

## ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

The weather finally is growing warmer and beginning to match the month on the calendar. As we move into the heart of May, some of the traditional ARHS spring activities are upon us. Tonight is the Amity Junior Prom, held once again at the Trumbull Marriott from 7pm-11pm. Today was the final day of regular classes for over 310 seniors as they prepare to move on to either Senior Service Learning Program (SSLP) sites or Senior Interest Project (SIP) work. Advance Placement testing concludes today just as sophomores are set to begin Next Generation Science Standards testing next week. There is a variety of field trips, awards nights, spring concerts, and championship athletic events scheduled for upcoming weeks, all of which indicate we are truly working toward school in a post-pandemic era. Utilizing test kits and monitoring for symptoms will most likely be with us for a while, but we have reached a point where we can plan activities and enjoy traditional springtime events; this is much more like what high school should be and it is exciting to be able to offer these various opportunities to our students. Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*

Principal

**College and Career of the Week:** Founded [in 1978](#), the [Savannah College of Art & Design](#) (SCAD) is a private arts college located in [Savannah, Georgia](#). SCAD has additional locations in [Atlanta, Georgia](#) and [Lacoste, France](#), and also offers [online programs](#). SCAD enrolls approximately 15,000 students in over [100 degree programs/majors](#). [Student life](#) on campus is active, and athletes can join [intercollegiate sports teams](#) that compete in the [Sun Conference \(NAIA\)](#). [Annual tuition, room and board](#) is approximately \$57,175.00 (2022-2023). For more information, check out SCAD's [fast facts](#), visit the [admissions website](#) or take a [virtual tour here](#). “[Interior designers](#) make indoor spaces functional, safe, and beautiful by determining space requirements and selecting essential and decorative items” ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), 2021). [Interior designers](#) work independently or in tandem with other professionals such as architects or engineers. A bachelor's degree is required for entry-level positions in the field. The national median salary is \$60,340 and the profession is expected to **show little or no job growth (0%) through 2030** (BLS, 2021). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [American Society of Interior Designers](#), the [Interior Design Society](#), and the [International Interior Design Association](#).

*Some schools that have interior design programs include:*

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| Savannah Coll of Art & Design | Drexel University                | University of New Haven    |
| Univ of Rhode Island          | Wentworth Inst of Tech           | NY Schl of Interior Design |
| SUNY/Alfred                   | Florida State University         | Rochester Inst of Tech     |
| Endicott College              | The New School                   | New Jersey Inst of Tech    |
| Thomas Jefferson Univ         | Ringling College of Art & Design | Becker College             |
| New Eng Inst of Tech          | Syracuse University              | Fashion Inst of Tech (NYC) |

*Or search in Naviance for more choices!*

## **Happenings and Information**

**Reminders About Junior Prom:** Tonight's Junior Prom will be at the Trumbull Marriott from 7pm-11pm. All students must check in by no later than 7:30pm and will be allowed to leave beginning at 10:30pm. In addition, students will submit to a passive alcohol sensor test upon check in to the event.

**Upcoming performance event:** Come join us for an evening of fun **music!** The Amity Music Department will be having their first annual **Amity MusicFest!** Concert on **Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in the John J. Brady Center for the Performing Arts at Amity High School! The concert will feature the **choir, band, jazz band, Rhythmix and other selected acts!** It's going to be a great night of music and dancing!! Please consider joining us! We would love to see you there! This concert is free and open to the public! See our attached flyer for more information! Visit our website too! [Amity Music Department Website](#)

### **PTSO News:**

- Graduation balloons sale: Celebrate graduating seniors by giving them a "Congratulations Amity Grad" balloon(s)! Order [here](#) no later than May 31! For questions, please email [amitygradballoons@gmail.com](mailto:amitygradballoons@gmail.com). All proceeds will help fund the PTSO scholarship fund, teacher appreciation celebrations, student activities and events, and much more.
- Attend our monthly meetings: Our next-to-last meeting will take place on Thursday, May 19 at 7:00pm in the school library media center. We hope to see you there!
- 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.

**National Art Honor Society Event:** We will hold the NAHS induction at 5:30 on May 24<sup>th</sup> with the end of the year art show to follow. The art show will be located in the lobby of the Brady center starting around 6. Works to be shown will highlight all the art disciplines taught throughout 7-12 Amity Visual Arts Program. Concluding the visual arts showcase will be the Music Fest, which will take place in the Brady Center starting at 7pm.

## **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.

**Attention SSLP/SIP Students:** We encourage **ALL** students to **check their emails daily** throughout your duration of the programs.

## **Notes from Counseling Department**

**Interested in Photography/Arts?** The **Yale Center for British Art** on Chapel Street in New Haven is offering **The View From Here: Accessing Art from Photography**, a free semester- long, photography-based program for young adults in the Greater New Haven area. This program will begin September 15 and continue until December 15, 2022. For more details, please find more information [here](#).

**Local Events Need Volunteers!!** Students are encouraged to sign up for the following events taking place in the Town of Orange in the next couple of months. Volunteers are needed for the following: The **ACLU Walk for Autism** on Sunday, May 22. The **Orange Bicentennial Summer Celebration** on Saturday, June 25 and the **Strawberry Festival in Orange** on Saturday, June 11. For more information and to sign up, please stop by the Career Center.

**Summer Employment:** Check out our job board for a variety of summer job opportunities available within the local communities.

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

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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 by completing the form HERE.**

## **Important Reminders**

**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.

**Parents of seniors:** An email went out to all seniors with a few important details before they graduate. Student Google accounts are deleted after they graduate so students will need to save to a flash drive or another personal Google account if they have anything they want to keep. Secondly, seniors need to update Naviance with their college outcomes and set their attending school so their final transcript can be sent in June to the school they will attend in the fall. Lastly, we ask all seniors to complete a Senior Sketch to help provide us some data to reflect on and improve our practices. Please encourage your children to check their email and complete these steps. This will need to be done prior to them receiving their cap and gown for graduation practice or going out on SSLP/SIP.

## **Athletics**

**Amity HS Booster Athletic Club Family Fun Day:** Come celebrate with us at our 1st Amity Family Fun Day! On Sunday, June 5 at the AHS fields from 11am to 2 pm., Perfect for ages 3 to 12! Play carnival games with our student athletes, win raffles and enjoy a bite to eat. Cost is \$10 per child, cash only. Raffle tickets are \$2 each. Please help

spread the word about this wonderful community get together! Visit us on FB...Amity HS Athletic Booster Club. See event info and a list of raffle prizes!

**June Meeting:** Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 2 at 6:30pm in rm 501. Help us build a strong community within the high school!

**Congrats to the Seniors:** Good luck to all of our graduating Seniors! As you look back at your high school athletics, may there be many memories of fun and excitement. Your determination, on and off the playing field, will carry you far. 🍀❤️

**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!

**Woodbridge Youth Services Updates:** Call 203-389-3429 or email <mailto:youthone@woodbridgect.org> for information or to sign up for programs. Like us on Facebook Woodbridge, CT Youth Services

**Woodbridge Job Bank Seeks Teens Who Want Work:** The Job Bank in Woodbridge offers occasional jobs to teen residents (ages 13 – 18) who would like to work in Woodbridge to earn some extra cash. Youth Services provides an opportunity to learn about the interview process, safety on the job, and how to negotiate pay. Do yard work, babysitting, weeding, dog walking, raking, etc. Call for an interview at 203-389-3464 or e-mail [npfund@woodbridgect.org](mailto:npfund@woodbridgect.org). Masks and social distancing may be required. Woodbridge residents who wish to hire someone for odd jobs like babysitting, yard cleanup, weeding, moving boxes, etc. Save your energy and keep teens working to gain, experience. Call 203-389-3464 for more information.

## **Community Service Opportunities:**

- **Tech Tuesday Instructors:** Woodbridge Youth Services is looking for a few students who are interested in helping our senior citizens with their phones, laptops, notepads, etc. for Tech Tuesdays in the Center Building, Please call if you wish to help a senior resident after school hours. Training is one-on-one to address individual needs and is scheduled by appointment only. We approve service hours.
- **Youth Program Assistance Needed:** Juniors and seniors are requested to assist at the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Party at Amity Middle School-Bethany on Friday, 5/13. Help

with registration, food, etc. Contact Youth Services for details and earn your service hours in a fun environment.

- Free Mental Health First Aid Training for Adults: This training is open to all individuals that live or work within the towns of Milford, West Haven, Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge.

**May 14th**, Saturday from 10am - 4pm (ADULT MHFA)

**May 25th**, Wednesday from 10am - 3pm (YOUTH MHFA)

**June 2nd & June 9th**, Thursday Evening(s) from 6pm - 9 pm (ADULT YMHFA)

**June 11th**, Saturday from 10am - 3pm (YOUTH MHFA)

Trainings will be held virtually on Zoom. (Trainings will be rescheduled if less than 5 participants register). REGISTER FOR A TRAINING NOW at <https://bit.ly/trainings-MHFA>. Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches Adults how to identify, understand & respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among children & adolescents ages 12-18. Participants must complete 2 hours of self-paced, pre-work before attending the interactive, instructor-led portion of the training. Participants must attend the entire virtual training to become certified and will be required to complete a knowledge check and course evaluation. Course materials and fees are covered through a Mental Health Awareness Training grant and Bridges Healthcare.

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