

ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, December 1, 2023

Try-outs and practices for all our Winter sports teams started this week, so although there is a brief lull in the game schedule, our winter student-athletes and their coaches are all hard at work preparing for the winter season. Good luck to all of you on the start of the new season!

Congratulations to the 14 Seniors who were granted immediate acceptance to Southern Connecticut State University at our SCSU On-Site Acceptance Day this Wednesday!

And in other news, the Amity Library/Media Center welcomed another Amity grad as a guest speaker earlier this week. Tyler Jennes (ARHS Class of 2017) is an assistant comic book editor and showrunner's assistant the upcoming Amazon Prime original series *Wytches*. *The Most Important Comic Book on Earth*, an environmental benefit anthology featuring his first written works, was released internationally in October 2021. Tyler spent first period on Thursday working with students enrolled in The Graphic Novel, who recently began working on their own original comics as part of their final project for the course. Tyler first provided the class with general drawing and storytelling recommendations before viewing students' work individually and providing them with one-on-one commentary and feedback. During second period, Tyler delivered a presentation to larger group of English and art classes in which he discussed his experiences working in both the comics and television industries. It is always great to have recent Amity grads come back to mentor our current students, and we really appreciate Tyler's visit!

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Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **The Amity Creative Theater presents the comedy *Love/Sick*** on December 7, 8, & 9. *John Cariani's LOVE/SICK is a collection of nine slightly twisted and completely hilarious short plays. Set on a Friday night in an alternate suburban reality, this 80-minute romp explores the pain and the joy that comes with being in love. Full of imperfect lovers and dreamers, LOVE/SICK is an unromantic comedy for the romantic in everyone. Tickets are available at www.amitytheaterdepartment.com Students free w/ ID at the door on the nights of the show.*
- **National Spanish Honor Society Toy Drive:** The NSHS toy drive to benefit the children of Fair Haven School continues until Dec 9th. We love and appreciate your support. You can donate a new toy under \$10 or make a monetary donation during lunch waves at the NSHS table.

College and Career of the Week

The [University of North Carolina at Charlotte](#) (CLT) was originally [founded in 1946](#) to educate soldiers returning from World War 2. CLT is one of 17 schools in the [University of North Carolina system](#) and has grown to 30,000 students enrolling in over [170 majors](#) within [8 academic colleges and programs](#). CLT has

earned an excellent reputation for quality academics and is well on the way to becoming an [R1 research institution](#). The campus always has something fun to do with over 400 [clubs and organizations](#) to choose from. In addition, the [city of Charlotte](#) offers great restaurants, cultural events, and professional sports teams. The availability of the LYNX Blue Line [light rail system](#) on campus makes navigating the city very easy. There are [19 NCAA-D1 athletic teams](#) sponsored including a new women's lacrosse team (in 2024-2025) and the "Niners" compete in the [American Athletic Conference](#). The estimated cost of attendance for out-of-state students is approximately [\\$40,226 \(2023-2024\)](#) (see separate [room](#) and [board](#) charges here). For more information, check out CLT's [admissions website](#), view their "[fact card](#)", or take a [virtual tour here](#).

"[Market Research Analysts](#) study consumer preferences, business conditions, and other factors to assess potential sales of a product or service" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022). [Market research analysts](#) are employed in nearly every industry and need a bachelors' degree for entry level positions. The median salary is \$68,230 and **faster than average job growth is expected (13%) through 2032** (BLS, 2022). For more information, please visit the following websites: [American Marketing Association](#), [Marketing Research Association](#), and the [American Association for Public Opinion Research](#).

Some colleges that have marketing research programs include:

UNC/Charlotte	University of Connecticut	University of New Haven
Roger Williams University	Bryant University	Endicott College
SUNY/Delhi	Nichols College	Ithaca College
Springfield College	Bentley University	Univ of Rhode Island
SUNY/Fashion Inst of Tech	Pace University	SUNY/Morrisville
Merrimack College	Sacred Heart University	So New Hampshire Univ

or search in Naviance for more choices!

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **Important FAFSA Information: SENIORS** - The FAFSA will be made available to everyone by the end of December. While waiting, there are a few things you can do to prepare:
 - Go to [studentaid.gov](#) and create an FSA ID number. BOTH the student and one parent will need this to process the FAFSA form.
 - Have tax documents ready such as tax returns from 2022, W2 forms, etc.
 - Use the FAFSA to apply for student aid in the **2024-2025** school year
 - For assistance you can contact FAFSA at 800-433-3243 or try using [FAQ's HERE](#)
 - SOME colleges also use the CSS Profile form in addition to the FAFSA. To see which [schools use CSS PROFILE, click HERE](#).
- **Attention Seniors! Scholarship Season is approaching!** Naviance is only one of the many resources to find scholarships. The College and Career Center posts local and national scholarships on Naviance throughout the school year. Students can navigate through these scholarships under the "college tab." Additional merit based and need based scholarships are available on our school website [here](#). An email has been sent out to all seniors to learn how to navigate scholarships. If you need additional help navigating and applying to scholarships, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.

- **Military Webinar:** [US Merchant Marine Academy](#) is sponsoring an informational webinar on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5th at 7:30pm. [Click here to attend](#) and learn more about obtaining a FREE education and career opportunities in the maritime industry.

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! We support ALL Amity athletes and coaches. 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.
- Come join the fun! Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 7 at 6:30pm in AHS room 501.
- Like and follow our FB page. Search for 'Amity HS Athletics Booster Club' for up to date schedules and announcements.
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

- **Please Support Us!** Joining the PTSO does not require you to volunteer, it enables us to continue to support and fund events and special celebrations for our students, teachers and school. To join the PTSO, please visit our website amityptso.org and under membership click on Click here to join!
- We will not be having a December meeting, our next monthly meeting will be January 18, 2024
- **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.

