

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

We are in full swing of end-of-year activities at ARHS. Last Friday we had a very successful junior prom; this week a majority of our seniors began their authentic learning experience through SSLP or SIP. Yesterday, we held our annual Underclass Awards Ceremony and had the opportunity to honor English Teacher Jeni Bonaldo as the ARHS Gold Pen awardee for this school year. We have only 13 school days left before final exams begin on June 10th. There will be 5 days of exams, with two exams per day (starting with periods 1 and 2 on Friday, June 10th). The last day of school, June 16th, will be a makeup day for the exam period. This is a celebratory time in the school year, as well as an opportunity for our students to demonstrate the skills, knowledge, and dispositions they have been working on strengthening throughout this school year. Our ability to adapt and persevere through disruption has continued to be tested this school year, but I am confident that the amazing investment of the ARHS faculty has supported the growth and development of our students and the future of Amity is very bright. Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: [Rivier University](#), is a private, Catholic liberal arts university in Nashua, New Hampshire - one hour outside of Boston. RU's 68-acre campus location is ideally situated for networking with major employers in the metro New England areas. [Founded in 1933](#), by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary and Sister Madeline of Jesus, RU believes in fostering critical thought, sound judgment and respect for all people. RU currently enrolls 2,300 students and offers more than [70 programs](#) from the associate to doctoral degree level. In 2020, the [Nursing Schools Almanac](#) ranked RU as a top 100 school and placed as the [#1 private nursing school in New Hampshire](#). There are a variety of [clubs and activities](#) for students to explore on campus. RU's 13 intercollegiate athletic teams compete as Division III members of the [NCAA](#) (National Collegiate Athletic Association) and [GNAC](#) (Great Northeast Athletic Conference). Annual [tuition, room and board](#) for out-of-state students is approximately \$51,000 (2022-2023). For more information, visit the [admissions website](#) or find [virtual information sessions here](#). This week is also National Police Week. "[Police Officers](#) protect lives and property. Detectives and criminal investigators gather facts and collect evidence of possible crimes" ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), 2021). [Police Officers](#) respond to emergencies and patrol their assigned area for signs of criminal activity. Minimum education requirements are a high school diploma, but many officers have college degrees. The national median salary is \$66,020 and the profession is expected to **show average job growth (7%) through 2030** (BLS, 2021). However,

the need for officers will vary based on geography. For more information, please visit the [National Police Association](#), the [National Association of Police Organizations](#) and the [National Sheriffs' Association](#).

Some schools that have criminal justice/police programs include:

Rivier University	University of New Haven	Quinnipiac University
Western CT State Univ	Dean College	St. Johns University
FLA Gulf Coast Univ	Mitchell College	Rochester Inst of Tech
Naugatuck Valley CC	Western New Eng Univ	University of Hartford
Northeastern University	Middlesex Community Coll	Lasell University
Housatonic Community Coll	CUNY/John Jay College	Bridgewater State Univ

or search in Naviance for more choices!

Happenings and Information

Underclass Awards Ceremony: If you missed Thursday's Underclass Awards Ceremony, you can view it [here](#). Enjoy!

Final Reminder-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 24th 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 is 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. All proceeds will help fund the PTSO scholarship fund, teacher appreciation celebrations, student activities and events, and much more.
- **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 24th 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 continue to **check their emails daily** throughout your duration of the programs.

Notes from Counseling Department

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

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.

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

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](#).

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.

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! If you are interested in volunteering for our Family Fun Day, please reach out to Marcie Rocchio at teachrocc@yahoo.com

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!

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

Fall Sports Information Night-SAVE THE DATE: All students in grades 8, 9, 10, and 11 who are interested in playing a fall sport at the high school this coming fall are invited to our annual fall sports information night. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 7th at 6:30pm. More details will follow. This is a MUST attend for all students and parents!

Community Happenings

Support Race Brook School in Orange: The RBS Food Truck Festival is next weekend! Please see this [flyer](#) for more information about this annual event on Memorial Day Weekend.

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. 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.

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