

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



At Monday night's September Board of Education Meeting, Superintendent of Amity Schools, Dr. Jennifer Byars, introduced the [BOWA Portrait of the Graduate](#). This document and visual is both a foundational document and a guiding light for our school communities as it illustrates the expectations for what all students will have demonstrated as a result of a BOWA educational experience. While it is a document created by all 4 school districts, it reflects the tenets of the 3 Amity "As" that have been and continue to be the basis for the program we provide—Academics, Arts and Athletics. Some examples of these include last Friday night's in-person induction ceremony for the 2021-2022 Amity National Honor Society members, the National Art Honors Society Calendars that were being sold this past Tuesday night during our first in-person Back to School Night and the Amity Field Hockey game that was also held on Tuesday—the first varsity game to be played on the new all-weather field. Tonight we will hold the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new field, track and refurbished stadium at 6:45 in between the field hockey and football games. The BOWA Portrait of the Graduate includes concrete skills as well as dispositions that we expect our students to demonstrate. These skills and dispositions will allow us to share a common understanding of how the 3 Amity "As" manifest in to helping create contributing citizens to our larger community. Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: [Bryant University](#) is a private university located in Smithfield, Rhode Island, approximately 120 miles from the BOWA area. [Founded in 1863](#), Bryant currently enrolls 3,281 undergraduate students on its 428-acre campus. Known for their strong business programs, Bryant has nearly 200 career-focus [majors/minors](#)/combination programs to choose from. Student life is very active with over [100 clubs & organizations](#) on campus as well as 25 NCAA Division 1 [athletic teams](#) (in the [Northeast Conference](#)) to offer. [Annual tuition, room & board](#) is approximately \$64,000 for 2021-2022. To learn more about Bryant University, please visit their [admissions website](#) or register for one of the [upcoming Open House events](#) on 10/23 or 11/13. ["Social Media Specialists"](#) communicate with the public through platforms that allow users to create and share content online. They run their employers'

social media accounts, working to build a brand's reputation (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2016)". A bachelor's degree in communications, business or other related field is usually required for entry level positions. The average salary for "public relations specialists" (similar career) is [\\$62,810](#) and faster than average job growth is expected through 2030 (BLS, 2020). To learn more, visit the following websites: the [Social Media Club](#), the [American Marketing Association](#), and the [eMarketing Association](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in marketing include:

Bryant University	University of Connecticut	Sacred Heart University
University of New Haven	St. John's University	UMASS/Boston
Endicott College	Fairfield University	Central CT State Univ
Merrimack College	Bentley University	Hofstra University
SUNY/New Paltz	Univ of Rhode Island	Boston University
Quinnipiac University	Siena College	SUNY/Binghamton

Or search Naviance for more choices!

Happenings and Information

Back to School Night: Next **Wednesday night, September 22nd**, we will host our annual Back to School Night for parents of 10th and 11th grade students. Please note: due to space limitations, only 1 parent or guardian may attend for each child; mask wearing will also be required at all times in the school building. Rather than convene in the Brady Center for a whole-school address before the class program begins, Mrs. Mahon will send a pre-recorded message for parents on Monday. The in-person Back to School Night program will begin at 6:30 in classrooms, with 1st period/session beginning at 6:35. The schedule for the night can be found [here](#). Please note, you will be following your child's A day schedule for periods 1-6 and B day schedule for periods 7-8. Link Crew Leaders will be on-hand to assist with directions as will the building administrators.

Early Dismissal-September 23rd: Please be reminded that next Thursday, September 23rd, will be an early dismissal for students to allow for ARSD-wide professional learning time.

Junior/Senior Parking Update: This past week was the first week where students who have received parking stickers were expected to park in assigned spots. This has given us a clear understanding of space and the limited number of spots that are still available. We will reopen the form for parking requests on Monday, September 20th, at 9:00am for the limited number of remaining spots available for junior and senior parking; there is a chance that not all students will be given a parking spot who request one. Forms will be processed in order they are received after being accepted. Please note: if there is a fee balance on the student's account, the form will not be accepted.

Link Crew Freshman Tailgate: The annual Link Crew Freshman Tailgate will take place on October 22nd before the home football game. More details will follow in future newsletters.

REMINDER-Onsite Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic: As a reminder, the Amity Regional School District will be hosting a COVID vaccine clinic at Amity Regional High School on September 23rd from 8-4:30pm. This clinic will be open to all students and staff. Students ages 12 and up may participate in this clinic, as it is Pfizer vaccination clinic.

Underclass Picture Days: Underclass pictures will be taken during English classes on Tuesday, September 28th, and Wednesday, September 29th. English teachers will inform their classes of which day to prepare for. If you have any questions, please contact the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark and Vicki Hulse, at embers@amityschools.org.

Senior Happenings

Fall College Visits: Many college representatives will begin visiting Amity HS with in-person and virtual visits from September 13th through November 12th. Juniors and seniors may begin to register for these visits via Naviance. Go to Naviance to view the schedule. Click here for a [upcoming week's visit listing HERE!](#)

Juniors and seniors may register for college visits by signing into NAVIANCE and following these instructions:

- Click on COLLEGE-RESEARCH COLLEGES-COLLEGE VISITS
- Scroll through the listing of colleges (sorted by date and time)
- REGISTER for those visits you want to attend

Most **virtual** visits will be held during afterschool hours on Tuesdays & Thursdays between the hours of 4pm to 7pm. ***This year we will limit each student to no more than 8 visits.*** If you cannot attend a visit, updated notes will be posted on Naviance. For questions, please contact the [College & Career Center](#) at 203-397-4836 or email paula.vallie@amityregion5.org.

UCONN is coming! A representative from UConn's admission's department will be visiting Amity High School **virtually next Thursday, Sept. 23rd at 7:00pm**. Please register on Naviance and find a link to join the conversation. UConn's School of Fine Arts Program will conduct a separate in-person visit to Amity on Wednesday, Oct. 6th @ 11:00am.

SENIORS - to assist you with completing your college applications, ATTEND one or more of our **20-minute, MINI-WORKSHOPS** on the following topics:

- Getting started with your **COMMON APPLICATION**, Wed 9/22 or Thurs 10/7
- Using **NAVIANCE** with your Common App, Mon 9/27 or Fri 10/8
- Writing a **RESUME** for your College Application, Fri 9/24 or Tues 10/5
- Sending **TEST SCORES** (ACT/SAT) to colleges, Tues 9/28 or Wed 10/6

ALL sessions will be held in the CAREER CENTER during SSP. **[REGISTER HERE TO ATTEND!](#)**

Notes from Counseling Department

Interesting parent resource: [This article](#), published this past Tuesday, September 14th in the *Wall Street Journal*, is an interesting and informative piece about social media and teens. Please take a moment to read the article.

ASVAB Test will be given at Amity High School **on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 7:30 am** in the ARHS Presentation Room. Any student in grades 10, 11 or 12 is welcome to take the test. All ASVAB Career Exploration Program tests will be offered through an online format. **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 (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) test does not obligate students to enlist!** Please find more information about the ASVAB [here](#).

Community Service: Amity High School offers a community service graduation incentive for all students. Students who complete and document 100 hours of community service hours, over the course of their 4 years at Amity High School, will receive a certificate of recognition and an honor cord on the day of their graduation. If you are interested in volunteering throughout the school year, please stop by the Career Center to view our community service bulletin board or visit our school website [here](#). Copies of blank community service forms are available [here](#). For more information, please email Paula Vallie at paula.vallie@amityregion5.org.

Local Healthcare Webinar: Yale New Haven Hospital Volunteer Services is sponsoring "Careers in Healthcare", a 3-part, virtual webinar series on 10/6, from 4-5pm. The webinars feature panelists who are in both clinical and non-clinical roles at YNHH. They will discuss the personal and academic challenges they have faced in pursuing their professional objectives. Careers represented include those that require a college degree and others that do not. For registration information, please [click HERE](#).

Juniors & Seniors Mark Your Calendars: The **Southern Connecticut College & Gap Year Fair** will be held on **Oct. 5th from 4-8pm** at the Hartford Healthcare Amphitheatre, 500 Broad Street, Bridgeport. This fair will provide all New Haven

County and Fairfield County students and parents the ability to meet and learn about the colleges, universities and gap year programs from across the country and abroad all in one night. For more information, please visit [this site](#).

Upcoming Local Community Service Opportunity: The **Bethany Harvest Fair on October 3, 2021** is looking for volunteers for their annual event. To sign up please see Mrs. Vallie at paula.vallie@amityregion5.org.

Attention Seniors/Financial Aid Information: Please be aware - the **FASFA** will be available as of **Oct. 1st**. Students and families should begin applying for [financial aid](#) as soon as possible. Colleges use FASFA information to determine need for institutional-based aid and grant money. Find out what documents you will need to complete [here](#). Get started now as many financial aid awards are distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Some colleges will also require the CSS Profile as part of their financial aid process. Please click [here](#) for a list of schools that require this form. Additional information can also be found on our AHS [website](#).

Important Reminders

Independent Study Opportunity: Any junior or senior that is interested in completing an Independent Study must contact Mrs. Campbell at Courtney.campbell@amityregion5.org. All proposals are due to Mrs. Campbell by Monday September 20th by 3:00pm. Please note: an independent study does not count toward the full-time class enrollment of at least 6 classes per semester.

PTSO Sign Up: Please consider becoming a member of the Amity Regional High School PTSO. This [link](#) will take you to the registration page.

Athletics

Fall Sports Information: Fall sports have begun! Information regarding fall sports can be found [here](#).

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: Reminder that tonight is the ceremony to highlight the opening of the refurbished athletic field and track. The field hockey game will begin at 4:00pm on the William Johnson Field with the ceremony occurring at 6:45. The varsity football game begins at 7:00pm. Student tickets are \$2; adult admission is \$5.

Support Amity Athletic Booster Club: The Amity Athletic Booster Club will have a table setup at Wednesday's Open House Back to School program. We will be selling yard signs and stickers. We look forward to seeing you!

Community Happenings

Amity In-Person Continuing Education: Please join us for one of our great enrichment courses! Click [HERE](#) to view our catalog! Enjoy exploring this catalog. If you have any questions, please call 203-397-4188. Questions? Email us: philip.dolan@amityregion5.org OR kim.doran@amityregion5.org

SAT Prep: Lentz & Lentz SAT prep classes start September 18, 2021 at Amity High School. Register today by clicking [HERE](#)!

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