

## **ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER**



This past year has brought about many changes to our daily lives and the logistics within our communities due to the pandemic. It has also brought to the forefront the need for reflection and change regarding some deeply-rooted issues within our society regarding systemic racism and bias. The system of education is an integral aspect of the larger community and, as such, educators have a responsibility to be a part of that reflective change. Throughout the past year, the Amity Regional High School faculty has participated in workshops led by [Courageous Conversations](#), actively continued to review curriculum to make learning experiences more inclusive and worked with students to raise awareness regarding implicit bias. The work can be messy at times, but the intentions are in an effort to live up to our core values and foster a more inclusive community. American screenwriter and actress Lena Waithe once said, “The only way you really see change, is by helping create it.” By continuing to work together with compassion and open mindedness, we will show the larger community that Amity Regional High School is stronger together. Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*

Principal

**College and Career of the Week:** It's MARCH MADNESS time in the Amity HS Career Center! During the month of March, we will be featuring TWO colleges per week.

### **Eastern Connecticut State University -TUESDAY, MARCH 2nd at 2pm**

- Located in Willimantic, CT
- Approximately 4,063 undergraduate enrolled - [see fast facts here](#)
- [SPORTS - 17 NCAA DIVISION 3 teams](#)
- [IN-STATE ANNUAL TUITION](#) - \$12,304 (2020-2021)
- MOST POPULAR [MAJORS](#) INCLUDE - business management, marketing, communications, journalism, psychology and social sciences. Unique programs in sports and fitness management and bioinformatics.
- Visit the [ADMISSIONS WEBSITE HERE](#).

Central Connecticut State University-THURSDAY, MARCH 4th at 2pm

- Located in New Britain, CT
- Approximately 8,600 undergraduate enrolled - [see fast facts here](#)
- [SPORTS - 14 NCAA DIVISION 1 teams](#)
- IN-STATE [ANNUAL TUITION](#) - \$11,462 (2020-2021)
- MOST POPULAR [MAJORS](#) INCLUDE - computer/information science, business/marketing, education, psychology and social sciences. Unique programs in construction management, nursing and civil engineering.
- Visit the [ADMISSIONS WEBSITE HERE](#).

"[Biostatisticians](#) apply mathematics, statistics, and data to biology" (careerexplorer.com). Biostatisticians (who work primarily in the healthcare industry) and [statisticians](#) collect, analyze, and summarize research data to reach conclusions. A masters degree is usually required to find an entry-level position as a biostatistician or [statistician](#) (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019). The average annual salary for statisticians is \$91,160 with **much faster than average growth expected (33% through 2029)** (BLS, 2019). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [American Statistical Association](#), the [International Statistical Institute](#) and the [Mathematical Association of America](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in biostatistics/statistics include:

<a href="#">Eastern CT State</a>	Bentley University	Univ of Rhode Island
Emmanuel College	Simmons University	College of the Atlantic
Carnegie Mellon University	Regis College	New York University
Rochester Inst of Tech	University of Scranton	SUNY/Buffalo
CUNY/Baruch	Duke University	University of Miami
UNC/Chapel Hill	University of Tampa	University of Florida

or visit NAVLANCE 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 "D" day on Monday. The L-Z cohort will be in-person on Wednesday, which will also be a Spartan Seminar schedule day.

**College and Career Planning for Juniors:** on Tuesdays and Thursdays this month, VIRTUAL VISITS will be offered to you from each featured college. [See the list of participating colleges and scheduled visits here!](#) ZOOM links to the visits will be posted in the Counseling Grade 11 Google Classroom on the day of each visit.

**LAST WEEK for AP late registration!** If you have not signed up to take AP exams and would like to, the deadline is **March 5**. Use this link to register and pay for AP exams:

<https://user.totalregistration.net/AP/070965>

- The late registration window is from December 4, 2020 - March 5, 2021. There is a \$40 extra late fee (as set by College Board, not ARHS)
- AP Exam Fee: \$98 per exam (\$138 with late fee)
- AP Seminar and Research Exam Fees: \$146 per exam (\$176 with late fee)

**Yearbook Grad Ads:** There are still a few grad ad spaces left in the 2021 yearbook! Take advantage of this last chance to honor and encourage your graduating senior in a book that he or she will keep for years to come! Size options are limited. Please contact the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark and Vicki Hulse, at [embers@amityschools.org](mailto:embers@amityschools.org) if you are interested. Hurry—first come, first served!

**2021-2022 Course Selection Process:** 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.**
  - **Beth-Wood Baseball League** is awarding a \$500 scholarship to a high school senior who resides in Woodbridge or Bethany. Student must have participated as a Player or Umpire, enrolling in a two or four-year accredited College/University and someone who has made a positive contribution to their school and community. Click [here](#) for an application. **Application deadline is May 3, 2021.**
  - **Empower Her** is a local non-profit organization with the mission to connect with, encourage and support women and girls to promote their social and emotional well-being within their lives and community. They offer a scholarship called GIRLS (Growing, Inspiring, Respecting, Learning and

Succeeding) and their application is available to all Amity girls. Please find an application and the criteria for this scholarship [here](#). The deadline to apply is **March 31, 2021**

- **Junior League of Greater New Haven's 2021 High School Volunteerism Scholarship** will recognize up to two senior females who are active volunteers in their community. Applicants must be nominated by a community organization, school official, or a member of the Junior League. Please click [here](#) for an application and more information. The application deadline is **Thursday, April 1, 2021**.
- **Case Memorial Library, Lucy Scillia Scholarship** is now available on the Case Memorial Library [website](#). Seniors must be Orange residents. Application copies will also be available in the Career Center. The deadline to apply is **Friday, April 30, 2021**.
- **New Haven County Tax Collectors' Association** is awarding three scholarships in the amount of \$300.00 each. This requires an essay on "How State and Local Taxes Can Affect My Education" along with a completed application. Applications are available in the Career Center. Application deadline is **Wednesday, March 31, 2021**.
- **Orange Community Women Scholarship** for \$500 is open to seniors who reside in Orange. The primary criteria will be community service performed in the Town of Orange and financial need. Applications are available in the Career Center. Application deadline is **April 23, 2021**.
- **Orange Youth Services Department** is offering (3) seniors, who live in Orange, a \$1,000 scholarship each. Students will be chosen based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, volunteer involvement & future endeavors. Applications are available in the Career Center. Application deadline is **May 14, 2021**.

## Notes from Counseling Department

**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.

**Interested in Historically Black Colleges/Universities (HBCUs)?** College Board will be offering a virtual college exploration called “**REAL TALK**”, an initiative designed to connect black students and families with admissions representatives from universities across the country. Real Talk is not your tradition college fair. This series is intentionally designed to feel informal, authentic, and, most of all, *real*.

The HBCUs will also launch a spring series in partnership with College Board’s **A Dream Deferred Conference**. **Join this special two-night Real Talk: HBCU Edition on Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**. Students will have the opportunity to connect with admission representatives from the best HBCUs in the country and get questions answered in real time. Topics, such as financial aid, scholarships, academic offerings, career paths, student organizations, Greek life, housing, and more! **[RSVP here!](#)**

## **Athletics**

**Spectator Policy Update:** Please read our spectator policy for athletics. Each student-athlete is allowed 2 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](mailto:egoodwin@amityregion5.org)

**Spring Sports Meeting:** There will be a Virtual Spring Sports Information Night held on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 for students AND parents/guardians. Details to register will be available next week.

### Important Reminders

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

**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](http://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!

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> with a luminaria display. For more information, please check out this [Facebook Page](#), [Instagram Page](#) or [website](#). To donate, please see this 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.
- **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](mailto: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.