

## ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



The transition to March, the second half of the marking period and school where masks are a choice has gone smoothly this week. There have been a variety of school activities throughout this week, but one of the most exciting was the Unified Sports Basketball Tournament on Wednesday afternoon. Many of our winter sports teams came out to support our Unified Athletes and Helpers as ARHS hosted AMSO Unified, Shelton Unified and Milford Unified teams. The gymnasium was filled with fans and the round-robin style tournament afforded fans and participants alike a wonderful chance to be in community. There is a variety of other activities happening on a regular basis at the high school, and students are encouraged to join in. Amity clubs meet after school whenever there are late buses (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday), Amity Spring Sports will be starting in a few weeks, and other activities, such as OBOA Trivia Night tonight at 7:00 and first round of boys state basketball tournament will be held in the Paul D. Mengold Gymnasium at ARHS on Monday at 7:00pm. Various clubs are hosting activities next Friday, including Unified Theater Production in the Black Box at 5:00 followed by Salsa Night in the cafeteria and capped off with the A.C.T. Cabaret Night back in the Black Box. It is exciting to see how much is happening at ARHS! Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

**College/Career of the Week:** The [University of Connecticut at Stamford](#) is a regional branch campus that serves approximately 2,100 students. The majority of students who begin their undergraduate education at UCONN/Stamford choose to transfer to UCONN/Storrs once they have earned at least 51 credits. However, students also have the option to attend UCONN/Stamford for complete bachelors programs in [majors](#) such as [business data analytics](#), [computer science](#) and studies. The [campus](#) is located in [downtown Stamford](#), amongst restaurants, businesses and culture. It is easily accessible by train (Amtrak and Metro North Railroad lines) and apartment style [housing](#) is available within 5 minutes from campus. [Annual tuition](#) for in-state residents is \$15,888 (2021-2022). To learn more, check out this [brief video](#) or read about UCONN's [branch campuses here](#). "[Management analysts](#) recommend ways to improve an organization's efficiency" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020). [Management analysts](#) (also known as management consultants) often work in teams to create solutions. A bachelor's degree

as well as some industry experience is usually required for entry-level positions in this profession. The national median salary is \$87,660 and the profession is expected to have **faster than average job growth at 14% through 2030** (BLS, 2020). For more information, please visit the [Association of Professional Business & Management Analysts](#), the [International Institute of Business Analysts](#) and the [Institute of Management Consultants](#).

*Some colleges that have business management programs include:*

University of Connecticut	University of New Haven	Fairfield University
Northeastern University	UMASS/Boston	Babson College
Springfield College	Syracuse University	SUNY/Stony Brook
Central CT State Univ	St. John's University	Ithaca College
Salve Regina University	Univ of Rhode Island	Univ of New Hampshire
Univ of Central Florida	University of Miami	Univ of South Florida

*Or search in Naviance for more choices!*

## **Happenings and Information**

**ARHS Supports AMSO's "Ray's Box of Sox":** This weekend marks the one-year anniversary of the death of our beloved Amity school student Ray Heenie. Last year, we chose to honor him with beginning an annual fundraiser called, "Ray's Box of Sox." Ray was very interested in doing good to help others. Donating new socks to local homeless shelters is something that Ray would certainly support. He was known for literally giving the shirt off his back to those in need. Last year, we were able to raise 1000 pairs of socks that were distributed to four local shelters who were extremely grateful. This month, we will continue the work we started last year in Ray's honor. "Box of Sox" collection boxes will be located in all three schools starting this Monday. The fundraiser will run from Monday, March 7 through Friday, March 25. Please consider honoring Ray's memory by doing well for someone else. This small gesture can have a big impact. Thank you in advance for your support and please spread the word!

**March 18<sup>th</sup> No School for Students:** As a reminder, Friday March 18<sup>th</sup> will be a full day professional learning day for Amity faculty and staff. There will be no school for students on that day.

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> Modified Day at ARHS:** Please note that Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> is the day that 11<sup>th</sup> grade students at Amity will take the online CT State SAT. On that same day, 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the Practice ACT (PACT) and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in programming throughout the day. Seniors who are participating in SSLP will finalize their work sites while students who are planning on SIP or not participating in either program will be in the school building that day. It will be an early dismissal day for all students (12:12).

**End of Marking Period Date Change:** The end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period has been changed from Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Fourth marking period will begin on March 30<sup>th</sup> and report cards will be released prior to April break. At this time, the last day of school/exams for the 2021-2022 year is scheduled for Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> based on the snow disruptions from this year.

**Parent Course Selection Confirmation:** Students' official last day for registering for classes for the 2022-2023 school year is today. Once your child has registered for classes, you will need to log on to your parent portal through PowerSchool to review and confirm your child's course selection. The deadline for parent approval is next Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Peer Tutoring Help:** *We will begin offering "Working Wednesdays Drop-In Peer Tutoring" on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and continue through June 1st. This is in addition to our other services - we still offer drop-in peer tutoring after school (on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Career Center) as well as 1 to 1 tutoring by completing [the form HERE](#).*

#### **PTSO News:**

- **Volunteers needed:** The PTSO is looking for volunteers to help with different activities and events throughout the school year. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know by sending an email to [arhsptso@gmail.com](mailto:arhsptso@gmail.com). Your help is very much appreciated!
- **Join our monthly meetings:** PTSO meetings take place on the third Thursday of every month in the school's library media center. We hope to see you on March 17 starting at 7:00pm!
- **The PTSO is now on Amazon Smile:** When you designate the PTSO as your preferred charity on Amazon Smile and use the [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) link to shop, Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of the eligible purchase to the PTSO. Please support us every time you shop by visiting <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-4101755> and selecting Amity High School PTSO Inc. as the charity of your choice!

#### **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.

**SENIORS/FAMILY MEMBERS - LEARN MORE ABOUT FINANCIAL AID OFFERS!** Attend a free workshop on **Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm** to understand more about financial aid awards/offers from colleges. Click [HERE to register](#) for the workshop, sponsored by Sallie Mae.

## **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:

- The late registration window is from now until March 1, 2022. There is a \$40 extra late fee (as set by CollegeBoard, 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)

**Are you a student thinking of pursuing a career in law enforcement?** The New Haven FBI Field Office in partnership with the Yale University Police Department will be offering a summer youth program called **Future Law Enforcement Youth Academy (FLEYA)** from **July 17-July 23, 2022**. Students who are graduating in the spring of 2022 are not eligible. Students 16-18 yrs. of age are eligible. This is an overnight camp at Yale University. FLEYA will give 30 Connecticut high school students between the ages of 16 and 18, an inside look at today's FBI, while simultaneously exposing them to various local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and practices. Classroom training will be provided on various subjects including: cyber technology, investigative forensics, domestic and international terrorism, civil rights (hate crimes) and more. If interested, please complete an application [here](#) and email the application in a PDF format to [FLEYAprogram@fbi.gov](mailto:FLEYAprogram@fbi.gov). For questions, see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.

The **2022 Lieutenant Governor's Coding Challenge** is a statewide coding competition for Connecticut students in grades 3 through 12. Students are challenged to create applications designed to inspire health and wellness for all. This includes three options for submission: concept challenged prototype challenge and development challenge. For more information, please click [here](#). **Submissions will be accepted until April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

## **Important Reminders**

**Save the Date!! Amity High School Spring College Fair is coming soon!:** The Amity High School College Fair will be held on **Thursday, March 31, 2022 from 6:30-8:00pm** in the AHS Gymnasium. This is a great way for students and parents to meet one-on-one with college admission representatives from around the country. The college fair event is free and open to the public. A list of colleges attending will be posted soon! Mark your calendars for an important night!

**Upcoming USA Gap Fair coming to Fairfield!** Students & parents are welcome to attend an in-person gap year fair at **Fairfield Ludlow High (gymnasium), 785 Unquowa Road, Fairfield, CT on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 from 6:00 to 8:00pm**. Get the most up to date information about gap year basics, how the gap year field has adapted to COVID, tips for researching & planning your gap year, navigating the college deferral process, and which programs are accepting applications. For more information and to register for this event, please click [here](#).

## **Athletics**

**Amity HS Athletics Booster Club:** Please join us on **Thursday, March 3rd** at 7pm for our next meeting (rm 501). This meeting will be our 1st annual meeting as a newly incorporated club. The Booster Club is a parent run organization that prides itself with supporting the athletes and coaches. The support we give through volunteering and fundraising help contribute towards equipment needs and scholarships, to just name a few. We would love you to join us! You will hear about our upcoming events and can share any ideas you have with us.

SAVE THE DATE! June 5th is Amity Family Fun Day! Join us for games and raffles...more info to follow. Visit our [Athletics Booster Club link](#) through the [Amity Athletics website](#) to join today!

**Spring Sports Sign-Up:** Student-athlete sign up for spring sports is now open through PowerSchool forms. If you have questions about signing up, forms, or returning to play, please visit the athletic department 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.

**Nominations for Bethany First Selectman's Youth Award Sought:** If you know a Bethany youth (up to 18 years old) who has volunteered their time working to improve the Town of Bethany 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 the First Selectman's Office by April 11. 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 <https://bethany-ct.com> or call the office at 203-393-2100 x 1100.

**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](#)

- **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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