

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



We have reached the conclusion of our first full week of school this year (with the exception of an early dismissal on Thursday for professional in-service time for faculty and staff). It's been a busy week as we have all worked, as a school community, to continue to reacclimate to being back together in the school building for full days and weeks of school. The introduction of the newly-presented [BOWA Portrait of the Graduate](#) identifies the concept of students who are self-aware. This concept is part of the introduction because self-awareness—understanding one's impact on the environment—depends heavily on the skill of reflection. We are committed to helping our students develop their capacity for being self-aware through their academics, co-curricular activities and extracurricular activities. As we wrap up another week of classes, club meetings and athletic contests, we are looking forward to next week when we will hold our annual school-wide club day during lunch on Thursday. All students will have an extended lunch period where they will have the opportunity to explore the more than 80 clubs offered at Amity Regional High School. Just as the BOWA Portrait of the Graduate creates a picture of the whole person, the 3As of Amity—academic, arts, and athletics—offer opportunities for our students to learn and grow in to successful, self-aware individuals ready to contribute their gifts to society. Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: [Binghamton University](#) is part of the SUNY (State University of New York) system and is located in Binghamton, New York, approximately 220 miles from the BOWA area. SUNY Binghamton consistently ranks as a top public university on “[US News & World Report’s Annual Rankings](#)”. Over 14,300 undergraduate students choose from [130 programs](#) within six academic schools/colleges. Most popular programs include economics, psychology, biology, neuroscience, accounting, nursing and political science. There are [over 300 clubs & organizations](#) on campus as well as [19 NCAA Division 1 athletic teams](#) (in the [America East Conference](#)). [Annual tuition, room & board](#) for out-of-state residents is \$45,223 (2021-2022). To learn more about SUNY Binghamton, please visit their [admissions website](#), take a [virtual tour](#) OR register (in Naviance) for the upcoming **rep visit in our Career Center on 9/30/2021 at 8:00am**. “[Accountants](#) and auditors prepare and

examine financial records” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020). [Accountants](#) perform work in every industry as all need financial recording and reporting services. Most entry level accounting jobs will require a bachelors’ degree. During specific times of the year, accountants can expect to work over the normal 40 hour work week. Average job growth is expected (7%) in this career through 2030 and the average salary is \$ 73,560 (BLS, 2020). For more information, please visit the [American Accounting Association](#), the [American Institute of CPAs](#) or the [Connecticut Society of CPAs](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in accounting include:

SUNY/Binghamton	University of Connecticut	Endicott College
UMASS/Boston	Sacred Heart University	Southern CT State Univ
Central CT State Univ	Bryant University	Bentley University
Quinnipiac University	Fairfield University	University of New Haven
Albertus Magnus College	Western New England U.	Merrimack College
Pace University	Hofstra University	Adelphi University

Or search in Naviance for more choices!

Happenings and Information

All-weather field and track ribbon cutting: Please check out the [main district webpage](#) (scroll down) to view a video highlighting the newly-finished all-weather field and track.

Does someone you know need help with homework? Homework Help Center is starting up again every Tuesday and Thursday (except for early dismissal days) from 2:30-3:30 in the career center. Snacks are provided and peer tutors are available for students who want help. Students can also use the Homework Help Center as a quiet place to get work done. No registration or sign up needed; just drop in! Students can also request a one to one peer tutor. Here is the link to make a request: <https://forms.gle/TxRantH86q5osokD6>

New Yearbook Publisher: The yearbook staff is excited to be working with Jostens, its new publisher, this school year. Parents are advised that any e-mail communications they may receive from Jostens are legitimate, not phishing attempts. This change does not impact the yearbook's continuing partnership with Robert Taylor Photography. *Embers* was previously published by Herff Jones.

Order and Prepay for School Pictures: Ahead of next week’s underclass picture days on September 28th and 29th, parents can now order and prepay for prints of their children’s school pictures online. Instructions are available [here](#). The payment portal will be active until Wednesday, October 6th. After this date, Amity’s bulk order will be processed, and digital proof cards will be e-mailed to parents who did not place orders. These proof cards will feature a watermarked proof image along with the codes to order

prints online. At that point, prices will be slightly higher, and orders will be shipped directly to families' homes rather than to the school.

Buy Your Yearbook: The 2022 edition of *Embers* is now officially on sale! The current, special Back-to-School price is \$75, but hurry—this is a limited time offer! The cost will increase to \$85 on October 1st! Visit amityembers.com to reserve your copy today! Please be advised that due to the need to train a brand new student staff, the transition to a new publisher, and several other factors, the yearbooks will not arrive until summer 2022.

Share Your Photos with the Yearbook: Parents, history is made at your hands! You've watched as your children have grown, developed, learned, and achieved. Don't miss the opportunity to help document that journey! *Embers* strives to tell the whole story. To do so, we need your help! We're looking for photos of everyday school life, activities, and events, and we're hoping that you'll share them with us throughout the school year! While we can't guarantee that all shared photos will be published, we can say for certain that we can't even consider your pictures unless you share them with us! Visit amityembers.com to upload your photos today!

2021 Yearbook Pickup: Current sophomores, juniors, and seniors who ordered a 2021 yearbook and did not pick it up during last week's distribution window can visit the library during their SSP session on Friday, September 24th, for pickup. Students should arrive prepared to scan their student ID cards.

Senior Happenings

Senior Yearbook Pose Selection: Seniors who had their portraits taken with Robert Taylor must choose a yearbook pose by Monday, November 1st. Students who do not select a pose by this date will have one chosen for them. Complete instructions for pose selection can be found on the senior FAQ page on the yearbook website, amityembers.com.

Senior Baby Photos for Yearbook: The yearbook staff is now collecting baby pictures for inclusion in *Embers 2022*. Scan your photos and upload them directly to us! Visit amityembers.com and click "Submit Photos" beneath either the "For Seniors" or "For Parents" tabs. Please send only high-resolution photos. All hard copies should be clearly labeled so that they can be returned to their owners. Please keep submissions to just one per student. If you submit more than one, the yearbook staff will select a single photo for inclusion in the yearbook. All photo submissions are due Wednesday, December 22nd.

Yearbook Grad Ads: Calling all senior parents! Are you looking to honor and encourage your graduating senior with a grad ad in the yearbook? The *Embers 2022* yearbook staff offers you a chance to remember, honor, and encourage your graduate with a grad ad! Visit amityembers.com for details!

Seventh Annual Yearbook Grad Ad Design Night: Interested in purchasing a grad ad? Not sure where to begin? Our seventh annual *Embers* Grad Ad Design Night will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, November 16th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Take advantage of the opportunity to work one-on-one with a yearbook staff member to craft the perfect dedication for your graduating senior, and approve it right on the spot! To sign up, please provide us with your information via [this Google Form](#), and we will get back to you with an appointment time and Zoom link.

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](#).

Financial Aid Night Presentation Program: If you were unable to join us for our Financial Aid Presentation, which was held on Sept. 21st, 2021, please find a PowerPoint Slide presentation [here](#).

The **United States Air Force Academy** will be visiting Amity High School during all lunch waves on **Monday, Sept. 27th from 10:30am-12:22pm**. Air Force Representatives will be set up in the cafeteria hallway to chat with interested students.

Fall College Visits Are Back! Many college representatives are visiting Amity HS both in-person and virtually. 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. Juniors and seniors may begin to register for these visits via NAVIANCE. A list of weekly visits can be found [here](#). For questions, please email paula.vallie@amityregion5.org.

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**-Thurs 10/7
- Using **NAVIANCE** with your Common App-Mon 9/27 or Fri 10/8
- Writing a **RESUME** for your College Application-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!](#)

Upcoming Virtual College Fairs sponsored by NACAC and NEACAC: Connect with hundreds of colleges and universities at NACAC Virtual College Fairs in Fall 2021. High school students, transfer students, and families are welcome to attend for free. See a list of events [here](#).

USMMA Virtual Admissions Q&A info session with Midshipmen coming Sept. 28, 2021 @ 6:30pm. This is a perfect opportunity to learn about the admissions process and what it's like to attend a service academy. To register, please use the following [link](#).

Notes from Counseling Department

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) 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 test does not obligate students to enlist!* Please find more information about the ASVAB [here](#).

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.

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](#).

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 YNH. 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](#).

Important Reminders

Final Reminder--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](#).

Amity Boys Ice Hockey: Attention to all boys interested in trying out for the Boys Ice Hockey team please send your contact information (Name and email address) to Coach Richetelli @ michaelrichetelli@sbcglobal.net. There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, September 29 @ 7:00pm via zoom.

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](#)!