

ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, November 10, 2023

As always, it was a busy week at Amity, and a few of the highlights included:

- Veterans Day is tomorrow, and to better recognize the military service of Amity graduates, a group of our faculty, staff, and students have been working all fall to create the Amity Veterans Wall of Honor. It took the efforts of many to create the display, and a big thank-you goes out to faculty and staff members Andrea Santos (Army veteran), Miguel Pickering (Army veteran), Peter Downhour (Navy veteran), Ed Rostowski, Carl Teravainen, Lisa Toto, Jessica Zamachaj, Paula Vallee, and the CTE students who all had a part in the design and creation of the project. We unveiled and dedicated the permanent display this morning for an audience that included faculty, staff, graduate veterans and family members, and the staff and students involved in the project. You can watch the dedication ceremony, which was livestreamed on Facebook and Instagram, at this link: https://fb.watch/od_jMyUw0H/
- Congratulations to the 57 students who were inducted into the National English Honor Society on Thursday afternoon!
- One of our post-secondary goals at Amity is to make sure that all our students graduate with a meaningful and actionable plan for life after high school, and in the past two years our Career Center has gone above and beyond to make sure that our students are exposed to the career options in the skilled trades. Last year they instituted a new event, Trades Week, and this week they added to this with our first Medical Careers Fair designed to foster, promote, and teach students about alternative careers in the healthcare industry. We hosted representatives from 13 area health career organizations meeting with students during lunches on Wednesday and Thursday, and the student response to the presenters was excellent.
- The Hindu festival of Diwali begins this afternoon and continues for the next five days. For those of you who celebrate, we say: *Deepavali ki hardik shubhkamnayein! May the festival of lights bring you happiness, peace, and good fortune!*

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **Winter Sports Registration:** Parents/Guardians are reminded to register your child for winter sports as soon as possible. We already have over 200 registered and have begun to approve registrations. [Here is the link](#) for our registration information page.
- **Bermuda Marine Science Program:** There is still time to register for the Coral Reef Ecology, 0.5 credit science course at AHS. The registration has been extended to November 15, 2023. There are four spaces available. If students are interested in the marine environment, like to be outdoors, and would enjoy a snorkeling experience on Bermuda reefs, this is the course for them! Become part of the 35+ year legacy of studying at the Bermuda Institute for Ocean

Sciences! Please contact valerie.cournoyer@amityregion5.org for the registration materials. All are welcome!

Yearbook Information

- **Underclass Photo Makeups and Retakes:** Underclass photo makeup and retake sessions will be held on Tuesday, November 21st in Conference Room B through Guidance. No appointments are necessary; students may drop by during either their SSP session or a study hall period. Makeup sittings are free for any students who were absent on their original picture day in September, but there is a \$5 fee for retakes; checks should be made out to Robert Taylor Photography. Students desiring retakes will also need to return their original photo packages, including all photos.

College and Career of the Week

The [University of Idaho](#)'s main campus is located in Moscow, Idaho, approximately 2,700 miles from the BOWA area. There are 3 [other branch campuses](#) located across the state. Founded in 1889, [UIdaho](#) is the state's original [land grant university](#). Over 9,000 students currently attend the Moscow campus and enroll in 100 [majors/programs](#). [Campus life](#) is very active with many clubs, organizations and [recreational sports](#) to choose from. The "[Vandals](#)" sponsor 14 NCAA-D1 [athletic teams](#) who compete in the [Big Sky Conference](#). Estimated annual [tuition, room and board for out-of-state](#) students is \$39,664 (2023-2024). For more information, check out UIdaho's [admissions website](#), view their [fast facts](#), listen to [their fight song](#) or take a [virtual tour here](#).

"[Accountants](#) and auditors prepare and examine financial records" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022). [Accountants](#) perform work in every industry as all need financial recording and reporting services. Most entry level accounting jobs will require a bachelors' degree. During specific times of the year, accountants can expect to work over the normal 40 hour work week. The national median salary is \$78,000 and average job growth is expected (5%) in this career through 2032 (BLS, 2022). For more information, please visit the [American Accounting Association](#), the [American Institute of CPAs](#) or the [Connecticut Society of CPAs](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in accounting include:

University of Idaho	University of Connecticut	Endicott College
UMASS/Boston	Sacred Heart University	Southern CT State Univ
Central CT State Univ	Bryant University	Bentley University
Quinnipiac University	Fairfield University	University of New Haven
Albertus Magnus College	Western New England U.	Merrimack College
Pace University	SUNY/Binghamton	Adelphi University

or search in Naviance for more choices!

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **PSAT Score Availability:** College Board has released PSAT scores for the 9th and 10th graders who took the test on 10/12. Students need to login to their College Board account to get

scores. Juniors who took the PSAT on 10/19 will be able to access their scores on 11/14 through College Board.

- **Senior Transcripts:** Seniors who would like to send first quarter grades to colleges must complete the Google form sent to their email last week. Please keep in mind the deadlines for transcript requests: For a college deadline of December 1, transcripts need to be requested by November 15th; December 15th deadlines must be requested by December 1st; January 1st deadlines but be requested by December 8th(Please keep in mind that counselors do not work over the holiday break); January 15th deadlines must be requested by December 21st and February 1st deadlines must be requested by January 18th.
- **Fee Waivers Available**-WCSU applications are free for the entire month of November. SCSU will offer free applications using their own app from Nov. 2-15. For questions, stop in the Career Center.
- **SENIORS-Are you applying to any of the following colleges?** College representatives will be HERE to host ON-SITE ACCEPTANCE DAYS in late November/early December. *As long as your application has been submitted to the college at least 2 weeks before the event*, you will receive your admissions decision that day! [REGISTER HERE to attend](#) ANY of these upcoming events!
 - SOUTHERN CT STATE, UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN
 - SUNY/STONY BROOK, CENTRAL CT STATE
 - QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY, WESTERN CT STATE
 - EASTERN CT STATE
 - SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY (Admission Interviews Only)
- **Upcoming Alumni College Panel:** On Wednesday, November 22, 2023 (the day before Thanksgiving), Amity will host our annual Alumni College Panel for juniors and seniors. Recent Amity alumni will share their college experiences and offer insight into the college process.
- **Office of U.S. Senator Christopher Murphy** is looking for a 16–17-year-old 11th grade student who would enjoy becoming a Senate Page for the 2024 Spring Semester. Please [click HERE to see the details](#) and application for this prestigious program. The deadline to apply is December 18, 2023.
- **ARHS's "MEDICAL CAREERS FAIR" Follow-up:** Amity would like to thank the members of our community who participated in our Medical Careers Fair event on Nov. 8th & 9th. Our students took away valuable information about the availability of medical careers that require less than a bachelor's degree.
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- **Are you interested in mentoring disadvantaged youth in your community ?** Please consider helping **New HYTEs** (New Haven Youth Tennis & Education). New HYTEs is designed to enrich the lives and positively affect the future of New Haven's economically disadvantaged youth through a program that incorporates life skills curriculum, academic support, and promotes both character building and health benefits through the participation in athletics through tennis. The mission is to provide a pathway to post-secondary success. Please click [here](#) to join this program.
- **Hamden Adult Education:** Registration for Hamden Adult Education is Dec. 5th from 5-7PM. Students who are at least 17 years old and have parent permission to withdraw from

Amity and enroll in their program need to attend. Please see your child's school counselor for more information.

Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

- JOIN THE BOOSTER CLUB! Join us in supporting and celebrating our athletes by becoming a member of the Athletics Booster Club. Membership is now open! Visit our updated website and join here: <https://sites.google.com/amityschools.org/amityathleticsboosterclub/home>
- Join for a chance to win an Amity winter pompom hat! When you join now through December 6, you will be entered into the drawing to be held Thursday, December 7.
- We're recruiting! Become a team liaison and help spread the Spartans Spirit with us! Our mission is to promote positive athletics and increase community support. If you'd like to help in this endeavor, please contact Carrie at goamityspartans@gmail.com. Your assistance in helping us stay connected to our teams is invaluable to the Booster Club. You are invited, but not required, to attend our monthly meetings. We will provide all the information needed to share with your team.
- Purchase your Amity A decal sticker and PROUD yard sign today! Decal stickers are \$3 (small, 3" w by 2" h) and \$5 (large, 4" w by 2.5" h). Yard signs are \$15, payment through PayPal or Venmo. Please email goamityspartans@gmail.com to order yours today!

Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Information

- **Support Us!** Please join the PTSO today to support your student(s) and school. To join the PTSO, please visit our website amityptso.org and under membership click on Click here to join!
- Please join us for our November meeting next Thursday, November 16th at 7pm in the media center.
- If you would like to **volunteer**, please contact us at arhsptso@gmail.com.
- This year we started monthly treats for teachers & staff as a way to thank them for all they do for our children. If there is a member of the amity community who would like to help sponsor this monthly event by contributing treats or donating monetarily, please reach out to us at arhsptso@gmail.com
- **Join our Facebook Group by** Be a part of our virtual community by visiting [this page](#) and answering the security questions required to gain access

Community Happenings

- **Woodbridge Youth Services News:** Call 203-389-3429 or email 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://www.facebook.com/WoodbridgeYouthServices.CT>
- **Woodbridge Youth Services Community Service Opportunities:**
 - **Tech Tuesdays (or other days as needed):** Students assist older adults who wish to learn about cell phones, PCs, and laptops.
 - **Food Pantry (Now):** The local scouts recently collected lots of food in Woodbridge and we need students to come after school or on days off (like Tuesday) or on early dismissal days to sort and shelve the food. Must be scheduled with Youth Services in advance. Contact us for more information.

- **Helping the Homeless** : Families may participate by making individual “We Care” Bags for New Reach Foundation in New Haven. Fill 1-Gallon resealable bags with items for the homeless which may include new socks, gloves, hats, underwear, protein bars, fruit cups, small toiletries, hygiene items, and \$5 gift cards for Dunkin, Starbucks, Subway, etc. A note or card with a positive message may be included. Larger items like new pillows, blankets, and family size toiletries and cleaners will also be accepted for the shelters. Drop off day is Wednesday, December 6th from 2:15 to 4:15 or call Youth Services for other available times. Community Service hours will be approved for the hours worked.
- **Job Bank Seeks Woodbridge and Bethany Teens Who Want Work:** The Job Bank guides teens ages 13-18 as they apply, interview, and earn money doing odd jobs for Woodbridge residents. Teens are needed now. Contact the Job Bank to schedule your interview. Jobs include yard work, babysitting, housework, animal care, tutoring and tech assistance. Residents may call 203-389-3429 to hire a student.
- **Toys 4 Kids:** Toys for local families in need will be accepted in donation boxes at the Woodbridge Library or in the Woodbridge Center Building near the gym. Thanks for your generosity.
- **Fuel Assistance** is available for families who qualify. Please contact your town’s Human Services Department to apply or apply directly online through TEAM’s website: <https://teaminc.org/home-heating-assistance/>
- **Woodbridge Youth Advisory Board:** Woodbridge Youth Services seeks Woodbridge parents to join its Advisory Board which meets five times per year (September through May). Contact Nancy Pfund at 203-389-3429 for more information. Our goal is to create diversity within our board and share ideas for better programming.

Attached Files

[Amity Retake Flyer.pdf](#)

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