

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



This past year has brought not only an historic pandemic but also an uprising in racist and xenophobic rhetoric and behaviors across our nation. This past week's senseless murders of Asian American women in Atlanta, GA is an abhorrent act, and we send our condolences to the families of the victims. We must stand together to support and affirm every member in our school, local and national communities as valued members.

The world has lived in fear of the unknown for so long; the fear of misunderstanding and a lack of knowledge. Now is the moment to stand up to injustices, to have the difficult conversations, and to become accepting of one another. As we live through difficult times, the response to hate cannot be silence. Silence provides a space for perpetrators and bystanders to allow these acts of violence to become normalized. Racially motivated incidents and violence are not solutions to fear, and have no place in the 21st century. As a community, we have the ability to create a safe and fair community for everyone who has experienced prejudice, fear, and hate.

The Amity Regional High School students and faculty denounce all abhorrent actions against the Asian American community. We also remain committed to our work as a school community to address all forms of systemic racism through intentional reflection and adjustments to curriculum, programming, and training. We are a community that believes strongly in the power of diversity, inclusion, and the formation of a just society.

Sincerely,

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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.

[SUNY/Stony Brook University](#) -TUESDAY, MARCH 23rd at 2pm

- Located in Stony Brook, NY (in Long Island)
- Approximately 18,000 undergraduates enrolled - [see fast facts here](#)
- [SPORTS](#) - 20 NCAA DIVISION 1 teams in America East Conference
- [ANNUAL TUITION](#) (out-of-state residents) - \$32,428 (2020-2021)
- MOST POPULAR [MAJORS](#) INCLUDE - biology, psychology, health sciences, business management, computer science, economics, applied mathematics & statistics, biochemistry, mathematics and political science.
- Visit the [ADMISSIONS WEBSITE HERE](#).

[Southern Connecticut State University](#) -THURSDAY, MARCH 25th at 2pm

- Located in New Haven, CT
- Approximately 9,300 undergraduates enrolled - [see fast facts here](#)
- [SPORTS](#) - 17 NCAA DIVISION 2 teams in the Northeast 10 Conference
- IN-STATE [ANNUAL TUITION](#) - \$11,802 (2020-2021)
- MOST POPULAR [MAJORS](#) INCLUDE - healthcare studies, exploratory, business administration, psychology and biology. Unique programs in nursing (direct admit in freshman year), elementary education (elementary school on campus) and environmental/marine sciences.
- Visit the [ADMISSIONS WEBSITE HERE](#).

"[Construction managers](#) plan, coordinate, budget, and supervise construction projects from start to finish" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019). Most [construction managers](#) have a bachelors' degree in construction in addition to on-the-job experience/knowledge of carpentry and other building trades. The average annual salary for CMs is \$95,260 with **much faster than average growth expected (8% through 2029)** (BLS, 2019). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [Construction Management Association of America](#), [Associated Builders and Contractors](#) and the [Associated General Contractors of America](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in construction management include:

Central CT State Univ	Roger Williams University	So New Hampshire Univ
Wentworth Inst of Tech	Norwich University	Drexel University
SUNY/Farmingdale State	Appalachian State Univ	SUNY/College of Tech
Jefferson University (PA)	SUNY/Env Sci & Forestry	Clemson University

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Happenings and Information

Next week's schedule: Monday, March 22nd, will be our second 1st day of school, where all students may return to full in-person learning. If your child has been enrolled

in the hybrid district learning model, there is no need to complete any forms as your child will continue in the designated learning model which will switch from hybrid to full in-person on Monday. If your child is enrolled in “fully remote,” your child should continue to sign on at 7:34 and attend classes remotely. If, in the future, you wish to switch your child from fully remote to the designated in-person learning model (currently full in-person), you will need to complete the form in PowerSchool and wait for verification that the form has been processed (up to 10 school days). Please contact the main office if you have questions, 203-397-4830, ext. 5.

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 was sent to parents of 10th and 11th grade students earlier today.

Early Dismissal-Thursday, March 25th: In addition to the 12:12 dismissal on Wednesday after testing, Thursday, March 25th will be a 12:12 dismissal to accommodate early dismissals in our partner elementary districts.

End of Marking Period 3: Next Thursday, March 25th, will be the final day of the 3rd marking period.

Save the dates-Spring Celebrations: Plans are in the works for on-campus, outdoor junior and senior proms as well as other senior activities. Details are still being worked out, but the **weekend of June 3rd-5th** has been identified as the weekend for the outdoor prom celebrations.

College and Career Planning for Juniors: 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

Attention Seniors: Seniors who are planning on participating in the SSLP (Senior Service Learning Program) **must** read their emails on a weekly basis. Important information will be sent to you regarding the procedures and process of the program. **ALL** information can be found on the school website under [College & Career Center](#). If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Cocco at lynn.cocco@amityregion5.org.

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.

Athletics

WINTER SPORTS: Our teams have wrapped up their regular seasons and gearing up for the SCC tournaments! Follow the action on live stream! Navigate to the amity athletics page and click the Live Stream tab for more information.

Spring sports information: Our annual spring sports information night was last week. If you missed the virtual webinar, please view it [here](#).

Registration for spring sports will be through unified classroom forms are open and can be found [here](#). Only students who are in-person learners, registered, and medically approved will be eligible to participate in tryouts. **Physicals** must be submitted to the nurse, dated after May17, 2020. Annual medication forms must be completed and submitted to the nurse if necessary. Spring sports **tryouts** Day 1: March 27th.

The current plan is to have a full spring season including regular season, SCC championships, and CIAC state championships.

Important Reminders

Information on Full In-Person Starting March 22nd: Please see this document for a review and reminder about school mitigation protocols, behaviors and practices as we prepare for our return to all students in-person on March 22nd, 2021.

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!

Community Happenings

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>