

## ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

One of the major focuses of comprehensive high school is to help students explore their interests and prepare for life after high school. Last night, we celebrated Amity alumni who were honored as inductees into either the Hall of Honor or Hall of Fame. Today we held our annual career fair for all 10<sup>th</sup> grade students, where 23 professionals from the Bethany, Orange, Woodbridge and other surrounding communities shared their career path stories with our students. Sophomores were able to attend 3 different sessions during an extended second period. During that time, we also held a senior class meeting with the Class of 2022, as they are getting ready for the final six weeks of high school. Many of our seniors will be wrapping up their academic classes over the next few weeks before beginning their Senior Service Learning Program on May 16<sup>th</sup>. As we continue our rebuilding from two years of pandemic disruption, we are excited to be able to bring back some of our very important experiential learning opportunities while also incorporating important lessons from more recent years such as rebuilding relationships and prosocial behaviors. We have come a long way this year, and we will continue this work throughout the remainder of this year and into next. Have a wonderful weekend and Eid Mubarak to those in our community celebrating on Monday.

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*, Principal

**College and Career of the Week:** The [University of Central Florida](#) is a public university located in Orlando, Florida. UCF also has 3 [satellite campuses](#) as well as an online learning division. The university is comprised of 13 colleges, and offers over 230 [degree programs](#) to approximately 70,000 students. [Clubs, organizations](#), and activities abound for undergraduate and graduate students alike. The UCF Knights sponsor [15-NCAA Division 1](#) athletic teams who compete in the [Big 12 Conference](#). Annual [tuition, room and board](#) for out-of-state students is estimated at \$35,177 (2021-2022). For more information, check out UCF's [fast facts](#), visit their [admissions website](#) or take a [virtual tour here](#). “[Respiratory therapists](#) care for patients who have trouble breathing—for example, from a chronic respiratory disease, such as asthma or emphysema” ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), 2020). [Respiratory therapists](#) support all aspects of patients’ breathing and lung functions. Most work in hospitals or long-term healthcare facilities. To obtain an entry level position, RTs must have at least an associate’s degree and be [licensed](#). The national median salary is \$61,830 and the profession is expected to have ***much faster than average job growth at 23% through 2030*** (BLS, 2020). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [American Association for Respiratory Care](#), the [Connecticut Society for Respiratory Care](#), and the [National Board for Respiratory Care](#).

*Some schools that have respiratory therapy programs include:*

New England Inst of Tech	Norwalk Community Coll	Naugatuck Valley CC
Southern CT State Univ	University of Hartford	CUNY/Manhattan CC
Goodwin College	Manchester Comm Coll	SUNY/Stony Brook

*Or search in Naviance for more choices!*

## **Happenings and Information**

**Teacher Appreciation Week:** Next week is National Teacher Appreciation Week. The PTSO, Student Government, Amity Education Association, and Amity Regional High School Building Administration will be celebrating the hard work and dedications of our teachers throughout the week. If you would like to join, please consider sending an email or note of thanks to an ARHS teacher or two.

**Room Assignments for AP Exams:** Last week, room assignments were e-mailed out to all students who are taking an AP exam. This e-mail was sent from Total Registration and can be found in the mailbox of the e-mail address that they indicated when they registered/paid on Total Registration. Please reach out to Gerilyn Ferguson ([Gerilyn.Ferguson@amityregion5.org](mailto:Gerilyn.Ferguson@amityregion5.org)) with any questions.

**Summer School:** ARHS will be hosting ACES Summer Academy for students who need to earn lost credit from either loss of credit or failing a course. The program will be in-person and will run July 5- August 11, Monday through Thursday from 8:30-12. Transportation and cost of the program will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian. Registration for that program will be coming out in the next few weeks.

**Sophomore Pre-ACT Score Reports:** Pre-ACT scores will be distributed to students next week.

**Service Academy Night:** On **Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 7pm**, the Connecticut Congressional Delegation will be holding their annual Service Academy Night (VIRTUAL EVENT) for students and recent graduates who are interested in attending one of our nation's preeminent military academies – U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and the U.S. Naval Academy. This is a great opportunity for students to meet with representatives from each of the academies. This event will also give students a chance to meet with the service academy coordinators from each of our congressional offices to learn more about our individual nomination processes. **PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE EVENT [HERE](#)**.

**Grade 11 High School Partnership Program:** Students who are interested in taking a college course at Southern Connecticut State University this summer through

the High School Partnership Program should see their school counselor for more information. Students who have a minimum B average in their ARHS courses are able to take a course as long as it is not one we offer at ARHS.

### **PTSO News:**

- Volunteers and donations needed for Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2-6): Help us celebrate our teachers and staff next week by volunteering your time or donating an item! Please visit [this site](#) to sign up.
- 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!
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**Yearbooks Are Sold Out:** The yearbook staff is excited to have reached its sales goal for this year; at this point, there are no longer any books available for purchase. The publisher may be able to provide us with additional books prior to distribution day, but as there is no guarantee that they will be able to do that or how many they will be able to provide, the yearbook staff has begun keeping a waiting list for those still interested in purchasing books. In order to get their name on the waiting list, students must see either Mr. Clark or Mrs. Hulse in person (we will not honor e-mail requests), and they must provide the full purchase price of \$90.40, either in cash or by check (made out to ARHS). Students will be refunded if their requests are unable to be fulfilled after books are delivered. Please note that the waiting list will prioritize seniors over underclassmen.

**Class of 2025 Council Bottle and Can Drive:** Please consider dropping off your bottle and can returnable to benefit the Amity High School Class of 2025. Freshman class council members will be in front of the high school on Saturday May 7, 2022 between 10:00AM and 1:00PM. Thank you!

### **Senior Happenings**

**SSLP/SIP Update:** Seniors are asked to please read their emails in the next few weeks for updates on the last few weeks of school. Seniors should go to their Google Classroom

and go to Step 5 to print out the Faculty Approval Form. This form must be filled out completely by **Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**.

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

**Senior Throwback Photos for the Yearbook:** The yearbook staff is collecting "throwback" photos of current seniors to be featured in the yearbook. The inclusion of these photos is an opportunity for seniors to highlight their shared experiences and memories from "back in the day" with some of their oldest friends—fellow seniors who they've known for many years, possibly going back to the very beginning of their education (or before). Please send in your photos using the submission form on the yearbook website, [amityembers.com](http://amityembers.com). Submissions are due by Friday, May 6th.

## **Notes from Counseling Department**

**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](#).

**EMT Summer Courses available in Seymour!** The Seymour Ambulance Association is offering summer day and night EMT Courses. Please find more information [here](#).

**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](#).

The **Peer Tutoring Club** is offering a new service to students called "Working Wednesdays." **EVERY WEDNESDAY, 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.

**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.

## **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](mailto: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!