

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



This school year has been one of rebuilding, reorganizing, and reestablishing. We have worked hard throughout the year for our school community to be just that—an inclusive community predicated on mutual respect and fairness. Part of the approach has been to empower many student-led clubs to help organize and execute programming within the school, including various Spartan Seminars that help highlight important aspects of the larger community for our students. This week’s Seminar was organized and created by two of our student clubs-EmpowHer and GirlUP-with the intention of highlighting Women’s History Month specifically in the area of sports. As we have worked to create our high school post-Covid, it has been comforting to witness our students reengaging with all of the important parts of school that are lost when we are not living together in community. With spring right around the corner and two years after the initial shut down due to Covid, it finally feels like we are on our way back to more normal, vibrant high school activities. Have a good weekend and remember to set your clocks ahead for Daylight Saving Time early Sunday morning!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College/Career of the Week: The [University of Connecticut at Waterbury](#) is a regional branch campus of UCONN that has served its students for over 70 years. Most undergraduates who begin their college education here will choose to transfer to UCONN/Storrs once they have earned at least 54 credits. However, students also have the option to attend UCONN/Waterbury for complete bachelor's programs in [9 majors](#) such as allied health, business administration, English, and human development & family sciences. The campus is located in the revitalized downtown area of Waterbury, approximately 18 miles from ARHS. [Annual tuition](#) for in-state residents is \$15,878 (2021-2022). To learn more, check out the UCONN/Waterbury [admissions website](#) or read about UCONN’s [branch campuses here](#). “[Logisticians](#) analyze and coordinate an organization’s supply chain” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020). [Logisticians](#) are employed in most industries and usually work full time hours. A bachelor's degree is usually required for most entry-level positions. The national median salary is \$76,270 and the profession is expected to have **faster than average job growth at 30% through 2030** (BLS, 2020). For more information, please visit the [Association for](#)

[Supply Chain Management](#), the [Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals](#), and the [Institute for Supply Chain Management](#).

Some colleges that have business management programs include:

University of Connecticut	University of New Haven	UMASS/Boston
Bridgewater State Univ	Hofstra University	Bryant University
SUNY/Binghamton	Univ of Pittsburgh	Quinnipiac University
Univ of Rhode Island	Bentley University	FLA Polytechnic Univ
Northeastern University	Saint Leo University	US Merchant Marine Acad
Adelphi University	Rutgers University	Penn State (main campus)

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

March 23rd Modified Day at ARHS: Please note that Wednesday, March 23rd is the day that 11th grade students at Amity will take the online CT State SAT. On that same day, 10th grade students will take the Practice ACT (PACT) and 9th grade students will participate in programing 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 3rd marking period has been changed from Friday, March 25th to Tuesday, March 29th. Fourth marking period will begin on March 30th 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 16th based on the snow disruptions from this year.

Upcoming College Fair: Attention Juniors-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!

Peer Tutoring Help: *We will begin offering "Working Wednesdays Drop-In Peer Tutoring" on Wednesday, March 9th 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:** We are looking for volunteers to help in different ways throughout the school year. If you would like to volunteer, please send an email to 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!
- **Support the PTSO when shopping on Amazon Smile:** When you designate the PTSO as your preferred charity on Amazon Smile, Amazon donates a percentage 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!
- **Help with graduation balloons:** We need a volunteer(s) to be in charge of graduation balloons, our largest fundraiser. If you would like to help out, please send an email to arhsptso@gmail.com.

Senior Happenings

Attention Seniors-Community Service Information: Seniors who have completed 80 hours of volunteer service during their high school career at Amity will be recognized at graduation. Each Senior will receive a certificate along with a special honor cord to be worn at graduation. All completed community service forms **must be handed no later than Monday, April 1st, 2022**. Seniors can find their accumulated hours in PowerSchool under Forms. If you have any questions regarding community service, please stop by the Career Center.

Attention SSLP Interns: Seniors who are participating in the 2022 SSLP are encouraged to search for job sites over the next week. 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 1st 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 15th). 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.

All STUDENTS: The Peer Tutoring Club is offering a new service to students called "Working Wednesdays." EVERY WEDNESDAY beginning March 9th, peer tutors will be in the Career Center during the lunch/SSP periods to work with any "drop-in" students who want help. We will continue to 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](#).

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. 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 29th, 2022.**

Join College Board for Real Talk, College Ready Edition: Wednesday, March 30, at 7 p.m. Real Talk is a College Board virtual college exploration initiative designed to connect Black students, parents, and educators with admissions representatives from colleges and universities across the country. Real Talk will help you learn how the courses you take in high school impact your college journey and your professional career. You will hear directly from students and college planning experts about the importance of challenging coursework, advocating for your ideal schedule and more. This event is for first-year students, sophomores, and juniors, as well as their parents/guardians. Real Talk is a safe space for Black students and their families to get their college planning questions answered. This event is for first-year students, sophomores, and juniors, as well as their parents. Please [RSVP here](#).

Important Reminders

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 Athletic Booster Club: The Booster Club is an all sport booster club that promotes school spirit and community pride. A parent run organization prides itself with supporting all of our athletes and coaches. The support we give through volunteering and fundraising help contribute to equipment needs, various projects for Amity Athletics and annual scholarships.

SAVE THE DATE! June 5th is Amity Family Fun Day! Join us for games and raffles...more info to follow. Visit our [Athletic 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

Keep the Arts Blooming-Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation Fundraiser: To purchase tickets: use the **QR code on the flyer** or go to the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation's website: www.jamiehulleyartsfund.org. Winners will be announced on **March 20, 2022** at 7 pm at Foundation Headquarters in Orange, CT and broadcast live on the Jamie Hulley Arts Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/jamieahulleyartsfoundation> Winners will be notified by email and by phone.

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. 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 for information or to sign up for programs. Like us on Facebook [Woodbridge, CT Youth Services](#)

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- **Job Bank:** Spring arrives with the need for yard cleanup and garden prep. Residents may call to hire teens to do odd jobs. 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.
- **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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