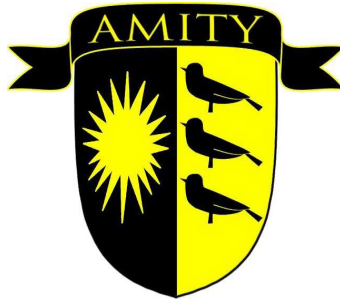


ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, March 3, 2023



We mentioned the ongoing photo restoration project for Hurricane Ian victims that our photography classes have been involved with a while back, and here is an update you will want to know about. Earlier this week *ABC World News Tonight with David Muir's "America Strong"* segment featured the work of our students and faculty, and here is the link.: <https://abcnews.go.com/WNT/video/high-school-art-class-restores-families-photographs-damaged-97567049>. Before you watch, be warned that you may have a hard time holding back the tears by the end!

Go Spartans!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **"Box of Sox" Fundraiser Starting:** March 5, 2023, marks the two-year anniversary of the death of beloved AMSO student Ray Heenie. Ray was very interested in helping others. He was known for literally giving the shirt off his back to those in need. The AMSO faculty chose to honor him with an annual fundraiser called, "Ray's Box of Sox," which collects new socks and donates them to local homeless shelters. Last year, they were able to collect more than 1,000 pairs of socks that were distributed to four local shelters who were extremely grateful. This month, we will continue the work started in Ray's honor. "Box of Sox" collection boxes will be in our school from Monday, March 3, until Friday, March 24th. Please consider honoring Ray's memory by doing good for someone else. This small gesture can have a big impact. Thank you in advance for your support and please spread the word!
- **Last chance to register for AP exams!** The last day to register for exams (for current AP students) with the \$40 late testing fee is March 8th. Use this link to register and pay for AP tests: <https://user.totalregistration.net/AP/070965>.
- **Virtual Keynote: Making Your Digital Footprint Work For You:** Please join this informative webinar by Dr. Tracy Bennett on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 6:30 pm. You must register in advance to receive information about joining the webinar. Please [Register Here](#). Dr. Bennett is a

licensed clinical psychologist and screen safety expert who teaches families how to strengthen relationships AND achieve screen sanity. She is founder and CEO of GetKidsInternetSafe ([GKIS](#)) and author of *Screen Time in the Mean Time: A Parenting Guide to Get Kids and Teens Internet Safe*. She has been in private practice for over 25 years and is an Adjunct Faculty at California State University Channel Islands.

College and Career of the Week

The [University of Connecticut at Stamford](#) is a regional branch campus that serves approximately 2,100 students. Most students who begin their undergraduate education at UCONN/Stamford choose to transfer to UCONN/Storrs once they have earned at least 51 credits. However, students also have the option to attend UCONN/Stamford for complete bachelors programs in 13 [majors](#) such as [business data analytics](#), [computer science](#) and studies. The [campus](#) is located in [downtown Stamford](#), amongst restaurants, businesses and culture. It is easily accessible by train (Amtrak and Metro North Railroad lines) and apartment style [housing](#) is available within 5 minutes from campus. [Annual tuition](#) for in-state residents is \$16,650 (2022-2023). To learn more, check out this [brief video](#) or read about UCONN's [branch campuses here](#).

“[Graphic designers](#) create visual concepts, using computer software or by hand, to communicate ideas that inspire, inform, and captivate consumers”, (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021). [Graphic designers](#) are usually employed by various service-related businesses, while others choose to be self-employed and find freelance work. A bachelor's degree is required for most entry level positions and graphic designers will want to share their portfolios when job hunting. The average annual salary is \$50,710 with slower than average job growth expected (3%) through 2031 (BLS, 2021). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [American Institute of Graphic Arts](#), the [Graphic Arts Guild](#) and the [International Council of Design](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in graphic design include:

University of Connecticut	SUNY/New Paltz	Western CT State Univ
Roger Williams University	SUNY/Purchase	University of New Haven
Endicott College	Fashion Inst of Technology	Salem State University
Albertus Magnus College	Boston University	Stonehill College
Champlain College	Monmouth University	NY Institute of Technology
Rochester Inst of Tech	University of Hartford	Mass Coll of Art & Design

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Counseling Department Happenings

- **HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS - APPLICATION PORTAL OPENS FEBRUARY 1st - The West Point Summer Leader Experience (SLE)** provides rising high school seniors with a week-long immersion into the academic, military, and social life of a cadet. At SLE, you will explore West Point from all angles, including our high-tech educational facilities, team building athletic activities, and realistic military training. You will get a taste of Cadet Life through the entire

program, which is led by current West Point cadets. Learn more: [Attend our FB Live SLE Information Brief](#), [Check out some highlights from SLE 2022](#), and [Take a look at our SLE Website](#). Sign up for SLE: First Step Candidate Questionnaire [here](#).

- **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](#).

Senior Happenings



- **UELP Update for Seniors** - the first 3 steps were due LAST Friday, 2/24. Please be sure you have completed all the steps! Your next step is securing an internship site within the next couple of weeks. Please refer to the UELP 2023 Google classroom for details.

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 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 9th, 2023**. For questions, please contact their office at 860-436-9986 or admin@ctlegion.org.
- **Interested in traveling the globe while earning a salary? Work on US Navy bases around the world!** [Operation HomePort](#) (OHP) provides opportunities to gain invaluable hands-on experience working with children and youth participating in Navy Children & Youth Programs (CYP) Child Development Centers (CDC), School Age Care (SAC), and Teen programs. OHP interns engage in planning and leading developmentally appropriate activities, facilitate and participate in planned activities, supervise, and account for the whereabouts of children and youth, and

support and facilitate positive, respectful relationships between children, youth, parents, and CYP professionals.

Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

- Join us for our next meeting on March 9, 2023! Come see what we're up to and bring your ideas! The meeting will be held at AHS room 501 at 630pm.
- 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 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!  

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 in a new browser, click on Membership, and then Click Here to join! PTSO membership must be renewed every year.
- **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 and click on Meeting Info.
- **Join our Facebook Group:** Be a part of our virtual community by visiting [this page](#) and answering the security questions required to gain access.

Community Happenings

From BOWDAAC:

- **March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month.** Throughout the month we will highlight facts and resources if you or someone you know is experiencing problem gambling. Gaming and gambling share a lot of common traits, here are some warning signs of a gaming disorder: https://ccpg.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/VG-addiction-signs.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3tUx0jIEF8-l07mDFi1s-l6V1Aju2Xl7lPjN5uT9_jvxM_v7xVBvAgKfw. For more information from BOWDAAC/to sign up for our quarterly newsletter, email: info.bowdaac@gmail.com

From Woodbridge Youth Services:

- **Woodbridge Youth Services News:** Call 203-389-3429 or email npfund@woodbridgect.org for information or to sign up for programs. *Sign up for Youth Services Notifications:* <https://www.woodbridgect.org/list.aspx>. *See Youth Services' Website:* <https://www.woodbridgect.org/160/Youth-Services>. *Follow us on Facebook:* <https://facebook.com/WoodbridgeYouthServices.CT>
- **Woodbridge First Selectman's Youth Award:** If you know a Woodbridge youth age 18 or under who has worked to improve the Town of Woodbridge or has assisted its residents, please nominate that deserving youth for the First Selectman's Youth Award. School counselors,

peers, principals, neighbors, and group leaders are encouraged to make nominations. Parents and family members may not nominate relatives. **Nominations are due in the Youth Services office by April 3, 2023.** Please mail form to Youth Services, 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT 06525 or send via email to npfund@woodbridgect.org. The nomination form is available on the Woodbridge Town Website under the Youth Services link: [Youth Services](#).

- **Job Bank Seeks Woodbridge Teens Who Want Work:** It's snow season. Woodbridge residents may call to request teens to shovel walkways, driveways, etc. Other jobs may include yard work, babysitting, housework, animal care, and tutoring. 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. Students can earn cash and gain experience while assisting residents which improves communication skills and self-confidence. Contact Youth Services for more information.
- **Mental Health First Aid Trainings Available:** BRIDGES of Milford is providing Mental Health Adult and Youth First Aid Trainings. Everyone can benefit from this experience. To view dates and register see website: <https://bit.ly/trainings-MHFA>
- **How To Be Your Child's Best Advocate Training-Hosted by FAVOR's Learning & Leadership Academy:** Hosted by FAVOR's Learning & Leadership Academy, 3/15/2023 - 4:30pm – 6:30pm. Link to register: : <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/favor-inc-upcoming-workshops-1666949>

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