

## ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, February 9, 2024

As we wrap up another full week at Amity:

- This has been National School Counselors Week, so thank you to our tremendous team of school counselors for all that they do to assist our students. Whether it is helping students get acclimated to high school, helping them develop their plans for after high school, or helping them with the countless struggles and accomplishments in between, our school counseling team members all make our students' lives better every day!
- This Saturday, February 10th, marks the celebration of Lunar New Year, the Year of the Dragon. Wishing everyone a joyous and prosperous New Year! '新年快乐'

**Andre Hauser**

**Principal**

### Amity Happenings and Information

- **Lunar New Year Celebration!** The Chinese Honor Society is holding a Lunar New Year party on Friday, February 16th, from 6-8 pm, at Amity High School. Join them for a night of Chinese food, games, raffles, and performances, and get the chance to win T-shirts, Chinese snacks, bubble tea gift cards, and more! Buy an entrance ticket for five dollars at the door, or students can get them in advance at the table outside the cafeteria. We hope to see you there!
- **7-12 Art Show in Bethany:** The annual Bethany Exhibition was installed by the Region 5 Art department teachers last Friday afternoon. This exhibition highlights works from our 7-12 graders in all different media. The reception is March 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:30pm, all are welcome. The last day to see the exhibition is April 4th. On behalf of our student artists, we hope to see you there.

### College and Career of the Week

[George Mason University](#) (GMU) is an [R1](#) public university located in Fairfax, Virginia, approximately 20 miles west of Washington, D.C. [Satellite campuses](#) are located in nearby Arlington and Manassas, in addition to others including [Mason in South Korea](#). [Founded in 1972](#), GMU is the largest public research university in Virginia with over 40,000 students enrolled. Students choose from numerous [majors and programs](#) offered within [10 colleges and schools](#). Campus life is very active with a [multitude of clubs, activities and events](#). There are [20 NCAA-D1 athletic teams](#) sponsored by the "Patriots" who compete in the [Atlantic 10 Conference](#). Estimated [annual tuition](#) for out-of-state students is \$37,979.00 (2023-2024). [Room](#) and [board](#) fees vary - refer to the links. For more information, check out GMU's [admissions website](#), view their [key facts](#), or take a [virtual tour here](#).

"[Operations research analysts](#) use mathematics and logic to help solve complex issues" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022). [Operations research analysts](#) use modeling software and data to help organizations solve problems. Entry level positions in this field require a bachelors' degree earned in mathematics,

statistics or business. Expected **job growth is much faster than average at 23% through 2032** and the average salary is \$85,720 (BLS, 2022). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences](#) and the [Operational Research Society](#).

*Some colleges that offer programs in operations research/mathematics include:*

George Mason University	University of Connecticut	Temple University
University of New Haven	Carnegie Mellon Univ	George Washington Univ
Emory University	UMASS/Boston	University of Rhode Island
Bentley University	US Coast Guard Academy	Worcester Polytech Inst
Trinity College	New York University	Long Island Univ/Brooklyn
Univ of New Hampshire	Coastal Carolina Univ	Bryant University
Springfield College	Western CT State Univ	Roger Williams University

*or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!*

### Notes from the Counseling Department

- **Save the Date! Spring College Fair coming to Amity:** Our annual Spring College Fair will be held on Monday evening, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 8:00pm in our main gymnasium. Approximately 120 college representatives will be in attendance. This is a great way for students to meet many of the college admission decision-makers in an intimate and convenient way. The college fair is **free** for students and parents and is open to the public. A list of college/universities will be posted in the coming months.
- **Attention Seniors! Scholarship Season has begun!** Naviance is only one of the many resources for researching scholarships. The College and Career Center posts local and national scholarships on Naviance throughout the school year. Students can navigate through these scholarships in Naviance under, as well as, our school [website](#). Additional merit based and need based scholarships may be available by checking with the individual college/university or additional websites like <https://www.fastweb.com/> If you need help navigating scholarships and/or help with the process of applying, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.
- The **Yale New Haven Hospital Auxiliary** is offering ten \$2,500.00 scholarships to area students planning to pursue a career in a healthcare-related profession. The application deadline is Friday, March 15, 2024. Scholarships are awarded based on academic excellence, financial need, personal statement, community service, including school and community activities and/or employment. Please be sure to read entire [application](#) before applying.
- **West Point Live Event:** Join USMA's Major Richard Simpson '12 (Northeast Regional Commander) + Cadet Elijah Bellamy '24 (2023 SLE Cadet Commander), on Facebook Live on January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 6pm EST for an informational session about West Point's Summer Leaders Experience. The admission requirements, application process and the opportunities that SLE offers will be covered during this event. Current candidates, potential candidates, and families are welcome to attend. Please go to this [link](#) to join this event. The second and final Facebook Live event covering SLE will be held on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm EST and available through this link - <https://fb.me/e/4Qfo9TEDv>. Major Mark Owens (Southeast Regional Commander, USMA '13) and Cadet Raquel Zitta (USMA '25) will cohost this event and discuss SLE and how to apply. Current Juniors may apply for SLE and West Point's Class of 2029 starting February 1<sup>st</sup> on West Point's website, [westpoint.edu](http://westpoint.edu) and clicking "apply now" in the top right of the landing page.

- **Attention SENIORS: Application Day!** If you would like to apply to Gateway Community College OR any of the 11 other CT STATE campuses, please attend our Application Day on Thursday, February 15th. [CLICK HERE to REGISTER](#) and you will receive a pass to attend in the Career Center.

### Parent-Teacher-Student Organization

- **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](http://amityptso.org) and under membership click on Click here to join!
- Please join us for our next PTSO meeting on Thursday, February 22nd at 7pm in the media center.
- Next week we are introducing a new fundraiser called RaiseRight. Please be on the lookout for an email with more information next week.
- **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

### 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. We are dedicated to promoting positive team spirit and recognizing all athletes in their endeavors. Visit our website and join here: <https://sites.google.com/amityschools.org/amityathleticsboosterclub/home>
- Visit our NEW Athletics Booster Club Sports Gear store! Click the link below to purchase your customized items today: [blanchettesportinggoods.chippily.com](http://blanchettesportinggoods.chippily.com)
- Send us pictures of your athletes in action! In our efforts to promote and recognize our student athletes, we would like to share your photos on our FB page. Please email your photos to [goamityspartans@gmail.com](mailto:goamityspartans@gmail.com) with a brief description. With your permission, we will post your images to our FB page. Let's recognize our student athletes for their outstanding dedication and drive!
- 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](mailto:goamityspartans@gmail.com) to order yours today!
- Save the Date! Spring Sports Information Night will be held Tuesday, February 27 at 6:30pm.

### Community News

- **Woodbridge Youth Services News:** Call 203-389-3429 or email [npfund@woodbridgect.org](mailto: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.

- **Woodbridge Conservation Trust Second Sundays:** Need assistance clearing trails for few hours on Sundays. Spend time outside with friends doing a service to your community.
- **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 snow shoveling, yard work, babysitting, housework, animal care, tutoring and tech assistance. Residents may call 203-389-3429 to hire a student.
- **A Conversation on Disability: What Should We Know and What Can We Do? Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7 pm- Location: Woodbridge Town Library** - Join a community conversation about disability, ableism, and allyship with special guest Tim Kellogg. He will share his personal and professional perspective and hopes to encourage open dialogue. This event is hosted by The Woodbridge Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion and the Woodbridge Town Library. Space is limited. Register at [A Conversation on Disability - Woodbridge Town Library](#). Please contact [sullivan@woodbridgetownlibrary.org](mailto:sullivan@woodbridgetownlibrary.org) if you need accommodations. This event will be live streamed on the [Town of Woodbridge's YouTube channel](#) and recorded for later viewing.
- **FAVOR presents the following event: Understanding Your Child's IEP-Thursday, February 15-** Email: [favorlla@favor-ct.org](mailto:favorlla@favor-ct.org) for more information.

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