

## ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, April 28, 2023



It was another busy week at Amity Regional High School, and in addition to the good weather allowing out Spartan sports teams to compete every day this week, here are some of the highlights from around the school:

- Just this afternoon we honored Amity juniors Ben Aviad and Aarushi Trivedi, along with four students from the Region 5 middle schools, for their contributions to the school community at the South-Central Area Superintendent's Association's annual Student Award Luncheon.
- As I write this, our Amity Spartan Mathletes and their advisor Ms. Romero are in Massachusetts competing in the New England Association of Mathematics League Competition, which they qualified for after placing first in the Large School division in the Connecticut State Association of Mathematics Leagues (CSAML) Competition earlier this month, beating long time winner and rival Greenwich High School.
- Wharton Investing Challenge: Last weekend Amity's "7 Chakras" Investing Team competed in the world championship round of the Wharton School of Business Investing Challenge, and they took an impressive 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the competition! The investing challenge started with approximately 3,000 teams before narrowing down to the top 10 teams from around the world in last week's competition. Congratulations to team members Piyush Bahel, Anchal Bahel, Annie Yun, Eydan Lavi, Henry Ranani, Lucas Rodriguez Herlihy, team captain Aarav Patel, and advisor Mr. Ranani!
- Junior States of America: The Northeast regional Junior States of America convention was held last weekend too, and the Amity JSA chapter was a driving force in the region, winning the very competitive Chapter of the Year Award. Amity students also received many individual awards at the convention, including Marin Korenaga was named Northeast State Person of the Year, Sam Bae was elected Northeast State Lt. Governor for 2023-2024, June Lin won two Best Speaker Awards and a Best Artist Award, and Miles Katz won a Best Speaker Award as well. Congratulations to the JSA and advisor Mr. Norton!
- It has been a busy week for our Counseling department, which started the week hosting our annual college and career options fair on Monday night and ended it with a career fair for our 10<sup>th</sup> grade students today. Thank you to the PTSO members who volunteered their time and donated food to help make the college fair a success. The career fair featured three sessions with representatives from 23 different career fields. Each presentation featured one or more

speakers from regional businesses, government agencies, or universities, and we greatly appreciate the presenters' willingness to take time out of their day to share their experiences with our students.

- This week our PLAHD student organization organized and hosted Pride Week, an opportunity for us to affirm our commitment to being a welcoming environment for all students. Throughout the week the members of PLAHD hung up various LGBTQIA+ flags around the school and provided information and smaller flags to all interested students. Thank you to PLAHD and their many allies for making sure that all students know they are welcomed and valued members of our school!

***Go Spartans!***

**Andre Hauser**

**Principal**

### **Amity Happenings and Information**

- **AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 SCHOOL BUDGET DISTRICT MEETING:** On Monday, May 1, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at Amity Regional High School, the Amity Board of Education (the "Board") will hold the Annual District Meeting on its proposed 2023-2024 budget. The agenda for the evening will consist of the Board's presentation explaining the increases and decreases to the budget. No vote will be taken at this meeting. A budget referendum will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and all registered voters in Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge are encouraged to participate. The following question will be placed on the ballot labels:
  - SHALL THE AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOLS' BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 IN THE GROSS AMOUNT OF \$54,552,759 AND THE NET AMOUNT OF \$53,388,441, BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5?
  - Voters approving said question shall vote "YES" and those opposing said question shall vote "NO."
- **Springtime Music Department Flower Fundraiser:** We are excited to share that the choir and band are hosting a Springtime Flowers Fundraiser! Please feel free to shop for your spring and summer flowers and share this link with anyone you know who might be interested in getting a head start on flower purchases or flowers for Mother's Day! These flowers will come from Filanowski Farms located on Wheelers Farms Road, Milford. They are locally grown and stay beautiful all summer (with a little sun and water 😊). Colors will vary for all flowers. Flower orders are due May 3rd by 11:59pm! All flowers will be available for pick up on May 11th between 5:00–7:00 pm in the front parking lot at the high school. We will be accepting cash or check only before or at flower pick up. (checks can be made out to Amity High School with Music Dept. in the memo). We will send everyone that purchased flowers an email confirming their order and payment due. Thank you for helping us fundraise meaningful performance experiences and instruments for our students. We appreciate your continued support! [FLOWER ORDER FORM](#)

- **music FEST:** The second annual music FEST 2023 concert is here! It will be held on May 18th at 7pm in the Brady Center! Come join us and see so many of our talented students! music FEST is a fun, family friendly evening of music performed by students in the Amity choir, band, jazz band, Amity's a cappella group Rhythmix and individual solo and group acts! Music from today's and yesterday's hits as well as Broadway, television and movies will be performed and are the basis of this show. Join us for a fun night of music! Tickets are \$10 for adults and FREE for students ages 18 and under. Click [HERE](#) to order your tickets.
- **Student IDs Needed for Lunch Lines:** The return of free lunch for all students has led to longer lunch lines in recent weeks, and to make sure that all students are able to get served in a timely manner, we will be requiring that all students have their student ID or their student barcode ready when they get into the lunch lines. If a student does not have their physical student ID handy, they can always save a picture of their barcode on their phones – this works for our scanners. Thanks to everyone for your help in making lunch service efficient and manageable!

### College and Career of the Week

[Iowa State University](#) (ISU) is a public university located in [Ames, Iowa](#). [Established in 1858](#), ISU is the site of our nation's first state medical veterinary school. There are [over 23,000 undergraduate students enrolled](#) who are studying subjects from accounting to zoology (see [majors list](#)). Students experience an active social life at ISU with many [clubs and organizations](#), [learning communities](#) and [recreational activities](#) to choose from. The IAS Cyclones athletic [program](#) sponsors 16 NCAA-D1 sports teams that compete in the [Big 12 Conference](#). Annual [tuition, room and board](#) for out-of-state students is \$39,956 (2022-2023). To learn more, visit ISU's [admissions website](#), watch this brief [video here](#) or chat with ISU [students or staff here](#).

"[Landscape architects](#) design parks and other outdoor spaces" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021). [Landscape architects](#) generally work indoors, creating plans or models for their projects. A bachelor's degree is needed for entry into the profession, as well as a license in the state where practicing. Click here to learn more about the [Landscape Architect Registration Exam](#). The median salary is \$ 67,950 and the profession is expected to have *little job growth* through 2031 (BLS, 2021). For more information, please visit the following websites: The [American Society of Landscape Architects](#), the [International Federation of Landscape Architects](#), and the [American Society of Golf Course Architects](#).

*Some colleges that offer programs in landscape architecture include:*

Iowa State University	University of Connecticut	UMASS/Amherst
Northeastern University	College of the Atlantic	Univ of Rhode Island
Temple University	SUNY/Env Sci & Forestry	University of Florida
University of Georgia	Rhode Island Schl Design	Rutgers University
Univ of Maryland/Col Park	Clemson University	No Carolina State Univ
Virginia Tech	Louisiana State University	Thomas Jefferson Unvi

*or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!*

### Notes from the Counseling Department

- **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!

### Senior Happenings: **SCHOLARSHIPS!**

- The **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.
- **The Dorothy Martino, Rotary Club Service Scholarship** is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for a senior who has consistently committed to community service in Bethany or Woodbridge. An essay is required. Please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center for an application. **Deadline to apply is May 1, 2023.**
- **The American Italian Women of Greater New Haven** is offering seniors, in the New Haven area, a \$750 scholarship. Student must be of Italian descent (maternal and/or paternal lineage) are eligible for this scholarship. See Mrs. Vallie . Application deadline is June 1, 2023.

### 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

- Our next meeting is scheduled for next Thursday, May 4th. We meet at 6:30pm in room 501.
- JOIN OUR TEAM! We are currently seeking several board members for the upcoming year. Vice president, treasurer and secretary are the positions that need to be filled. We meet once a month on the 1st Thursday at 6:30pm.
- Show your Amity Pride! Both Amity "A" and "PROUD" yard signs are available! Decal stickers are \$5 each. Yard signs are \$15 each. Please email [goamityspartans@gmail.com](mailto:goamityspartans@gmail.com) to order yours today!
- Visit and follow our FB page! Click here to link to our page: <https://www.facebook.com/goamityspartans?mibextid=LQQJ4d>

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

- **Teacher Appreciation Week:** Please help us celebrate our teachers and staff during the week of May 8<sup>th</sup> by volunteering your time, donating an item and/or making a monetary contribution. You may sign up [here](#). Thank you for your continued support!
- **Graduation Balloons:** We are excited to continue with our long-standing tradition of offering Amity graduation balloons this year! Families of seniors will receive an email with additional information and the link to order balloons on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. There is still a helium shortage, so families will need to inflate their senior's balloons in the way that works for them. We have streamlined the process, and on June 2<sup>nd</sup> every senior will receive a gift bag filled with a balloon on a stick, the number of deflated balloons they received from family & friends along with string for each balloon and cups & sticks if you choose to make balloons on a stick. Stay tuned for more details!
- **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

- **Case Memorial Library in Orange** has two upcoming events for teens, a Zoom Trivia Night on May 4 and a Dungeons and Dragons session on May 20 See the attached flyers for more details about both.
- **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](http://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).
- **Mary L. Tracy School** is looking for a couple of students to dress as their school mascot on **June 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**. Please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.

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