

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

Primatologist and conservationist Jane Goodall once stated, “You cannot get through a single day without have an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference...” On this Earth Day, these words ring true for our school community. Throughout the April, members of our ARHS community have been involved with raising awareness and offering opportunities for our students to engage in community service regarding fostering a healthy environment. During the April break, students had the opportunity to volunteer with faculty from the science department to help with spring-cleaning and maintenance of our “pollinator garden.” There will be opportunities for students to earn community service hours in the future by participating in the “Spring Invasive Clearing 2022” (more information is below). In addition, to mark Earth Day the ARHS Green Team Club hosted a table outside of the cafeteria to share information about Earth Day. Their theme is “every day is earth day” and they will be offering resources and information throughout the last two months of school about sustainability. It is these types of efforts—raising awareness, becoming mindful and acting responsibly—that help our students grow in their understanding of how they impact the work around them every day and how they can make a positive difference. Have a good weekend and Happy Earth Day!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: [Founded](#) in 1880, [Emerson College](#) is a private, arts-focused college located in Boston, Massachusetts. In addition, Emerson has satellite campuses located in [Los Angeles](#), California and at a medieval castle in [the Netherlands](#). Approximately 4,100 undergraduate students are offered [25 majors and over 30 minors](#), as well as some specialized, [cross-departmental programs](#). There are many active [student clubs and organizations](#) on campus as well as 14 NCAA-D3 [athletic teams](#) ([NEWMAC Athletic Conference](#)). Annual [tuition, room and board](#) is approximately \$72,300 (2022-2023). For more information, check out Emerson’s [admissions website](#), read their [fast facts](#) or take a [virtual tour here](#). “[Producers and directors](#) make business and creative decisions about film, television, stage, and other productions” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020). [Producers and directors](#) are responsible for all aspects of a production, including staying on schedule and within budget. Producers will manage the financial aspects of a project while directors are concerned with the creative decisions. A bachelor’s degree is usually preferred for employment. However, producers and directors typically rely on their experience when seeking future employment opportunities. The national median salary is \$76,400 and the profession is expected to have ***much faster than average job growth at 24% through 2030*** (BLS, 2020). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences](#), the [Screen Actors Guild](#), and the

[National Alliance for Musical Theater](#). To learn more about the “Bureau of Labor Statistics”, [click here](#).

Some schools that have theater programs include:

Emerson College	University of Connecticut	SUNY/Binghamton
Adelphi University	Five Towns College	Quinnipiac University
Western CT State Univ	UMASS/Boston	SUNY/Purchase
Ithaca College	Pace University	CUNY/Brooklyn
Rochester Inst of Tech	Long Island University	Hofstra University
MASS Coll of Art & Design	SUNY/Stony Brook	New York University

Or search in Naviance for more choices!

Happenings and Information

ARHS 2022 Career Day: After a 3-year hiatus, the Career Center is again sponsoring a **Career Day** here at Amity HS! Career Day will be held on **Friday, April 29th for all 10th grade students**. Approximately 25 guest speakers will come into the building, and each will be assigned to a classroom. Sophomores will be given a chance to choose 3 speakers they wish to hear from on **Monday, April 25th**. Sophomores will attend these 3 guest speaker sessions during an extended period 2.

Voter Registration: A big thank you to the Woodbridge Registrar of Voters who volunteered to come into school on Tuesday, April 19th to offer information to students who are eligible to register to vote. If your 18-year-old was not able to register on Tuesday but would like to, please see this [flyer](#) for more information.

AP Exam Period: Beginning May 2nd and lasting through May 13th is the AP Exam period. More information has been sent to the students who have signed up to take an exam. We will follow regularly scheduled days for all students who are not taking exams. If you have questions, please contact the counseling department.

PTSO News:

- **Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2-6):** Help us celebrate our teachers and staff by volunteering your time or donating an item. Please be on the lookout for our sign-up sheet in the next few days.
- **Support the PTSO when shopping on Amazon Smile:** Please support us when you shop by visiting [this site](#) and selecting Amity High School PTSO Inc. as the charity of your choice.
- **Attend 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 May 19 at 7:00pm!

- Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up on May 2-6. Please help the PTSO celebrate teachers and staff by donating an item or volunteering your time. To sign up, visit [this site](#).

Early Dismissal April 28th: The ARSD #5 will have an early dismissal for students on April 28th for staff/faculty professional learning.

Senior Happenings

Attention Seniors: The Scholarship page on our [website](#) has been updated with new scholarships. Please feel free to browse through the many local opportunities.

Notes from Counseling Department

Volunteer opportunities:

- **Volunteer Opportunity For All!** The **Bethany Pollinator Pathway Committee** is seeking volunteers to remove invasive plants near the Town Firehouse on **Saturday, May 7 at 10:00am**. If you are interested in helping, please email Mrs. Nork at Alison.Beres-Nork@amityregion5.org.
- Amity students with the **Menunkatuck Audubon Society** coming up soon! Students will be able to sign up as volunteers with their guardian's permission to assist with a forestry study as part of the East River Watershed Research, Inc. The study location is the Guilford Salt Meadows Audubon Sanctuary. For more information, please see Mrs. Cournoyer or Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.
- **Local Opportunity?** Consider working or volunteering at the **JCC's Summer Camp**. Work opportunities are available for those over 16 - volunteer/CIT training programs for 14 & 15 year olds. Click [HERE for more information](#).

Want to enjoy the outdoors this summer & be a change maker? The **Natural Resources Conservation Ambassador Program** is offering (grades 9-11) a summer field Experience at the UConn Campus from **July 17-23rd**. Students will explore environmental topics like forestry, wildlife, & mapping, where you can apply your new skills to an environmental effort that benefits your community. Stay in dorms, get a feel for campus life, and enjoy fun activities: BBQ's, lake swimming, campfires & more. A [short online application](#) is **now open until May 13th**. Learn more & apply today [here](#).

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. Faculty, staff and students will support these

programs across all 8 schools and the College of Arts and Sciences. For a list of courses and more information, please click [here](#).

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](#).**

The American Legion Department of Connecticut and the Connecticut State Police, announce their joint sponsorship of the 18th 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 7th 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 29th, 2022**.

Important Reminders

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.

Athletics

Booster Club News: The next meeting of the Amity HS Athletic Booster club is Thursday, May 5. Meet with us at 6:30pm in Rm 501. Like and share be our FB page,

“Amity High School Athletic Booster Club”. Here, you will find up to date information about our “Amity Family Fun Day” and more.

Family Fun Day: Local businesses, please reach out to goamityspartans@gmail.com help support our Amity Family Fun Day on June 5, 2022. We are seeking donations for either a service or a good for our raffle. This fundraiser will go directly to our student athletes, who will be on site to help you and your family enjoy the day.

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

Community Happenings

The **Amity Adult & Continuing Education catalog for the Spring and Summer Sessions** are now online! We have many great options for these sessions and we hope that you will consider registering for a course or maybe two! Consider taking a course with a friend and/or a family member for more fun!

The Spring and Summer Sessions include Finance, Yoga, Fly Fishing, Memoir Writing, Learn to Speak Polish...and many others! To view our catalog and register, visit [this site](#). If you would like to consider teaching with us, fill out [this form](#) and become an Adult & Continuing Education instructor!

Creating Community for our LGBTQ+ Kids Parent Program: Orange Youth Services will be sponsoring a parent workshop at the ARHS Library on April 26th from 7:00-8:15pm. Please see this [flyer](#) for information and to pre-register.

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

- **Volunteers Needed:** Parents, grandparents, high school juniors/seniors, and any adults that would like to volunteer, please call Woodbridge Youth Services 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.woodbridgett.org/357/Employment>
- **Free Workshops for Parents/Caregivers:** Offered by FAVOR, Inc. Learning & Leadership Academy. Network of Care ~ Agents of Change April 26, 2022

5:30pm – 7:30pm *Please indicate if translation services are needed when registering* [Register for Network of Care ~ Agents of Change](#)

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