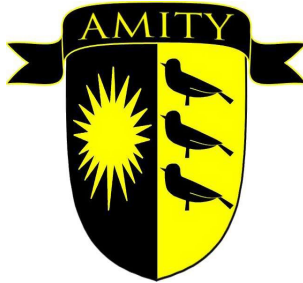


## ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, March 10, 2023



Amity Regional High School has a tremendous faculty and staff, and many of them get regular attention for their roles working directly in view of the public as our coaches, advisors, and classroom teachers. But there is another group of talented, hardworking professionals whose work is just as important, but which is not always as visible to the public, our school social workers.

The School Social Work Association of America is proud to promote National School Social Work Week, held the first full calendar week of March. The theme for National School Social Work Week 2023 is "We Rise." School social workers rise to the challenge of supporting their students, families, and school communities every day. School social workers rise to share hope. They rise to listen and understand. They rise to challenge inequities. They rise to support all students.

Thank you to all our school social workers for the important role they play in our schools by providing support to students, administrators, teachers, parents, and our community!

***Go Spartans!***

**Andre Hauser**

**Principal**

### **Amity Happenings and Information**

- **Bus and Crosswalk Safety:** We have seen an increase in unsafe driving near and around school buses at bus stops throughout the school district recently, and we are reaching out to everyone to talk with your friends and family about the importance of stopping for school buses with flashing lights and their stop signs out. Most important, it will help keep all our kids safe, and it's also important to remember that passing a stopped bus with its lights flashing is illegal. The fine

for doing so is \$475, but the biggest reason not to do it is to help avoid a tragedy for kids going to and from school. Thanks to everyone for keeping our students' safety front-of-mind!

### College and Career of the Week

The [University of Connecticut at Waterbury](#) is a regional branch campus of UCONN that has served its students for over 70 years. Most undergraduates who begin their college education here will choose to transfer to UCONN/Storrs once they have earned at least 54 credits. However, students also have the option to attend UCONN/Waterbury for complete bachelor's programs in [9 majors](#) such as allied health, business administration, English, and human development & family sciences. The campus is in the revitalized downtown area of Waterbury, approximately 18 miles from ARHS. [Annual tuition](#) for in-state residents is \$16,332 (2023-2024). To learn more, check out the UCONN/Waterbury [admissions website](#) or read about UCONN's [branch campuses here](#).

["Biological Technicians](#) help biological and medical scientists conduct laboratory tests and experiments" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021). Most [biological technicians](#) have earned a bachelor's degree in biology or a related science. Many entry-level [bio technician positions](#) are filled by recent college graduates who are looking to learn more before pursuing higher education and/or more specialized positions. The average annual salary is \$48,140 and *faster than average job growth is expected (9%) through 2031 (BLS, 2021)*. To learn more, please visit the following websites: [American Institute of Biological Sciences](#), [The American Society for Cell Biology](#), and the [American Society for Microbiology](#).

*Some colleges that offer programs in biology include:*

University of Connecticut	Southern CT State	Boston University
Univ of New Haven	Sacred Heart University	Quinnipiac University
Trinity College	Univ of Rhode Island	UMASS/Boston
Springfield College	Worcester Polytech Inst	Western New England U
SUNY/Stony Brook	University of Rochester	SUNY/New Paltz
St John's University	Salve Regina University	Bryant University

*or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!*

### Notes from the Counseling Department

- In case you missed the **"Navigating the College Search for Students Who Learn Differently"** webinar with Ferne Bork of Landmark College on 3/2/23, it was recorded and now [available HERE](#).
- **ATTENTION JUNIORS-Save the Date!! Amity High School Spring College Fair is coming soon!** Mark your calendars for **Monday, April 24, 2023, from 6:30-8:00pm** in the AHS Gymnasium. This is a great way for students and parents to meet one-on-one with college admission representatives from around the country. The college fair event is free and open to the public. A list of colleges attending will be posted soon! It will be an exciting night!
- **HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS - 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](#). **APPLICATION PORTAL CLOSES MARCH 15<sup>th</sup>**.

- **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](#).
- **Local Campus Offering Open House: Central CT State University** will be offering an Open House on **Saturday, April 15, 2023, from 9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm**. Take a student-led campus tour, meet with faculty and students, student life, learn about admissions and how to navigate the financial aid process. For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

### Senior Happenings

- **Lunch Balances:** Although we have been able to begin providing free lunches to all students again as of March 1, we do have some seniors with outstanding balances on their cafeteria accounts. Having any negative account balances to the school can potentially interfere with eligibility to participate in some of the fun end-of-the-year Senior activities, so we encourage all seniors and their parents/guardians to check their balances and take care of that as soon as possible. You may send cash or check. Payments can also be made online at [www.MyPaymentsPlus.com](http://www.MyPaymentsPlus.com). Checks should be made payable to the Amity Lunch Program. If you have any questions concerning your child's account, please call 203-397-4853.
- **Attention UELP Interns:** Seniors who are participating in the 2023 UELP are encouraged to search for job sites over the next week. Please reach out to individual businesses/companies through an email or phone call. The due date for signed contracts is Friday, March 24th! 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 [FLEYPprogram@fbi.gov](mailto:FLEYPprogram@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. For 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).

- **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 Thursday, April 6. The meeting will be held in 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](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!  

### 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.
- **Monthly Meetings:** Our next meeting will take place next 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.
- **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

- **BOWDAAC Update:** [Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling](#) will be presenting a virtual showcase of videos created by CT Youth Committees including **our own BOWDAAC Youth Committee!!!!** The showcase takes place on March 22 from 3:00-4:00pm. Register today to see all the videos:

<https://crec.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYqfuGorTMsG9XG7SaFi3fMVHund8dxfTx6?fbclid=IwAR39nvLIJNpX61FRFYelhUEIRLuFZ8vGK0cFFezE6D2idkngT9kHQn3h30M>

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