

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



This has been an exciting week, particularly for our members of the Amity Class of 2021. For the more than 220 seniors who are participating in Senior Service Learning Program (SSLP, aka “internship”) or Senior Interest Project (SIP), today marks the final day of formal classes. They have demonstrated the skills and dispositions necessary to proceed on to the final Amity experience—an authentic learning experience where they will see, first hand, what a given career entails or explore an area or topic of their choice through a project they designed completely on their own. Additionally, we [announced](#) that we will be holding [this](#) year’s commencement ceremony at the Westville Music Bowl so we are able to have a space that will accommodate our seniors’ families and loved ones as we recognize and celebrate their completion of their compulsory school careers. Along with the excitement with our seniors, we held our virtual and self-directed career fair for our 10th grade students during Homeroom on Thursday by accessing [this link](#) and choosing from videos (interviews of former students by current students arranged by Ms. Cocco and Ms. Vallie in the Career Center). Finally, on Thursday night we welcomed a (small) audience back in to the Brady Center for the first time since December, 2019 for the Spring Orchestra Concert. It was wonderful to be able to enjoy the beautiful music produced by the Amity Orchestra live and in-person in our school space. As we move through the final weeks of the school year, we will continue to follow our mitigation strategies such as mask wearing, distancing and hallway directional arrows. It is heartening, however, to begin to see the changes for the better with each week that move through the spring. Have a good weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: [Drexel University](#) is located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, approximately 175 miles from the BOW area. DU was [founded in 1891](#) by Anthony J. Drexel, a philanthropist who envisioned an innovative and unique institution of higher learning. Over 15,000 undergraduate students are enrolled in [80+ majors](#) within 15 schools, colleges and programs. Widely known for their [Co-op program](#), Drexel encourages students to engage in experiential learning opportunities

that promote their career development. Most popular majors are nursing, accounting, mechanical engineering, management & information systems, marketing and biology. DU's 18 [athletic teams](#) compete in the [Colonial Athletic Association](#) (NCAA Division 1). [Annual tuition, room and board](#) is \$73,659 (2021-2022). For more information, please visit DU's [admissions website](#), view [fast facts](#) or take a [virtual tour](#). "Audiologists diagnose, manage, and treat a patient's hearing, balance, or ear problems" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020). [Audiologists](#) work in a variety of settings including hospitals, private practices, schools and other offices. A doctoral degree and licensure are required to work in this field. The average salary is \$81,030 and much faster than average (13%) job growth is expected through 2029 (BLS, 2020). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [American Speech-Language-Hearing Association](#), the [American Academy of Audiology](#), and the [Academy of Doctors of Audiology](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in audiology include:

Drexel University	Southern CT State Univ	Adelphi University
University of Connecticut	Northeastern University	Emerson College
CUNY/Brooklyn College	Duquesne University	College of Saint Rose
Boston University	East Carolina University	Hofstra University
University of Virginia	Univ of Central Florida	South Carolina State
University of Miami	Appalachian State Univ	Florida State University

Or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Happenings and Information

Visual and Performing Arts Happenings Webpage: Amity Regional High School's visual and performing arts department has created a webpage to share exciting installations and information about what is going on with curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Check it out [here](#)!

REMINDER-Covid-19 Mitigation Protocols: While state and national mandates begin to loosen up regarding mitigation protocols, it is important to remember that masks are still required inside our buildings. All members of our school community are expected to properly wear masks, follow directional arrows and maintain as much distance as possible. We appreciate the vigilance thus far; please help us conclude the year on a positive note.

May 28th-12:12 High School Dismissal: Please note that Friday, May 28th will be a 12:12 dismissal for the high school to support an early dismissal in an elementary school district.

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 END on Friday, May 14th**

Notes from Counseling Department

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

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.

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

ARHS Orchestra Band/Orchestra Spring Concert –Reminder that the Band and Choir Concert is happening on Wednesday May 19th at 6:30 in the front parking lot. Patrons are asked to bring their own chairs and social distance. The students and teachers are super excited to have this opportunity so please come and support.

PTSO Project Graduation Sales: It's back! Project Graduation Balloon sales are now open. We have also added a green gift alternative this year...check it out. Please see this flyer for more information and visit AmityPTSO.org to order.