

**ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, March 24, 2023**



**We have updates for you this week regarding all three of the Amity A's.**

**Academics:**

- The third marking period ended this week, and the final marking period of the year began today. For our Seniors, this means that senior internships will be starting in just over a month, so if you have not yet turned in your UELP paperwork, please do so before the deadline next Friday.
- During these past two weeks, 18 of our Science Research students have been competing virtually in the CT Science and Engineering Fair, the most prestigious science fair that CT has. We learned this week that 10 of our 18 Amity students became finalists, which is a near record high for the school, and that they were awarded more than \$95,000 in scholarships for their innovative work. Well done!

**Athletics:**

- Spring sports started this week, and it is great to see the more than 500 Amity students who signed up for a spring sport working together to represent the Amity Army in competition against other schools. And as a member of our staff put it earlier this week, "Hearing the sound of batting practice after school tells me that warm spring weather is just around the corner!"

**Arts:**

- The big news in the Amity Arts world this week is the opening of Amity Creative Theater's *Beauty and the Beast*, which starts its two-weekend run of performances tonight! Beyond what you will see on stage, this production is a schoolwide event that called on the talents of student actors, musicians, stage crew members, and carpenters as well as a team of adult volunteers and advisors to become a reality. I hope you have your tickets already because these are sold-out shows!

***Go Spartans!***

**Andre Hauser**

**Principal**

## Amity Happenings and Information

- **School Climate Survey for Parents:** If you have already completed the school climate survey for parents, thank you! And if you have not done so yet please consider completing the survey for us. We depend on feedback from our parent community to help us identify what we are doing well, what you would like to see happen in the schools, and what areas we still need to work on improving. You can access the survey at this link: [Family Climate Survey](#)
- **Ramadan Information:** For those students who are observing the holy month of Ramadan and who do not wish to spend lunch periods in the cafeteria, the Library and Career Center are both available as alternate locations from this week until Eid al-Fitr. Ramadan Mubarak!
- **Digital Footprint Webinar Video Link:** If you missed our recent virtual keynote presentation for parents on how to help your child understand and develop a positive online presence, you can access it at this link until April 1: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TL\\_A24iqdvQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TL_A24iqdvQ)

## College and Career of the Week

The [University of Massachusetts at Amherst](#) is located approximately 95 miles from the BOWA area. UMASS/Amherst is the flagship campus in the [UMASS system](#). [Founded in 1863](#), UMASS/Amherst currently enrolls over 23,000 undergraduate students, only 25% from out of state. More than 95 undergraduate [programs](#) are offered within 11 academic schools. UMASS/Amherst currently ranks as #26 in US News & World Report's (2022-2023) "[Top 100 Public Universities](#)". Also, UMASS/Amherst is a member of the acclaimed "[Five College Consortium](#)" where students can enroll in classes at the other four colleges (Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke, and Smith). Campus life is active with over [400 student groups](#), organizations and activities available. Varsity athletes can compete in [19 NCAA-D1 teams](#) in the [Atlantic 10 Conference](#). Annual costs are approximately [\\$55,000 \(2023-2024\)](#) for out-of-state students. To learn more, visit the [admissions website](#), take a [campus tour](#) or check out some [fun facts here](#).

"[Chemists](#) and materials scientists study substances at the atomic and molecular levels and analyze the ways in which the substances interact with one another" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021). Entry level job seekers must have a bachelors' degree to work in this career field. With additional education or experience, [chemists](#) can [specialize in specific areas](#) such as water, hazardous waste and analytical chemistry jobs. The median salary is \$ 79,760 and the profession is expected to have **average job growth at 6% through 2031** (BLS, 2021). For more information, please visit the [American Chemical Society](#) or the [American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology](#).

*Some colleges that offer chemistry programs include:*

UMASS/Amherst      Univ of Connecticut      Southern CT State

Sacred Heart Univ      Fairfield University      Univ of New Haven

Quinnipiac University      Central CT State      Western CT State

Eastern CT State     Albertus Magnus CollBoston University  
Merrimack College   Springfield College   Worcester Polytech  
SUNY/Stony Brook   SUNY/Albany     Hofstra University

*or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!*

### **Notes from the Counseling Department**

- **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 UELP Contracts due date has been extended till **Friday, March 31, 2023**. Please be sure to have all paperwork completed, signed, and handed in by this date.

### **Summer Opportunities**

- **Looking for a summer job?** There are many summer employment opportunities starting to become available in our surrounding communities. Here are a couple of sites to browse through as we head into summer: [Glassdoor](#), [Indeed](#), [Snag a Job](#) & [Simply Hired](#). One of the best job research skills you can develop as a teen is researching employers and job openings before applying. If you need assistance, please reach out to Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.
- **GAP Year Ideas:** Taking a gap year has become an increasingly popular choice for many students around the country. If you are someone who might be interested in completing a gap year, please find a list of websites we have compiled on our school website. Please click [here](#) for gap year opportunities. ***Please note that the Amity Regional School District #5 has not conducted any review or background checks of these programs/opportunities. Students should consult with their parents/guardians before deciding to pursue any of these options.***
- **2023 Summer Programs:** Looking to take a pre-college course or partake in a fun hands-on program? Please find a list of summer program opportunities as a courtesy to students and families. Amity High School has not conducted any review or background checks of these programs. If a student and their parents decide to pursue any of these programs, they should conduct their own review. Please click [here](#) for a list of available summer programs in and outside of Connecticut.
- **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).
- **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.

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

- **College Fair 2023:** Amity High School will host its annual college fair on April 24, where representatives from over 125 colleges will meet the students and parents, provide information, and answer questions about their schools. The Guidance Department provides dinner for the college reps and the PTSO provides desserts and drinks. Please support our school and help us make this event a success by signing up to set up/clean up or to send in an item [here](#).
- **Monthly Meetings:** Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, April 20 at 7:00pm in the media center. For a full list of our remaining meeting dates, visit our website [amityptso.org](http://amityptso.org) and click on Meeting Info.
- **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 school 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.

### **Amity HS Athletics Booster Club**

- 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>

- Get them while you can! Amity “A” decal stickers and “PROUD” Amity yard signs are here! Email [goamityspartans@gmail.com](mailto:goamityspartans@gmail.com) to order. \$5 for each decal, \$15 for each yard sign. Cash or PayPal payments accepted will be delivered to you.

## Community Happenings

### Local Volunteer Opportunities

- The **Orange Historical Society** is looking for ongoing volunteers to help with filing, cataloging, and other projects. If interested, please **contact Ginnie Reinhardt at 413-807-8362 OR email her at [ladyjanegcr@snet.net](mailto:ladyjanegcr@snet.net)** . OHS is also sponsoring an upcoming luncheon event with the Orange Congregational Church **on Saturday, April 22. Volunteers are needed for set up and cleanup crews from 9-11am or 4-5pm.**
- **Turkey Hill Elementary School** is looking for students to help with their Talent Show this **Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-8:45pm.** Please sign up with Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.
- Towns Trail Group of **Woodbridge Land Trust and the Woodbridge Parks Association** are looking for volunteers to help with the trail clean-up event on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month starting on **April 16, 2023, from 11am-12:30pm.** The first clean-up event will take place on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at Sperry Park off Dylan Road. If interested in helping, please email Trail Master, Andy Danzig, at [trailmaster@woodbridgect.org](mailto:trailmaster@woodbridgect.org).

### Woodbridge Youth Services News:

- Call 203-389-3429 or email [npfund@woodbridgect.org](mailto: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-Deadline Extended to 4/10: Make a Difference for Our Youth** If you know a Woodbridge youth aged 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 10, 2023.** Please mail form to Youth Services, 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT 06525 or send via email to [npfund@woodbridgect.org](mailto:npfund@woodbridgect.org). The nomination form is available on the Woodbridge Town Website under the Youth Services link: [Youth Services](#).
- **Red Cross Babysitter Training: 2-Day Class (Must attend both days)** on Sat., Apr. 22 & Sat., Apr. 29, 2023, from 9:00 to 12:45 at the Woodbridge Center Building, Room 16 at 4 Meetinghouse Lane for teens (ages 12 – 17). Learn basics: First aid, diapering, guidance, and safety. \$65 for Woodbridge residents, \$70 for non-residents. Discount for siblings. Call 203-389-3429 for more information or email [npfund@woodbridgect.org](mailto:npfund@woodbridgect.org). Must be paid by 4/20. Permission form required with payment. See Town of Woodbridge website for flyer and permission form at <https://www.woodbridgect.org/160/Youth-Services>. Space is limited. We ask that students wear masks. May bring lunch, but snack is provided. Enrollment includes American Red Cross Babysitters Handbook, Certificate of Completion (Must attend 2 days; to be mailed by instructor). Make checks payable to: Woodbridge Youth Services, 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT 06525

- **Job Bank Seeks Woodbridge Teens Who Want Work:** It's almost spring! Woodbridge residents may call to request teens to start yard clean up. Other jobs may include shoveling, raking, planting, 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.
- **Community Service Opportunities:** Volunteers needed. High school junior and seniors are requested to help at the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Beth-Wood Meet and Greet on 3/31/23 from 6:30-9:15 pm at Amity Middle School in Bethany. Call Youth Services for more information or email: [Youthone@woodbridgect.org](mailto:Youthone@woodbridgect.org). We approve community service hours.

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