

## ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

Even though today is April 1<sup>st</sup>, there is no foolin' about all of the happenings this week at ARHS. Fourth marking period began on Wednesday, when we held a Spartan Seminar focused on the importance of demonstrating courage in the face of adversity. Last night's college fair was a huge success, with over 100 colleges and post-secondary organizations on campus to offer information to our community. The Amity Creative Theater spring musical, *Mamma Mia*, opens tonight and runs through next weekend. We have one more week until our April break and then it is the final stretch to the end of the year. Thank you to the guardians/parents who have completed our annual parent survey (over 300 of you so far, which far exceeds our historic numbers)! We value the feedback and will use it to help inform our strategic planning moving forward. Through collaboration, planning, and communication—three characteristics identified in the BOWA Portrait of the Graduate—we can continue to build a school community that empowers every student and helps them become contributing citizens to a just society. Have a good weekend and Ramadan Mubarak to those who are observing the holiday!

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*

Principal

**College and Career of the Week:** Founded [in 1919](#), [Western New England University](#) is a private university located in Springfield, Massachusetts. Approximately 2,500 undergraduate students are enrolled in over 60+ [programs/majors offered](#) by the university. Many 5-year BS/MS programs are offered in engineering, business and other majors. Campus life is busy with many student [organizations](#), and nearly 60% of students reside on campus. Club and [intramural sports](#) are popular and there are [21 NCAA-Division 3 athletic](#) teams on campus ([Commonwealth Coast Conference](#)). [Annual tuition, room and board](#) is \$59,170 (2022-2023). For more information, visit WNE's [admissions website](#), [view fast facts](#) or check out this [video of campus](#). "[Technical writers](#) prepare instruction manuals, how-to guides, journal articles, and other supporting documents to communicate complex and technical information more easily" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020). A bachelor's degree is usually required for entry-level jobs in this field. While [technical writers](#) work in most industries, they typically find most employment opportunities in technology fields. The national median salary is \$74,650 and the profession is expected to have **faster than average job growth at 12% through 2030** (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020). For more information, please visit the following websites: the [Society for Technical Communication](#), the [American Medical Writers Association](#), and the [National Writers Union](#).

*Some colleges that have communications programs include:*

Western New Eng Univ

University of Connecticut

University of Hartford

James Madison University  
University of Pittsburgh  
Salem State University  
Towson University  
Bay Path University

Western CT State Univ  
Northeastern University  
Pace University  
Florida State University  
Univ of South Florida

New Jersey Inst of Tech  
Champlain College  
Worcester Polytech Inst  
Univ of Rhode Island  
York College of PA

*Or search in Naviance for more choices!*

## **Happenings and Information**

**Report Card Distribution:** Report cards will be available and distributed electronically on by Friday, April 8th.

**Ramadan observance:** Students who are observing the Ramadan holiday and would rather not spend the lunch period in the cafeteria are able to go to the library (lunch periods 1-3) or the career center (lunch 4) as an alternative during the month of April.

**Poet Emanuel Xavier to Visit Amity Regional High School:** Spoken-word artist and poet Emanuel Xavier will visit Amity Regional High School on Friday, April 8th to speak to students in English classes. Mr. Xavier has published several collections of poetry, including *Pier Queen*, *Americano*, *Nefarious*, *Radiance*, and *Selected Poems of Emanuel Xavier*, as well as the novel *Christ Like*. He also edited and contributed to the poetry collection *Me No Habla With Acento*. He has been honored for his community activism on behalf of gay and homeless youth, and his writing has garnered praise and awards from several organizations. Two of his books were named to the American Library Association's "Over the Rainbow" book list. The event will be hosted by Amity librarians Robert Musco and Victoria Hulse and is made possible by the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation. More information about the Foundation's mission of bringing professionals in the arts to work with young people can be found at [jamiehulleyartsfund.org](http://jamiehulleyartsfund.org). This event is not open to the public.

**ARHS National English Honors Society:** Students who need help with upcoming essay or research papers are encouraged to reach out to members of NEHS. Students are welcome to stop by the Writing Center after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays from 2:25-2:50. There will be members of the National English Honors Society to assist them! Reach out to Mrs. Clark, Ms. Kimball, or Mrs. Kane with any questions.

**A.C.T.'s production of *Mamma Mia*:** Come see Amity students back in action for the spring musical in our very own Brady Center. Click [here](#) for a preview. Remaining available tickets can be purchased at this [website](#).

## **PTSO News:**

- **Volunteers needed:** Watch out for our sign-up sheets, as we get closer to Teacher Appreciation Week and the sale of graduation balloons.
- **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 [this site](#) and selecting Amity High School PTSO Inc as the charity of your choice.
- **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 April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm!

## **Senior Happenings**

**Community Service Information for Seniors:** 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 and a special honor cord at graduation. **All signed community service forms must be handed in and posted into PowerSchool no later than Monday, April 4th, 2022.** If you have any questions regarding community service, please stop by the Career Center.

**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**

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

- **Volunteers Needed:** The **Orange Bicentennial Family Dinner** will held on Saturday June 25, 2022 (rain date Sunday, June 26) at the High Plains Community Center grounds. Students are needed for help with organizing and running the games and activities planned for that day. Mary L. Tracy School's Children Fair is looking students to help with their fair on Saturday, April 2, 2022 (rain date is Sunday April 3, 2022). Most events will be outdoors. Please click on the [following link](#) to sign up for this event. If you have any questions, please stop by the Career Center.
- **Spring-Break Volunteer Opportunity-**Work with the **Woodbridge Park Association** is conducting trail clearing and removable of invasive species plants. Volunteers can pick 2 days early in the break (3-4 hours each day) from **April 11-13<sup>th</sup>**. If interested, please contact Mrs. Nork at [Alison.beres-nork@amityregion5.org](mailto:Alison.beres-nork@amityregion5.org).

- **Volunteer at the Mary L. Tracy School Fair on Saturday, April 2, 2022 (rain date April 3<sup>rd</sup>) from 10:00am to 3:00pm.** [Sign-up here](#) for a variety of fun activities!
- **Student volunteer opportunity:** Want to get outside and earn community service hours? On Tues and Wed, 4/12 and 4/13, we are hosting an “alternative spring break” community service option for students to assist with the removal of invasive plant species on our campus and the nearby blue trail. The times are 9-1 but students are not required to stay for the entire duration. This is a great opportunity for students to help create a campus landscape that promotes native plant diversity to benefit our pollinator species, and therefore all of us! Staff members from the Southwest Conservation District will also be on-site to lend us a hand. You will learn plant identification skills and management strategies while enjoying some time outside! Please email Mrs. Nork ([alison.beres-nork@amityschools.org](mailto:alison.beres-nork@amityschools.org)) if you are interested in volunteering. Whether it's 1 hour or 8 hours, any amount is appreciated!

**Upcoming Summer Programs & Camps at Quinnipiac University:** Quinnipiac University is offering a growing list of courses, workshops and camps all designed to give high school students a chance to grow academically and personally while getting an early taste of the college experience. These programs will be supported by faculty, staff and students across all 8 schools and the College of Arts and Sciences. For a list of courses and more information, please click [here](#).

**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. The FBI New Haven is currently accepting **applications, which are due April 1, 2022**. A completed application must be emailed in PDF format to [FLEYAprogram@fbi.gov](mailto:FLEYAprogram@fbi.gov). Please use this link for an application: <https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/fbi-new-haven-fleya-2022-application-012622.pdf/view>. Feel free to find more information at this link: <https://youtu.be/wcYziCEcJHA>, and email [FLEYAprogram@fbi.gov](mailto:FLEYAprogram@fbi.gov) with any further questions.

**The American Legion Department of Connecticut and the Connecticut State Police**, announce their joint sponsorship of the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual State Police Youth Week. This program is a law enforcement practicum for high school students completing their **JUNIOR YEAR** in 2022. The program will be held at the State Police Academy in Meriden, CT from **Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, August 13, 2022**. Students considering a law enforcement career are encouraged to attend. **Applications must**

**be completed by May 2, 2022.** Due to strict limitations on the number of participants (24 students), late or incomplete applications will not be considered. For more information and applications, please 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**

**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](#).*

## **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. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 7. We will be meeting at 6:30pm in room 501.

**SAVE THE DATE!** [June 5<sup>th</sup>](#) is Amity Family Fun Day! Join us for games and raffles...more info to follow. Visit our FB page! Follow us to keep up to date or share your ideas [here](#). Visit our [Athletic Booster Club](#) link through the [Amity Athletics website](#) to join today!

Would you like to show off your business? We are currently seeking out local businesses to help make our 1st Amity Family Fun Day a huge success. If you are interested in providing an item or service to be raffled off, please email [goamityspartans@gmail.com](mailto:goamityspartans@gmail.com). Your support is very much appreciated.

**Spring Sports:** Please visit the [Amity Athletics website](#) for information regarding schedules and results.

## **Community Happenings**

**ARHS Class of 2023 Fundraiser:** This Saturday, April 2nd, the junior class is hosting a Chipotle Fundraiser. Be sure to stop by and grab a bite with your family or friends at the Milford Chipotle anytime from 5PM to 9PM. BE SURE TO SHOW THE FLYER BELOW or use the online order code. All proceeds would help to organize a successful and fun Junior Prom!!

**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](#):

- **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 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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