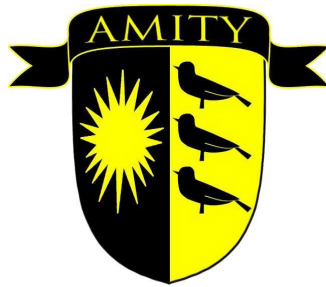


**ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, February 17, 2023**



This week we recognized all three of the Amity A's: Academics, Arts, and Athletics. To give you a sense of it all, this week:

- Our College and Career Center and Career & Tech Ed department organized and hosted this week's first-ever Trades Week event for our students. Throughout the week students had opportunities to meet with representatives from more than 20 different skilled trades and to learn more about how to enter the career fields they were representing. Skilled trades are sometimes overlooked when we talk about career planning with our students, and this event helps to ensure that our post-secondary planning efforts meet the needs of all our students. Both the CTE department and Career Center would like to thank the many guest speakers who participated, including Amity alumni, Amity's parents, and others from the BOWA community and beyond. These speakers donated their time and shared their expertise with our students. A big thank you to our students, teachers, counselors, and administration who supported this event. For a full list of participants, [click here](#). For some valuable information regarding the need for trades people, please read [this article](#).
- The Connecticut Association of Schools honors excellence in both the arts and athletics every spring by presenting the CAS High School Arts Awards and the CAS-CIAC Scholar Athlete Awards to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who excel in each of these categories. This week we are proud to announce Amity's honorees for both awards. The Arts Award winners are Marin Korenaga for performing arts and Chloe Adzgian for studio arts, and the Scholar-Athlete Award winners are Anushka Acharya and Daniel Liu. Congratulations to all of you!

***Go Spartans!***

**Andre Hauser**

**Principal**

## Amity Happenings and Information

- **The Amity Class of 2025** will once again be collecting returnable bottles and cans on Saturday February 18 between the hours of 10:00AM and 1:00PM. Proceeds will offset costs for prom and graduation. We will be in the bus loop every 3rd Saturday of each month for the rest of the year. Thank you for your continued support.
- **SPRING SPORTS INFORMATION NIGHT:** The athletic department invites parents and students at our annual spring sports information night IN-PERSON on Thursday February 23, 2023, at 6:30pm in the Mengold Gymnasium (Main Gym). This must attend event will cover general athletic department policies, procedures, and protocols followed by individual breakout sessions with our Coaches. If your child is interested in trying out for a spring sport, it is imperative that you and your child attend. We look forward to seeing you on 2/23 at 6:30pm!
- **Whale Watching on Cape Cod Overnight Field Trip:** It's time to get out and explore! Join the Whale Watch Expedition on Cape Cod and experience Boston in April with the Marine Biology Club. This Overnight field trip will explore the Cape Cod National Seashore, complete a Whale Watch with Dolphin fleet in Provincetown, MA and visit both the New England Aquarium and the Boston Science Center. Come visit the science hallway to see photos of the program, pick up a flier or scan the QR code for more information. Stop by Room 271 after school Feb. 14, Feb. 16, or Feb. 23 for a short presentation. For more information, see Mrs. Cournoyer in room 271, Mrs. Best in room 272 or Mrs. Nevolis in room 274.
- **Zumba Night Fundraiser:** Hello Amity community! Come to the annual National Spanish Honor Society's Zumba Night Fundraiser for an evening full of dancing and fun! You'll be in the company of a professional Zumba instructor, and snacks will also be provided at no additional charge. The event will be held in the Amity High School cafeteria on Friday, March 3rd, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM, and there will be an entry fee of \$8.
- **Bethany Library Art Exhibit:** The 7-12 art teachers are proud to present a collection of work being exhibited at the Clark Memorial Library in Bethany. The show will stay up through mid-March. There will be an opening reception from 4:00-5:30 on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **A Message from the Music Department:** Course selection is starting, and we hope that you will consider continuing your musical journey with us at the High School. Please take a moment to look at what we offer and if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us! [Click this link](#) to see highlights and information about our performing arts offerings.
- **Inspiring Women in Engineering and Medicine (IWEM) Workshop-**Now accepting applications from HS Females in Grades 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> who are interested in the field of Engineering or Medicine. The [upcoming workshop](#) will take place on **Saturday, February 25, 2023**, at the **Musculoskeletal Institute (MSI) at UConn Health in Farmington, CT**. This workshop will expose young women with the excitement of a FREE, four-hour, hands-on workshop, and the knowledge and mentorship necessary to pursue careers in these fields. There is a limited capacity, so applicants should fill out an online application starting now and no later than February 9, 2023. This application can be accessed at [this link](#).
- **2023-24 State Board of Education Student Member Search:** The CT State Board of Education is beginning the search process for the 2023-24 student Board members. The application package is attached and can be downloaded from the Department's website: [SBE-Student-Application-2023-2024](#). Please distribute this notice to your school counselors, PTA presidents, and student council members. Note the deadline for application submission is February 24, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact the State Board Office at 860-713-6510.
- **Are you interested in a Beauty Career? Paul Mitchell The School in North Haven** is offering an **Open House on February 21, 2023, from 3:00-5:30pm** to learn about their Cosmetology

programs. Students will explore their classrooms, watch live demos with current students, learn about the educational path and join a Financial Aid session. If interested, please RSVP [admissions@northhavne.paulmitchell.edu](mailto:admissions@northhavne.paulmitchell.edu). For questions, see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.

## College and Career of the Week

[Spelman College](#) is a private, liberal arts college for young women located in Atlanta, Georgia. [Founded in 1881](#), Spelman is an [HBCU](#) (historically black college or university) that ranks #1 out of all HBCUs ([US News & World Report](#)). Also, Spelman is part of the "[Atlanta University Center](#)", a consortium with Morehouse College and Clark Atlanta University. Approximately 2,300 undergraduate students have over 30 [majors & minors](#) to choose from. Student life is very active with over 85 [clubs & organizations](#) and [social events](#). Athletics were [abandoned by Spelman](#) over 10 years ago due to costs and to focus on promoting overall wellness to the students. [Annual tuition, room and board](#) is \$44,551 (2022-2023). For more information visit Spelman's [admissions website](#), check out their [fast facts](#) or take a [virtual tour here](#).

"[Line installers and repairers](#) install or repair electrical power systems and telecommunications cables, including fiber optics" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021). [Line installers](#) work in sometimes dangerous and physically challenging work situations. Training is usually on the job however some attend educational programs or participate in apprenticeships. The national average annual salary is \$78,310 with *average job growth expected (6%)* through 2031 (BLS, 2021). To learn more, please visit the following websites: [The National Association of Journeymen Linemen](#), and the [National Electrical Contractors Association](#),

*Some trade schools/programs that offer line service training include:*

[Linemen Institute of the Northeast](#),  
[Southeast Lineman Training Center](#)

[Northeastern Joint Apprenticeship & Training](#)  
[Northwest Lineman College](#)

## Senior Happenings

- **Attention Seniors! Scholarship Season has begun!** Please check our school website [here](#) for some local scholarships. Other resources include Naviance and a free and safe scholarship database called [Fastweb](#). If you need help navigating, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.

## Summer Opportunities

- **FBI New Haven Future Law Enforcement Summer Youth Academy** is now open to **16- to 18-year-old high school students**. **The academy will be held at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut from July 16, 2023, to July 22, 2023.** Professional behavior and appropriate dress will be required of all students attending this program. The program is not exclusive to students interested in criminal justice. Due to the vast diversity in our workforce, any student with an interest in the FBI, what we do and how a relationship with the FBI can help their school is encouraged to apply. All students will be evaluated based on their application (GPA, school

activities and community involvement) and essay to determine which students will be offered a seat in the class. None of the above elements will be the sole basis of evaluation of an application and the application process should be taken seriously by all applicants. This application and supporting essay must be received by email **no later than Friday, March 31, 2023**, for panel review. Hand delivered applications will not be accepted because of security policies. Incomplete and late applications will not be accepted. To submit an application, please email [FLEYAprogram@fbi.gov](mailto:FLEYAprogram@fbi.gov) or find an application and instructions [here](#).

- **The American Legion Department of Connecticut and the Connecticut State Police** are pleased to announce the 2023 applications are now available for the **State Police Youth Week** this summer from **July 9-14, 2023**. **This program is for students completing their junior year in high school**. Youth week is modeled after State Police recruit training and provides students with a unique opportunity to gain insight into the training, duties, and expectations of Connecticut State Troopers. Form information please [click here](#) or contact the American Legion Department HQ or your local American Legion Post. Applications are due by June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. For questions, please contact their office at 860-436-9986 or [admin@ctlegion.org](mailto:admin@ctlegion.org).

### Counseling Department Happenings

- **The ASVAB Test** will be given at Amity High School **on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 7:30 am** in the Presentation Room (next to the cafeteria). Any student in grades 10, 11 or 12 is welcome to take the test. All ASVAB Career Exploration Program tests will be offered through an online format. **Students may register for the test by clicking HERE**. While the US military branches all use the ASVAB as an admissions exam, *students do NOT have to be interested in military careers to take the test*. **Taking the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) test does not obligate students to enlist!** Please find more information about the ASVAB [here](#).
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**-The Counseling Department will be offering a webinar presented by Ferne Bork of Landmark College titled, **Navigating the College Search for Students Who Learn Differently**. The date is THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023, at 6:30pm and the webinar link will be made available soon.

### Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

- Join us on Thursday, February 23rd for the Spring Sports Info Night given by the Athletic Department. The meeting starts at 6:30pm in the auditorium. Breakout sessions for individual spring sports to follow. Be sure to visit our info table!
- Still not a member? You can still join! Help us to support ALL athletes by becoming a member today! Join here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxdB1gAEQ-ukkACc3cB76EgXfC3rAxeuQYtZZ7gZfawF8AFg/viewform>
- Available now! Amity "A" decal stickers. Get them while you can. The "A" decal measures 2.5" by 4" for \$5.00 each. Email [goamityspartans@gmail.com](mailto:goamityspartans@gmail.com) to order. Cash or PayPal payments accepted. We will drop off to you or arrange a pickup at the high school. Catch the Spartans Spirit!  

- SENIORS! The Booster Club recognizes graduating seniors who will pursue a career in any sports related field. We award several scholarships based on character, focus, determination, and ability. Preference is given to Booster Club members.

### Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Information

- **Support Us!** Help the PTSO and your student by joining us today! To access our membership form, please open [amityptso.org](http://amityptso.org) in a new browser, click on Membership, and then Click Here to join! PTSO membership must be renewed every year.
- **Join our Facebook Group:** Be a part of our virtual community by visiting [this page](#) and answering the security questions required to gain access.
- **Monthly Meetings:** Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, March 16 at 7pm in the media center. For a full list of our meeting dates, visit our website [amityptso.org](http://amityptso.org) and click on Meeting Info.

