

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Today is the first of April. Last year at this time I would have thought it was an April fool's joke if you told me we would be enduring through this pandemic for more than 12 months. At this time last year we were hoping to be back in school "like normal" following April break or, at the latest, at the beginning of May. We have been through so much, and have learned and grown throughout this time. It is thrilling to see our school community working to adjust to the next phases of the pandemic by following mitigation strategies but working to hold spring sports, the spring musical and a "regular" spring break coming up. We are fully in the swing of 4th marking period. As the weather warms and vaccines continue to be issued, I am hopeful and optimistic that all of the hard work from the past 12 months will serve as a testament to our perseverance and a foundation for rebuilding our school culture and climate. Have a wonderful weekend and a happy holiday, if you are celebrating.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: [North Carolina State University](#) is located in Raleigh, North Carolina. NCSU has recently been ranked by "Money" magazine (2020) as the "[number one public university in NC, 35th overall in the USA](#)". With over 36,000 students enrolled, NCSU offers more than 300 [degree programs](#) within 65 departments. Most popular majors include engineering, business, life sciences, environmental sciences, animal science, political science and fashion and textile management. [Annual tuition, room & board](#) (2021-2022) for out-of-state students is approximately \$46,000. Learn more by visiting the [admissions website](#), check out [fast facts](#), take a [virtual tour](#) or view an [admissions brochure](#). "[Operations research analysts](#) use advanced mathematical and analytical methods to help solve complex issues" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019). [Operations research analysts](#) use modeling software and data to help organizations solve problems. Entry level positions in this field require a bachelors' degree earned in mathematics, statistics or business. Expected **job growth is much faster than average at 25% through 2029** and the average salary is \$84,810 (BLS, 2019). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences](#) and the [Operational Research Society](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in operations research/mathematics include:

NC State University	University of Connecticut	Temple University
University of New Haven	Carnegie Mellon Univ	George Washington Univ
Emory University	UMASS/Boston	University of Rhode Island
Bentley University	US Coast Guard Academy	Worcester Polytech Inst
Trinity College	New York University	Long Island Univ/Brooklyn
Univ of New Hampshire	Coastal Carolina Univ	Bryant University
Springfield College	Western CT State Univ	Roger Williams University

Or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Happenings and Information

Early (12:12) Dismissals Next Week: Monday, April 5th, Wednesday, April 7th and Friday, April 9th, will all be 12:12 dismissals for the high school (due to professional learning for the Amity District and early dismissals at some of the elementary districts).

Morning Drop-Off/Student Parking: With the return to full in-person, we have many more student drivers on campus than previously in the year. Please remember that students who are being dropped off may begin to arrive at the front of the building at 7:10 (entrance to the building begins at 7:15 and classes begin at 7:34). Drop-off is on the side of the building from the stop sign near the bus-loop all the way up to the entrance to the rear parking lot. Students may enter the building either in the front or the back doors. Additionally, our student drivers may take some time to park their cars, which disrupts traffic flow. Please plan accordingly (there are very few cars dropping off between 7:10-7:25, after which the line is drastically slower).

Third Marking Period Report Cards: Report cards for quarter 3 will be emailed to parents/guardians next Monday, April 5th.

College and Career Planning for Juniors: JUNIORS - Next week, THREE colleges will host virtual visits during our final March Madness events. See the list of participating colleges here. ZOOM links to the visits will be posted in the Counseling Grade 11 Google Classroom on the day of each visit.

Senior Happenings

Important SSLP Due Dates-Seniors: If you are planning on participating in the SSLP this year, the 3 steps must be completed by next **Wednesday, April 7, 2021.**

Your preliminary contract must be signed by your site manager by **Tuesday, April 20th.**

Important Reminder for Seniors: Members of the Class of 2021 who have reached **75*** hours of community service hours over their 4 years at Amity will be recognized at graduation. Each senior will receive a community service certificate as well as an honor cord, which will be worn on the day of graduation. Please hand in all signed community service forms by **Monday, April 5, 2021.** All volunteer hours **must** be logged into PowerSchool under forms. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center at: paula.vallie@amityregion5.org.

***Please note the reduction in total hours for the Class of 2021**

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.

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.

Learn the benefits of an HBCU Experience! Join the CT HBCU Alumni Network present “REAL TALK” on **Wednesday, April 7, 2021 from 12noon-1pm** via Zoom. Current HBCU students will talk about their personal experience at an HBCU School. A Zoom link will be provided once you register at www.cthbcu.com.

Important Reminders

3rd Marking Period Report Cards: Report cards for marking period 3 will be issued the week of April 5th. Information regarding 4th marking period and whether or not final exams will be held will be sent by mid-April.

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.

Athletics

Spring Athletics: Spring sports are in full swing! An update on spectator policies and schedules will be included in next week’s newsletter.

Community Happenings

Prevention Measures: BOWDAAC and other local Prevention councils have created parent and peer-to-peer discussion guides with the intention of sparking the conversation and hopefully aiding in the reduction of vaping among our youth. Please see this [link for the parent guide](#) and this [link for the peer guide](#). The guides can also be found on the BOWDAAC [website](#).