

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



It has officially been a year since our world changed with the closure of our school and the shutdown of our state due to the novel coronavirus pandemic. It is fitting that, this weekend, we will finally set our clocks forward and prepare for the official first day of spring on March 20th, 2021. With the launch of this spring will also come another new beginning-- welcoming all students back to in-person learning every day on March 22nd (with the option for students to remain in the full-remote model, as well). This opportunity to have a second first day of school brings with it the launch of a new quarter (4th quarter begins on March 26th) and possible opportunities for end-of-year school events. It is important that we continue to follow mitigation strategies, health-monitoring protocols and community behavior that limits the spread of Covid-19 in order to keep our students in school and build back from the experiences of the global pandemic. We will keep a mindful focus on creating a strong, inclusive school culture that affirms the contributions of each member while celebrating the collective unity of our school. I am excited that we are at a point that we can take this next step and look forward to a successful and healthy spring.

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.

Quinnipiac University -TUESDAY, MARCH 16th at 2pm

- Located in Hamden, CT
- Approximately 7,000 undergraduates enrolled - [see fast facts here](#)
- [SPORTS](#) - 21 NCAA DIVISION 1 teams
- [ANNUAL TUITION](#) - \$51,700 (2020-2021)
- MOST POPULAR [MAJORS](#) INCLUDE - accounting, business management, marketing, communications, allied health and social sciences. Unique programs in athletic training, cyber security and advertising & integrated communications.
- Visit the [ADMISSIONS WEBSITE HERE](#).

Albertus Magnus College -THURSDAY, MARCH 18th at 2pm

- Located in New Haven, CT
- Approximately 1,400 students enrolled - [see fast facts here](#)
- [SPORTS](#) - 16 NCAA DIVISION 3 teams
- [ANNUAL TUITION](#) - \$34,410 (2020-2021)
- MOST POPULAR [MAJORS](#) INCLUDE - business management, criminal justice, communications, English and social sciences. Unique programs in sports management, art therapy and game design.
- Visit the [ADMISSIONS WEBSITE HERE](#).

[Occupational therapists](#) (OTs) treat patients who have injuries, illnesses, or disabilities through the therapeutic use of everyday activities (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019). [Occupational therapists](#) help people regain strength and activity levels while recovering from illness or injuries. While most OTs work in medical offices, some work in schools or visit patients in their homes. A masters' degree and state license is required to work as an OT. The average annual salary for OTs is \$84,950 with **much faster than average growth expected (16%) through 2029** (BLS, 2019). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [American Occupational Therapy Association](#), the [World Federation of Occupational Therapists](#) and additional information about [post-graduate OT training](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in pre-occupational therapy include:

Quinnipiac University	Boston University	Sacred Heart University
University of Rhode Island	Mass Coll of Pharm & Health Sci	Rutgers University
SUNY/Binghamton	Springfield College	Univ of New Hampshire
Univ of New England	UMAINE/Farmington	Worcester State Univ
New York Inst of Tech	Pace University	Bridgewater State Univ
University of Connecticut	University of Pittsburgh	University of Miami

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 "B" day on Monday. The L-Z cohort will be in-person on Wednesday. Please also note-next Friday, March 19th, is a district-wide professional learning day; there will be no classes for students.

Information on Full In-Person Starting March 22nd: Information will be sent early next week regarding our planned full return to in-person learning on March 22nd. This information will include slight adjustments to student drop off, reminders about mitigation protocols, designation of junior parking spaces and other reminders.

SAT/PACT Day March 24th: As a reminder, Wednesday, March 24th, will be a CT State SAT day for all current 11th grade students and an Amity High School PACT testing day for all current 10th grade students. We will function on an early-dismissal timeframe (7:34-12:12) with 9th and 12th grade students working fully remotely and fully asynchronously on that day. More information for 10th and 11th grade students will follow next week.

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.

PTSO Upcoming Speaker: Please join us on March 24th at 7:00 to hear from Dr. Lisa Damour on helping teens manage stress. Registration can be found [here](#).

Senior Happenings

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: Please see [this link](#) for a list of community scholarship opportunities for current seniors.

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. All ASVAB Career Exploration Program tests will be held using the paper & pencil testing format instead of an online format. This policy change is expected to remain in effect for the remainder of the school year. **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.

Interested in the CUNY (The City University of New York) Schools? Attend their **CUNY Virtual College Fair on Thursday, March 18, 2021 from 3-6pm.** CUNY today has [25 colleges](#) spread across New York City's five boroughs, serving 275,000 degree-seeking students of all ages and awarding 55,000 degrees each year. Meet with admission representatives from each college and explore the right fit for you! Please register [here](#).

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.

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.

The New Haven FBI Field Office and Yale University Police Department will be offering a youth program called the **2021 Introduction to the Future Law Enforcement Youth Academy (FLEYA)**. This one-day training program will offer Connecticut students between the ages of 15-18 insight to future careers in law enforcement, along with classroom training on subjects including: Cyber Technology, Investigative Forensics, Domestic and International Terrorism, Civil Rights and more. Student applications and instructions for FLEYA can be found on the fbi.gov/Newhaven website. (Navigate to *Community Outreach*) The application deadline date is April 23, 2021 at 5 p.m. EST.

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!

Athletics

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 link. We’re all in this together!

Woodbridge Youth Services Programs:

- **Red Cross Babysitter Training:** Two-day training for ages 12-18 from 9 am - 1pm on Tuesday, April 13 and Wednesday, April 14 at the Center Building at 4 Meetinghouse Lane. Students must attend both days to earn certificate. Social distancing measures will be in place and masks are required. Snacks will be provided. The fee is \$60 for residents, \$65 for non-residents. Space is limited. Call Nancy Pfund at 203-389-3429 for information or to register or e-mail: npfund@woodbridgect.org
- **Woodbridge First Selectman’s Youth Award Nominations Sought:** Woodbridge Youth Services, in collaboration with First Selectman Beth Heller, is accepting nominations for the First Selectman’s Youth Award. The annual award, now in its twenty-second year, will be presented to a deserving young Woodbridge resident later this spring. People’s United Bank in Woodbridge will sponsor the \$200 award. Call 203-389-3429 for more information or you may find the nomination form on the Town’s website at <https://www.woodbridgect.org/160/Youth-Services>. Parents may not nominate their own children. Please submit nominations to Woodbridge Youth Services at 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT 06525, by Monday, April 12, 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 .
- **Time for Spring Yard Clean-up? 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, etc. Call 203-389-3464 for more information.
- **Gratitude Baskets-**Youth Services wishes to commend all the students who donated baskets in appreciation of the hard work and dedication of our school personnel. All baskets have been delivered to Amity Regional High School for staff to enjoy. Thanks for your kindness.
- **Free Internet Safety for Parents with Scott Driscoll-March 18 - 6:30 – 8:00 pm Presented by The Underground, HART, and CT Children’s**

Alliance. To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/internet-safety-training-for-parents-tickets-142468546257>