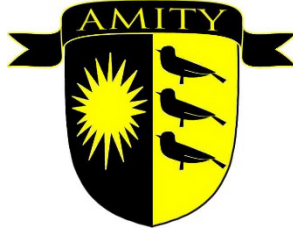


## ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, April 21, 2023



There is something interesting going on every day at Amity Regional High School, and the event that really stood out to me this week just ended a few hours ago in the Brady Center. This afternoon we hosted the annual World Language Honor Societies Induction Ceremony for the 71 new members of our Latin, French, Spanish, and Chinese Honor Societies. Sitting in the audience and watching student leaders in each of these honor societies giving speeches in both English and their societies' languages, followed by musical performances by two students, I couldn't help but be impressed. And while the students' academic skills were noteworthy, what struck me most was listening to the student speakers talk about how much their experiences studying a second language helped them grow and develop in way they had never expected when they started high school. And that's what it's all about – giving students opportunities to discover and explore, then watching with awe as they take those opportunities to places, they had never imagined.

***Go Spartans!***

**Andre Hauser**

**Principal**

### Amity Happenings and Information

- **Student Art Show at Orange Library:** The National Art Honor Society is proud to sponsor the last 7-12 Art Exhibition for the 22-23 school year at the Case Memorial Library in Orange. The reception is on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-7:30pm, and we hope to see you there.
- **Hulley Arts Foundation Fundraiser:** The non-profit Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation is one of Amity's most generous sponsors – supporting special arts programming in all three Amity schools. Their annual spring "Keep the Arts Blooming" online raffle is currently going on. Once again, raffle tickets are \$20, and the prizes are Visa gift cards ranging from \$100 to \$2,000. Please visit [www.jamiehulleyartsfund.org](http://www.jamiehulleyartsfund.org) to purchase tickets.
- **Student Lunch Account Balances:** If you have questions concerning your student's lunch account or would like to be refunded the balance of your account because we are again

providing free lunch to all students, please contact Kelly Stoner at [kelly.stoner@amityregion5.org](mailto:kelly.stoner@amityregion5.org).

### Notes from the Counseling Department

- **AMITY HS's ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR COMING MONDAY!**– We hope you will join us **this MONDAY evening, APRIL 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm** in our gymnasium. Over 100 colleges, universities and trade schools will be in attendance. Juniors, along with parents, are encouraged to attend and Sophomores are welcome too! This event is FREE to all and **students may [pre-register HERE](#) for a barcode before the fair**. During the fair, colleges will scan your barcode to send you more information about their schools. For a list of colleges who will be in attendance, please [click here](#).
- **ARHS 2023 Career Day:** The Career Center is sponsoring a **Career Day on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> for all 10<sup>th</sup> grade students**. Approximately 25 guest speakers will come into the building, and each will be assigned to a classroom. Sophomores will be given a chance to choose 3 speakers they wish to hear from early next week. Sophomores will attend these 3 guest speaker sessions during an extended period 2. Sophomores should check their email for more information. For a list of guest speakers, please click [here](#).
- **UConn Pre-College Summer Opportunity:** [UConn Pre-College Summer](#) is now accepting [applications](#) for summer 2023. Use discount code **UCONNECE** to waive the \$45 application fee for your students!
- **Attention Sophomores:** The ACT scores are in and they will be distributed to you through History classes sometime next week. For more information, please click [here](#) and read the recent email sent to you from the Counseling Department.
- **Volunteer Services at Yale New Haven Hospital** is offering another **Career Speaker Webinar** on **Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 4-5pm**. This webinar will feature careers in healthcare that do not require college degrees. Check out the [event flyer HERE](#) or register for the [webinar HERE](#).

### 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.

- **Criminal Justice Camp organized by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions of Albertus Magnus College and the Criminal Justice Program of New Haven** are offering a **free**, one-day event for **rising** juniors and seniors who are interested in a variety of career paths with the criminal justice field. This event will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2023. For more information, please [click here](#).
- **The Jewish Community Center (JCC)** in Woodbridge has summer jobs for teens who want to work with children at their summer camp. For more information, please [click HERE](#).

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

- Fun and creative? Join our team! Looking for motivated volunteers and board members for our Booster Club next year. Contact Carrie at [goamityspartans@gmail.com](mailto:goamityspartans@gmail.com) for more info.
- 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 and will be delivered to you.

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

- **College Fair 2023:** If you signed up to donate an item(s) for the college fair on Monday, April 24, please send it with your student on that day or drop it off at the security desk no later than 4:00pm. Additionally, please label all ingredients for baked goods, put your name on your donation, and place a sticky note on anything that needs to be refrigerated. Your donations are very much appreciated!
- **Monthly Meetings:** Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 18 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.
- **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**

- **Town of Woodbridge Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:** Please Join Us for a Community Conversation about the Experiencing Woodbridge Survey Findings. April 26, Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the JCC Auditorium at 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge. Everyone is welcome to attend. Hosted by the Town of Woodbridge Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
- **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY** for Amity High School/Orange SENIORS: Orange Youth Services will choose (3) seniors, who live in Orange, to be rewarded with \$1,000 each toward their college education. Each applicant must fill out an application, provide a resume, a transcript of their grades & a brief essay. Students will be chosen based on academic achievement,

extracurricular activities, volunteer involvement & future endeavors. The deadline is 5/12/23. Contact Jessica Simone at [jsimone@orange-ct.gov](mailto:jsimone@orange-ct.gov) for an application.

- **Local Volunteer Opportunities:**

- The 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 from 11am-12:30pm**. If interested in helping, please email Trail Master, Andy Danzig, at [trailmaster@woodbridgect.org](mailto:trailmaster@woodbridgect.org).
- **Arts in CT** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to bringing the arts into diverse communities and art deserts to help individuals of all ages, abilities, cultures, religions, and socioeconomic backgrounds pursue their creative and artistic dreams. Volunteers are needed for summer camps, weekly events, etc. Call 203-936-8567 or email at [info@artsinct.org](mailto:info@artsinct.org). Volunteer Forms can be found at this link [🌐 artsinct.org/volunteer-form](https://www.artsinct.org/volunteer-form)
- **[Yale School of Medicine Discovery to Cure Beverly Levy Walk & Festival 2023](#)** is sponsoring an event on **Sunday, May 7th** at the Orange Fairgrounds. This event will bring awareness and education to reproductive cancers and provide an opportunity for survivors, families, and friends to come together and walk as we raise funds for cancer research at Yale school of Medicine. Volunteers will help with crafts for children and organize the event. Volunteers will receive breakfast and a t-shirt. The volunteer shift is 7:30am to 4pm. Please sign up [here](#).
- **The Friends Center for Children** and the **2023 New Haven Family Stroll & Festival** Planning Committee along with 9 school partners will be hosting the **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Stroll & Festival** for High-Quality Early Childhood Education on **Saturday, May 20, 2023** (rain date of Sunday, May 21, 2023) **at the Quinnipiac River Park** in New Haven. Options for volunteering include Full Day: 8:00am - 3:30pm, Park Set-Up: 8:00am - 10:30am, Community Resource Partner Support: 8:30 - 10:30am, Stage & Entertainment Set-Up: 8:00 - 10:30am and Clean Up: 2:00 - 3:30pm. Please contact [mwachsmann@friendscenterforchildren.org](mailto:mwachsmann@friendscenterforchildren.org) or call/text me at 203-213-9593. The [event's website](#) will give you more information.
- **Elm City Freddy Fixer Parade - to be held June 4, 2023:** The parade's committee is seeking volunteers for various tasks. Visit their website at [www.elmcityfreddyfixerparade.com](http://www.elmcityfreddyfixerparade.com) for more information.
- **The Orange Elementary Olympics** is looking for volunteers on **Tuesday, after school, May 23, 2023**. This event will take place at the High Plains Community Center grounds. If you are interested, please see Mr. Dottori (PE Teacher).

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