many different industries and require a bachelors' degree for entry level positions. The average annual salary for industrial designers is \$68,890 with declining job projections (-4%) through 2029 (BLS, 2019). To learn more, please visit the following websites: [Industrial Designers Society of America](#), [The Professional Association for Design](#), or the [World Design Organization](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in industrial design/engineering include:

Mass College of Art &
Design

University of Connecticut

University of New Haven

University of Rhode Island	University of Vermont	Western New England Univ
UMASS/Amherst	PA College of Technology	RI School of Design
Wentworth Inst of Tech	Johnson & Wales/Providence	Drexel University
Rochester Inst of Technology	Fashion Inst of Technology	SUNY/Buffalo
Carnegie Mellon University	Montclair State Univ (NJ)	Syracuse University

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Happenings and Information

Next week's schedule: We will continue with the hybrid model next week and will start with a "C" day on Monday. The A-K cohort will be in-person on Wednesday, and it will also be a Spartan Seminar schedule day. Additionally, **Tuesday (23rd) and Thursday (25th) will be 12:12 student dismissal days** due to scheduled early dismissals at the elementary level (in Orange).

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.

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](#).

Seniors and family members: Soon your college acceptances and financial aid packages will begin to arrive. Here are "[5 Things Every Family Should Know About Paying for College](#)", re-printed from NPR.com.

Local Scholarship Opportunities:

- 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 Form (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 Career Center 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. Students 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 a 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

Hamden Adult Education: The final registration for the Hamden Adult High School Credit Diploma Program this school year will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 23rd from 6-8 pm OR Wednesday, Feb. 23rd from 6-8 pmat Hamden High School. Eligible students must be at least seventeen years of age and be officially withdrawn from high school. Please call their office at (203) 407-2028 to make an appointment. Their office hours are Mon-Thurs 8 am-3:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 8 am-2:30 pm ONLY. Classes will start on Tuesday, March 16th.

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.

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.

What's new at SCSU? Southern CT State University will be offering a **2021 Spring Virtual Open House** on **Saturday, February 27, 2021 from 11am to 12:20pm**. This open house will give you and your family the opportunity to gain a stronger perspective of a day in the life of an SCSU student. Learn about the admissions requirements, paying for college, living on campus, and

academic overviews. You will also have the opportunity to meet with faculty, from the Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Education, and Health and Human Services, as well as the School of business. If interested, in meeting virtually please register [here](#).

UConn Pre-College Summer Program is now accepting applications for the 2021 Summer! Please visit [here](#) for a selection of courses available this year. Costs, fees, & discounts can be found [here](#) too.

Important Reminders

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!

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.

Athletics

Spectator Policy Update: Please read our spectator policy for athletics. Each student-athlete is allowed 1 family member 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

Community Happenings

"Woodbridge Together" Fundraiser: Please consider joining the Woodbridge town-wide effort to relieve hardship brought on by the pandemic. ARHS Junior Tina

Burland has started a campaign called “Woodbridge Together,” which aims to raise funds for the Woodbridge Rotary Club COVID Relief Fund. The program will culminate on March 13th with a luminaria display. For more information, please checkout this [Facebook Page](#), [Instagram Page](#) or [website](#). To donate, please see this [gf.me/u/zg4dmg]link. We’re all in this together!

Woodbridge Youth Services Updates:

- **Community Service Event to Thank Teachers/School Staff/Health Care Workers:** Youth Services invites students to form a team of a few friends to create a thoughtful basket while social distancing for our dedicated school personnel or health care workers. The team captain may collect all items, and bring to Youth Services by appointment. Baskets should weigh less than 20 lbs. and can include the following: \$5 gift cards, water, snacks, coffee packs, wipes, masks, hand cream, hand sanitizers, etc. Be creative and have some fun! Community service hours will be determined and given to each team participant at the time of drop off. Please bring completed community service forms for each team member. Call 203-389-3449 or email youthone@woodbridgect.org to schedule a drop-off by Friday, February 26, 2021. Sponsored by Woodbridge Youth Services and the Town of Bethany.
- **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 snow person 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.