

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Throughout this week, our school community recognized Pride Week thanks to the work of members of the Amity PLAHD club hanging flags and posting informative flyers around the school. We are also moving in to “awards season” for the high school with school-based and state level award ceremonies being held throughout the month of May. Additionally, today is the mid-mark of the 4th quarter and next week we begin AP testing. With fewer than six weeks left in the school year, we still have a lot happening at the high school. Along with all of the student-based activities and recognitions, we will take some time to honor and thank our teachers next week during national Teacher Appreciation Week. The job logistics have changed drastically over the past fourteen months, but the Amity Regional High School teachers have continued to be some of the most dedicated, passionate and supportive educators I have had the pleasure to work with and the cornerstone of our school community. Happy pre-Teacher Appreciation Week to ALL of the teachers in our community. Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: [High Point University](#) is a private university located in High Point, North Carolina (near Winston-Salem), approximately 610 miles from the BOW area. [Founded in 1924](#) by the Methodist Protestant Church, HPU currently enrolls approximately 4,500 undergraduate students. Most popular [majors](#) include communications, business, kinesiology and exercise science, biology and psychology. HPU’s 16 [athletic teams](#) compete in the [Big South Conference](#) (NCAA Division 1). Ranked #1 in the USA for the [best college dorms](#), [annual tuition](#), room & board is \$55,658 per year (2021-2022). For more information, please visit HPU’s [admissions website](#) or take a [virtual tour](#). "[Public relations specialists](#) create and maintain a favorable public image for the organization they represent" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019). Most [PR specialists](#) work in the PR departments of corporations or in PR firms with various clients. Entry level positions usually require a bachelor's degree in public relations, communication, journalism, English, or business. Expected job growth is faster than average at 7% through 2029 and the average salary is \$62,810

(BLS, 2019). To learn more, please visit the [Public Relations Society of America](#), the [Association of Marketing and Communications Professionals](#), and the [National Council for Marketing and Public Relations](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in communications/public relations include:

High Point University	Boston University	Central CT State University
Marist College	Univ of Central Florida	University of Vermont
Bentley University	Quinnipiac University	Long Island University
Belmont University (TN)	Univ of Rhode Island	Mass Coll of Liberal Arts
University of Alabama	Ithaca College	University of Miami
Western New England Un	University of Tampa	SUNY/New Paltz

Or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Happenings and Information

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

Parent Resource Guide: Please see this [link](#) for an updated parent resource guide, which includes various resources provided by our school social worker, Nicole DeNara, and other members of the high school counseling department.

Celebrating the Arts: The Visual and Performing Arts Department would like to share what is happening in their classes. Please click [this link](#) to be directed to the happenings page on the Visual and Performing Arts Website.

Senior Happenings

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

SSLP Updates:

- [Final Contracts:](#) **Due May 12th**
- [Timesheets:](#) **Due June 4th**
- [A Final Project:](#) **Due June 4th**
- [Reminders:](#) **ACADEMIC CLASSES (for SSLP seniors) END on Friday, May 14th.**

Important Dates for Seniors: Please see the list below for important dates for end-of-year activities for seniors-

- **Senior Picnic:** May 21st. Tickets (\$42) will be on sale from Thursday, April 29th through Friday, May 7th.
- **Senior Awards Night:** Thursday, June 3rd at 6:30pm.
- **Senior Prom:** June 5th from 7:30-10:30pm. Tickets will be on sale from May 12th through May 21st (Price TBD).
- **2021 Commencement Exercises:** June 8th (site TBD). The ceremony will begin at 4:00; all graduates will be asked to arrive by 2:30 at the designated location.

Notes from Counseling Department

Attention Juniors: Take an opportunity to visit a couple of upcoming virtual college fairs before your senior year! 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.

Attention Freshmen, Sophomores & Juniors: Are you interested in learning more about our Nation's Military Academies? The CT Congressional Delegation is offering the **2021 Virtual Military Service Academy Night on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 5pm**. To register please find a Zoom link [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.

Important Reminders

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.

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.

Athletics

Buy Your 2021 Amity Yard Sign: The Booster Club is selling yard signs; please see this [flyer](#) for more information or. Contact Mr. Ernie Goodwin, Director of Athletics at egoodwin@amityregion5.org. Sales will also take place at various athletic events this spring.

Community Happenings

From Woodbridge Youth Services:

- **Chalk Art Family Fun Kicks off Second Saturday Series on May 8th:** Families are encouraged to create some bright, happy chalk art pictures and join the fun around the Woodbridge Center (4 Meetinghouse Lane). Event is on May 8 from 10:00 am to noon. Rain date is May 15. Draw, play lawn games, see the bubbles, and bring a picnic. Please call 203-389-3429 to register for available space. Chalk will be provided to registered families. Masks are required. See Town [Website](#). Volunteers needed.
- **Community Services Opportunities Available:** Please contact Youth Services for details: 203-389-3429 or email: npfund@woodbridgect.org
- **Woodbridge Job Bank Seeks Teens Who Want Work:** The Woodbridge Job Bank offers occasional jobs to Woodbridge teens (ages 13 – 18) who would like to earn some extra cash and gain work experience. Jobs include yard work, weeding, dog walking, raking, babysitting, etc. **Weeders are in demand right now.** Here's an opportunity to learn about the interview process, safety on the job, and how to negotiate pay. Build your resume as you earn cash. Due to COVID-19, most jobs are currently outdoors with masks and social distancing as required. Resident teens may call 203-389-3429 or e-mail npfund@woodbridgect.org to schedule an interview.