

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



We returned from a much more traditional April break this year rejuvenated and ready to face the final 7 weeks of the 2020-2021 academic school year. Upon our return, we were greeted by our front rocks colorfully painted in preparation of celebrating Pride Week 2021. Recognition of this important cultural week is a tradition at ARHS. Our core values, beliefs and mission statement focus on cultivating a culture of fairness, respect and a just society.

Pride Week is organized by Amity's Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA), PLAHD (People Leading Against Homophobic Discrimination). For the 2020-2021 school year, Pride Week will be held the week of April 26th to April 30th. Pride Week serves as a recognition and celebration of LGBTQ+ students, faculty and staff. Everyone deserves to feel welcomed and respected no matter their gender or sexual identity. A major theme within the week of celebration is prioritizing education about LGBTQ+ history, current events, legislation, and terminology. Pride Week serves as a reminder to uphold our core values and mission of "create an inclusive community that affirms the contributions, strengths and talents of all its members" not just for one week, but all year round. Happy Pride Week!

Sincerely,

Anna Mahon

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**Principal
2021**

Amity PLAHD and Members of the Class of

College and Career of the Week: [Siena College](#) is a private, Franciscan liberal arts college located in Loudonville, New York, (near Albany), approximately 125 miles from the BOW area. [Founded in 1937](#), Siena serves about 3,000 students on their 175-acre suburban campus. Siena offers 36 [majors](#), 80 minors and certificate programs as well as robust programs in [service learning](#), [Internships](#) and [study abroad](#). [Undecided students](#) are referred to as "explorers" and are encouraged to find their career pathways through varied learning experiences. Siena's 21 [athletic teams](#) compete in the [Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference](#) (NCAA Division 1). [Annual tuition, room and board](#) is approximately \$56,000 per year (2020-2021) with generous financial aid available. For

more information, please visit Siena's [admissions website](#). [Medical and health services managers](#) plan, direct, and coordinate the business activities of healthcare providers (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019). [HSMs](#) usually need a bachelor's degree in business/healthcare administration to start their careers and many obtain master's degrees as well. Expected **job growth is much faster than average at 32% through 2029** and the average salary is \$104,280 (BLS, 2019). To learn more, please visit the [American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management](#), the [National Association of Healthcare Access Management](#) and the [Healthcare Financial Management Association](#) websites.

Some colleges that offer programs in business/healthcare administration include:

Siena College	University of Connecticut	Eastern CT State Univ
University of Rhode Island	Endicott College	CUNY/Brooklyn College
Drexel University	UMASS/Boston	Bentley University
Assumption University	Albertus Magnus College	Merrimack College
So New Hampshire Univ	SUNY/Polytech Inst.	Providence College
Salve Regina University	Univ of New England	Bridgewater State Univ

Or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Happenings and Information

Learning Model: We will continue with the current learning model next week. The week will begin with a "D" day on Monday, April 26th.

No final exams: There will be no traditional final exams this year. While classes/courses may include larger end-of-marking period assessments at the end of the 4th quarter, these assessments will be incorporated in to the marking period grade rather than be a separate 10% of the overall grade. Due to the removal of exam periods this year, each marking period will count as 25% of the final course grade for a full year course.

End-of-Year Activities and Celebrations: As a reminder, we will be hosting some of our end of year activities in person and some virtually. Specific details will be shared regarding awards nights, proms, spring concerts and other end-of-year activities in the coming weeks. Please contact the main office if you have specific questions.

Earth Day Celebration: This week at the high school, the Marine Biology Club and Environmental Club joined together to help the high school celebrate Earth Day. Suggestions included painting a rock in honor of Earth Day and a QR code to share through social media. Happy Earth Day 2021!

Morning Drop Off/Student Arrival: As a reminder, students may begin to line up in front of the building beginning at 7:10am and enter the school at 7:15am. Please be sure to have students at school no later than 7:30 as classes begin at 7:34.

2021-2022 Budget Referendum: Please see [this announcement](#) regarding the Amity Regional School District #5 Budget Referendum schedule for May 4th, 2021.

Senior Happenings

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

Notes from Counseling Department

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. The New York State Association for College Admission Counseling (NYSACAC), in partnership with CollegeXpress, is hosting a virtual college fair on May 15 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. EDT. This event is free and designed for high school students and their families to learn more about the college admission process and meet with admission officers from more than 180 colleges and universities. Please register [here](#) and find a [list of colleges attending](#) this event.

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.

Community Happenings

Responding to the George Floyd Verdict: In partnership with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), we would like to share [this resource](#) with families to support discussion regarding the Derek Chauvin Murder Trial.

Voter Registration: For all students who are 18 years old or older and not yet registered to vote, please see [this announcement](#) regarding information on registering to vote. You can also follow this [link](#).

Community Conversation: Please see [this announcement](#) regarding an opportunity to join the state-level conversation for addressing the impacts of Covid-19 and Racism.