

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, May 19, 2023



Our seniors may be gone for their off-campus UELP and on-campus SIP projects, but the school year certainly isn't slowing down. Here are a few of this week's highlights:

- The Underclass Awards Night ceremony this Tuesday was a huge success. Any opportunity to honor our hard-working students is a good one, but this awards ceremony is special, as it honors Gr. 9-11 students selected by the faculty for recognition in all subject areas. This year we recognized 158 Amity students at the ceremony, handing out well over 200 awards and honors. Congratulations to all our award recipients!
- It has been an award-winning spring for so many Amity student activities, and this week we can add *The Trident*, our student newspaper, to the list. The Trident has been selected for the 1st-place award for schools of between 1,000-1,700 students in the American Scholastic Press Association's annual student newspaper competition. Congratulations to The Trident's writing and editing staff, along with advisor Mrs. Clark, on another year of top-notch student journalism!
- In other award news, Amity Creative Theater's production of *Beauty and the Beast* has earned eight Sondheim Award nominations, including: Best Supporting Actress: Kacey Smith, Best Costumes: Leah Katz and Nehdi Taddipalli, Best Orchestra, Best Ensemble, Best Choreography: Andrea Kennedy, Best Actor: Jacob Ebert, Best Actress: Grace Lupoli, and the overall Best Musical nomination.
- The Music department wrapped up its concert series for the year Thursday night with MusicFEST, a showcase of our band and chorus programs, plus several performances by individual student performers and duets.
- This is National Police Week, and Amity Regional High School is fortunate to both have strong partnerships with our BOWA police departments and to have so many in our parent and alumni community who protect and serve local communities as law enforcement officers. We appreciate and thank you all for your dedication to our community and our safety!

Go Spartans!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **Student Health Forms During the Summer – a message from our School Health Office:** Health forms being dropped off over the Summer need to be in the form of a print copy and will need to be placed in the lockbox located at the District Office. Medications cannot be placed in the lockbox; those will need to be dropped off to the nurses on the first day of school with the proper medication authorization form attached. Please do not email any medical information or forms to the nurses over the Summer.
- **BOE Community Forum** - The Amity Regional School District Board of Education will be hosting a BOE Community Forum on May 22, 2023, beginning at 6:30 pm in the Library Media Center at Amity Regional High School. The focus topic of our first forum is ACADEMICS.
- **Virtual Keynote - A Parent Primer on Social Hosting, DUI, Texting & Driving, and More** – Amity Regional School District is hosting its 4th Parent Webinar of the school year on May 24, 2023, beginning at 6:30 pm. please join attorneys Alex Mario and Jessica Ayala from the Carter Mario Law Firm for this important webinar on the legal implications of social hosting, teen DUIs, and texting & driving. You must register in advance to receive information about joining the webinar. Please [Register Here](#). This 1-hour webinar is appropriate for parents of middle and high school students.

College and Career of the Week

[East Carolina University](#) (ECU) is a public university located in Greenville, North Carolina. There are over 22,000 undergraduate students enrolled within eight of ECU's twelve colleges, offering over 80 [undergraduate degree programs](#). With nursing and biology being two of the most popular majors, it's not surprising that approximately 44% of undergraduates major in STEM or health care fields. Another 20% participate in research projects with faculty. ECU also has a maritime/ocean studies facility called the [ECU Outer Banks Campus](#). This facility promotes research within the fields of Estuarine Ecology, Coastal Engineering and Ocean Energy, Public Policy and Coastal Sustainability, Maritime Heritage, and Coastal Processes. On campus, students will find many opportunities to socialize with the extensive list of [student organizations](#) available. The ECU Pirates sponsor [18 NCAA-D1 athletic teams](#) that compete in the [American Athletic Conference](#). [Annual tuition for out-of-state residents](#) is \$34,793 (2023-2024). Learn more by visiting ECU's [admissions website](#), read their fast [facts](#), or take a [virtual tour](#).

“[Dentists](#) diagnose and treat problems with patients’ teeth, gums, and related parts of the mouth” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021). [Dentists](#) usually work in offices with a small support staff of dental assistants, dental hygienists, and administrative assistants. [To become a dentist](#), one must complete a four-year degree program in premedical studies (or other science related field) and gain acceptance to a dental school. Before working as a dentist, dental school graduates must pass required [state licensing examinations](#) among other requirements. The average annual salary is \$163,220 with average job growth expected (6%) through 2031 (BLS, 2021). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [American Dental Association](#), the [National Dental Association](#) and the [Connecticut Dental Association](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in premedical studies include:

East Carolina University

Univ of Rhode Island

Quinnipiac University

Sacred Heart Univ
Merrimack College
Central CT State
SUNY/Stony Brook
Trinity College

Southern CT State
Boston University
Albertus Magnus College
Providence College
Northeastern Univ

Univ of Connecticut
Mass College of Liberal Arts
Ithaca College
Bryant University
SUNY/Purchase

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **Local Volunteer Opportunities:** There are many events happenings in our community and volunteers are needed to help. For upcoming volunteer opportunities please click [here](#).
- **Interested in learning more about our Nation's Military Academies?** The Connecticut Congressional Delegation is hosting a Service Academy Information Session Night for **Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen on May 24th from 5-7pm**. This event will be held in person at the MG Maurice Rose Armed Forces Reserve Center (Middletown), 375 Smith Street Middletown, CT 06082. Representatives from each Service Academy will attend their respective academy and answer any questions students or parents might have. For more information, please see this [flyer](#).
- **Biomedical Engineering Discovery Program** sponsored by the Connecticut Area Health Education Centers is offering a Webex Video Conference meeting on **Saturday, June 3, 2023**, for 14-17 yr. old students. This program is designed for students who are interested in a career in science, technology, engineering and/or math. The topic for this session will include Prosthetic Leg and Health Careers. The cost is \$45 per participant. Please [click here](#) for more information and registration.
- **Green STEP Summer Certification Program** sponsored by the United Illuminating, Southern CT Gas and CT Natural Gas will be offering a paid-to-train program for all high school students in the New Haven area from **July 6-28th**. This program is for students interested in the green-building industry. A stipend of \$15.00 an hour will be paid to each student. Space is limited to 100 students and will take place at High School in the Community in the City of New Haven. Please [click here](#) for more information and registration.

Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

- **JOIN THE TEAM!** We are currently looking to fill the following spots on our Executive Board: Treasurer and Vice President. We have plans to raise money and fund important projects for our athletes and school, and we need someone who likes to count every penny to help us do it. Excellent record keeping is also a must for the treasurer. As Vice President, you'll work behind the scenes to help build the Athletics Booster Club membership and be part of decision making on important issues throughout the year. Please reach out to goamityspartans@gmail.com to let us know your interest!

Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Information

- **Senior Breakfast:** The annual senior breakfast celebrating our graduates will be on Thursday, June 8th from 8:30 to 9:30am in the cafeteria. This is such a fun event for our seniors, and in order to make it happen we need volunteers to help set up and clean up as well as donations of

food items & beverages and gift cards for the senior raffle. To sign up to contribute your time and/or items, please click [here](#).

- **Graduation Balloons:** We are excited to continue with our long-standing tradition to offer Amity graduation balloons this year! To purchase balloons, please click [here](#) to complete and submit your order by next Wednesday, May 24th. Once your balloon order is placed, you will receive an order confirmation from Amity PTSO and a payment confirmation which comes from service@PayPal even if you used your credit card and did not have a PayPal account. For frequently asked questions and answers, please visit [here](#).
- **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 Opportunities: There is a lot going on at Case Memorial Library in the coming weeks, including teen activities, a volunteer opportunity for teens on May 20, and more. You can learn more at these links or in the attachments to the Happenings newsletter:
 - Dungeons and Dragons -- <https://casememorial.librarycalendar.com/event/dungeons-dragons-teen-group>
 - Trivia Night - <https://casememorial.librarycalendar.com/event/zoom-trivia-0>
 - Take & Make program - <https://casememorial.librarycalendar.com/event/take-make-kit-bug-repellent-paracord-bracelet>
 - Volunteer Opportunity - <https://casememorial.librarycalendar.com/event/teen-volunteer-day-planting-flowers>
 - Teen Book Box - <https://casememorial.librarycalendar.com/event/teen-book-box-0>

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