

## ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



During the professional learning time this week, educators focused on the [BOWA Portrait of the Graduate](#) to reflect on the five characteristics and the dispositions within each characteristic to explore where students are offered formal opportunities to learn about, practice, and demonstrate being an empathizer, planner, collaborator, communicatory and problem solver. As we work toward formally adopting the Portrait of the Graduate as a roadmap for our children as they learn and grow, it is allowing the Amity faculty to reflect on and consider the meaningful experiences we afford our students through our curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular programming. Education is about modifying and adjusting based on the needs of children to meet them where they are and help them get to where they need to be. We cannot always control the environments in which we live, including pandemic living with mask mandates, social distancing, and a tenuous sense of security that many of our children have grown up with during the last few years. We can work on the way we respond to those situations and model the characteristics that have been identified in the BOWA Portrait of the Graduate for our children, so they have positive exemplars as they grow to become contributing citizens of society. By working together through empathic communication, supportive collaboration, positive problem solving, and goal-oriented planning, we will lay a more solid foundation upon which all children in the Amity community can build a brighter future. Have a wonderful long weekend!

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*

Principal

**College/Career of the Week:** [Kean University](#) is a public university with multiple locations in New Jersey. [Founded in 1855](#), Kean currently serves approximately 16,000 students between their four NJ campuses (main campus in Union is 30 minutes south of NYC), a fully English-speaking campus in [Wenzhou, China](#) and an online campus. Over 60 [majors](#) are offered such as accounting, athletic training, computer science, education, biomedical technology, and business. Students have over 160 [clubs and organizations](#) to choose from and campus athletes can participate in 14 NCAA D-3 [teams](#) ([New Jersey Athletic Conference](#)). [Annual tuition, room and board](#) for out-of-state students is \$34,605 (2021-2022, very comparable to [UConn's in-state rates](#)). For more information, visit Kean's [admissions page](#), check out this informational [video](#), or take a [virtual tour](#) of

campus. “[Athletic trainers](#) specialize in preventing, diagnosing, and treating muscle and bone injuries and illnesses” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020). A bachelors’ degree is required for entry into the profession. [Athletic trainers](#) are employed in schools (elementary, high school, college), fitness centers, hospitals/medical facilities and professional sports teams. The national median salary is \$49,860 and the profession is expected to have **faster than average job growth at 23% through 2030** (BLS, 2020). For more information, please visit the [National Athletic Trainers’ Association](#) or the [American College of Sports Medicine](#).

*Some colleges that have athletic training programs include:*

Kean University	UCONN	Southern CT State
Boston University	Bridgewater State U	Dean College
Hofstra University	Ithaca College	LIU/Brooklyn
Merrimack College	Northeastern Univ	Quinnipiac Univ
Univ of Rhode Island	Springfield College	SUNY/Brockport
Sacred Heart Univ	Central CT State	Salem State Univ

*Or search in Naviance for more choices!*

## **Happenings and Information**

**Upcoming February Mini-Break:** Please note that ARSD #5 district offices will be closed on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and school will be closed on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> for the extended weekend.

**Mid-Marking Period:** At this point, there will be no adjustments to the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period dates (unless we have further weather-related disruptions), which means the mid-marking period for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is next Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Reminder-School Issued Device Expectations:** As a reminder, all students are expected to bring their school-issued devices to school every day. As some programs are specifically installed on school-issued devices (such as the College Board Secure Browser for the upcoming mandatory SAT in March for 11<sup>th</sup> grade students), it is imperative that all students comply with this expectation.

**2022-2023 Course Selection:** With the start of 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, we have entered course selection season. Ninth through 11<sup>th</sup> grade, students must select courses for next year by Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Parents will need to approve course selections through PowerSchool by no later than March 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **Senior Happenings**

**Attention SSLP Interns:** Seniors who participating in the 2022 SSLP are encouraged to search for job sites over the next 4 weeks. Please reach out to individual businesses/companies through an email or phone call. If you need assistance with finding a job site, please email Mrs. Cocco for an appointment.

**Attention Seniors! Scholarship Season has begun!** Please find the most recent and local scholarships on our school website [here](#). For questions or help with applying, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.

## **Notes from Counseling Department**

**Attention Juniors!** Are you interested in learning more about [West Point Military Academy](#)? If so, consider applying to their [Summer Leaders Experience](#) (deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>). SLC is a weeklong, immersive on-campus experience. (Two sessions are available, May 28 – June 3 OR June 4 – June 10, 2022.) There is no fee to apply, and generous need-based scholarships are available. Standardized test scores are not required, but ideal applicants have a strong academic background, have participated in team sports and other extracurricular activities. Note: When you apply for SLE you are also submitting an admissions screening application.

The **ASVAB - Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery** will be given here at Amity on **Thursday, April 21, 2022**. While the ASVAB is used by the military for recruiting purposes, individuals for career exploration and identifying skills for future careers also use it. Students may take the test for personal use and there is NO military obligation from participating. For more information, please visit the [ASVAB website here](#). Any sophomore, junior or senior who would like to take the ASVAB on April 21<sup>st</sup> may [register HERE](#).

**All STUDENTS** - need help with academics? Work with a peer tutor for extra help. Either stop into the Career Center after school on Tuesdays or Thursdays OR fill out the [form HERE](#) for one-to-one tutoring assistance at other times. See Mrs. Staak or Mrs. Cocco in the Counseling Office if you have any questions.

**Career Opportunities:** Are you interested in Architecture, Engineering or Construction careers? If so, check out a FREE mentoring program called "ACE" where students can explore these career areas, work with professionals in the field and possibly win scholarships. Go to [this link](#) to learn more.

**AP LATE registration is open!** Thank you to everyone who signed up during the general registration window. For those who missed it, you can still sign up with a late fee. Use this link to register and pay for AP exams:

<https://user.totalregistration.net/AP/070965>

- The late registration window is from now until March 1, 2022. There is a \$40 extra late fee (as set by College Board, not ARHS)
- AP Exam Fee: \$100 per exam (\$140 with late fee)
- AP Seminar and Research Exam Fees: \$148 per exam (\$188 with late fee)

**State Universities and UCONN** are hosting a virtual chat base College Fair on **Wednesday, February 16, 2022 from 6:30pm-8:00pm**. The college fair is free to all students and parents. Please click [here](#) for more information.

## **Important Reminders**

**Parent Drop Off/Pick Up:** As a reminder, the morning drop off location is on the side of the school following the one-way traffic flow from North Pease out to Newton Road. Students can enter the building starting at 7:10am. The afternoon pick-up location is in the front of the school (entering campus from Newton Road) following into the bus loop. Parent pick-up begins immediately after buses exit campus. Please note: it is not safe for students to be picked up in the Woodbridge town center or along Meetinghouse Lane, especially with the current amount of snow, the width of Newton Road, and the size and number of buses exiting ARHS property. Please keep students safe by adhering to the expectations that you pick your child up on school property at the end of the day.

**Join the Amity Music Department!** Come be a part of the Amity High School Music Department! If you enjoy singing and playing an instrument, the music department is the place for you! We offer many opportunities to play, sing, perform and learn about music! No previous experience necessary. Make some great friendships and perform some fun music! See our testimonial video [HERE!](#) Reach out to our teachers if you have any questions!

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**Hamden Adult Education:** The final registration for the Hamden Adult High School Credit Diploma Program this school year will be held on **Feb. 23rd from 6-8 pm OR Feb. 24th from 10am-12** at Hamden High School. Eligible students must be at least seventeen years of age and be officially withdrawn from high school. Please *call their office at (203) 407-2028 to make an appointment. Their office hours are Mon-Thurs 8 am-3:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 8 am-2:30 pm ONLY. **Classes will start on Tuesday, March 15th.***

**SAVE THE DATE!** The **New Haven Mineral Club** is presenting their 47<sup>th</sup> annual show at the **Amity Middle School, 100 Ohman Avenue in Orange**. The fair will take place on **Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 9:30am-5pm and Sunday, April 3, 2022 from 10am-4:30pm**. Learn about minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry and find unique gifts. Admission is \$6.00 and children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult. For more information, please visit [this link](#).

## **Athletics**

**Winter Sports:** Championship season for winter sports is here! For information or if you have any questions, please contact the athletic department or view the website [here](#).

## **Community Happenings**

**Amity Creative Theater presents *Mamma Mia!*** Buy your tickets now for this year's spring musical presented by A.C.T. There will be 5 shows; click [this link](#) for tickets.

**Attention Local Employers:** If you are interested in hiring a high school student or would like to post a part-time position, please contact the College & Career Center (203-397-4836) or email Paula Vallie at [paula.vallie@amityregion5.org](mailto:paula.vallie@amityregion5.org). Jobs must conform to the State of Connecticut regulations regarding the employment of minors.

**From Woodbridge Youth Services-** Call 203-389-3429 or email [npfund@woodbridgect.org](mailto:npfund@woodbridgect.org) for information or to sign up for programs. Like us on Facebook [Woodbridge, CT Youth Services](#)

- **Snow Art Challenge for Woodbridge and Bethany Families:** Families looking for outdoor fun this winter can express their talents by entering in the Youth Services Snow Art Competition. Email a photo as an attachment of you and your family with your creation to [youthone@woodbridgect.org](mailto:youthone@woodbridgect.org). Prizes will be awarded for skill and creativity. Check the Town of Woodbridge website at <https://www.woodbridgect.org/160/Youth-Services> or see our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Woodbridge-Youth-Services-Woodbridge-CT-> for updates and prizewinners. Due date for photos is March 1, 2022. Sponsored by Woodbridge Youth Services and the Town of Bethany.
- **Community Pays It Forward:** Youth Services wishes to thank all of the students and community members who contributed valentines for senior citizens. The messages were touching and the creativity was amazing. These cards offered some heartwarming moments to many older adults in our town.
- **Job Bank:** It's snow season. Residents may call to request teens to shovel or do odd jobs. Please plan for snow shoveling as the number of teens is limited. Teens who want paid work should contact Youth Services to schedule an interview. The

Job Bank is a referral service for residents who offer odd jobs to resident teens ages 13 – 18.

- **Nominations for First Selectman's Youth Award Sought:** If you know a Woodbridge youth (up to 18 years old) who has volunteered their time working to improve the Town of Woodbridge or its residents, consider nominating that deserving resident. Principals, teachers, fellow students, neighbors, group, and religious leaders, etc. are encouraged to make nominations. Parents or family members may not nominate a relative. Nominations are due to Youth Services by April 4. The winner will receive an award and a gift at a date to be determined later this spring. The nomination form can be found on the Town Website at [www.woodbridgect.org/472/Programs](http://www.woodbridgect.org/472/Programs) or call the office at 203-389-3429.
- **JOB POSTING- Town of Woodbridge Per Diem Program Assistants Wanted:** Assist with occasional evening or after-school youth programs under the direction of the coordinator. \$15.07/hr. See Town of Woodbridge website for more information. <https://www.woodbridgect.org/357/Employment>

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