

ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, March 28, 2024

This was a short but busy week at Amity:

- Congratulations to Amity athletic director Ernie Goodwin, who has been selected as the 2024 *Paul Mengold Unified Sports Athletic Director of the Year* by the CIAC for his tireless efforts to provide opportunities for athletic competition and positive social interactions between intellectually disabled and non-disabled students!
- The Amity Library/Media Center hosted another great guest speaker this Tuesday. Roberto Alfaro, a retired, decorated Hartford, CT, police officer with twenty-one years of dedicated service to his community, is also a SAG/AFTRA actor and professional model of over thirty years, a writer of dozens of poems and short stories, a motivational speaker, an inventor, a salsa dancer and instructor, a former bodybuilding champion and personal trainer, a Hartford Mounted Police rider and instructor, and finally, an author of two books. In 2014, he also had the honor of being inducted as member of the “Hamden Notables,” a “who’s, who” of Hamden, CT. thank you to Mr. Alfaro for sharing his inspirational story with our students this week!
- We held our annual Career Fair for Gr. 10 students during school today, and our sophomores had three opportunities to hear from speakers introducing them to a variety of career fields. Altogether, we had 30 guest speakers representing 25 different career options – thank you to the many community members who gave up part of their day to help with the event!
- Reminder for Gr. 11 students: the NGSS Science assessment will take place during school on Wednesday, April 3. The NGSS assessment is the second half of the state-mandated testing program for Gr. 11 students, so we encourage all our juniors to come in rested and ready for the assessment, which should take approximately 90 minutes. This is a full school day for all students.
- Happy Easter to all our students and families who celebrate the holiday!

Go Spartans!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **National English Honor Society Book Drive:** The NEHS is conducting a book drive for a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction books for people of all age groups. The books will be donated to Re-Reads and Boys and Girls Club. A book drop-off box is located at the main entrance to the high school.
- **Internet Safety Training for Caregivers:** The South-Central Child Advocacy Center is offering free training for parents, caregivers, and anyone who would like to learn the dangers of internet access for youth. The topic will include the risks associated with various apps, video game chats, and websites. The training will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. The training will also be recorded the training for anyone who was not able to attend. Anyone who is interested in joining will need to register beforehand at this [Registration Link](#).

College & Career of the Week

[Vermont State University/Lyndon Campus](#) (formerly known as Northern Vermont University/Lyndon State) was originally [founded in 1911](#) as a teacher’s college. All public universities in Vermont are now part of the [VT State](#) University system and there are [five campuses](#) located in Lyndon, Castleton, Johnson, Randolph Center and Williston. Over 4,000 students currently attend VT State and enroll in 105 [majors/programs](#). Campus life takes advantage of the natural landscape and offers many outdoor-related [activities](#) as well as academic & social [clubs](#) and social [events](#). There are 13 NCAA-D3 [athletic teams](#) sponsored by the “Hornets” who compete in the [North Atlantic Conference](#). Estimated [annual tuition, room and board](#) for out-of-state students is [approximately](#) \$34,000.00 (2024-2025). For more information, check out VT State’s [admissions website](#), view their [quick facts](#), or take a [virtual tour here](#).

“[Public relations specialists](#) create and maintain a positive public image for the clients they represent”, (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022). [PR specialists](#) usually work full-time and are employed in many different businesses and organizations. To become employed in this field, one needs a bachelor's degree in communications, English, business or media studies. The average annual salary is \$67,440 with *faster than average job growth* expected (6%) through 2032 (BLS, 2022). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [Public Relations Society of America](#), the [International Public Relations Association](#), and the [Association for Women in Communications](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in public relations/communications include:

Vermont State University	Central CT State Univ	Western New England Un
Marist College	Quinnipiac University	Emerson College
Mass College Liberal Arts	SUNY/New Paltz	Suffolk University
New England College	Hofstra University	Univ of Rhode Island
Kean University (NJ)	Iona University	New York Inst of Tech

Boston University

Bentley University

Salem State University

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **Attention Juniors:** The Amity High School **Spring College Fair** will be held on Monday, April 29th 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 this event is open to the public. A list of college/universities will be posted in the coming months.
- **Understanding Your Financial Aid Package-** To learn more about understanding your financial aid offers, please find some valuable information [here](#).
- **The ASVAB Test** will be given at Amity High School on Friday, April 26, 2024, at 7:30am in the Career Center. Any student in grades 10, 11 or 12 is welcome to take the test. All ASVAB Career Exploration Program tests will be offered through an online format. Students may [REGISTER TO TAKE THE TEST BY SIGNING UP HERE](#). While the US military branches all use the ASVAB as an admissions exam, *students do NOT have to be interested in military careers to take the test*. Taking the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) test does not obligate students to enlist! Please find more information about the ASVAB [here](#).
- **Attention Seniors-Community Service Deadline:** Seniors who have completed 100 hours of volunteer service during their 4 years at Amity will be recognized with a letter of distinction along with an honor cord to be worn at graduation. All signed community service forms, as well as hours posted on PowerSchool, **must be handed in and completed no later than Monday, April 8, 2024**. If you have any questions regarding community service, please stop by the Career Center.
- **Yale Public Health Day:** Yale Pathways to Science is offering a “Public Health Day” on Saturday, April 6, 2024, from 9:30am to 2pm at the Yale School of Public Health on 60 College Street, New Haven. Learn how to keep New Haven healthy with students from the Yale School of Public Health. Explore innovative ways to tackle issues before they reach the hospital, from improving mental health to addressing homelessness. Open to students grades 9-12. [Register here](#).

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 and under membership click on Click here to join!
- **Please help support the RaiseRight fundraiser** that we introduced a few weeks ago. **RaiseRight** is gift card fundraising and is the easiest & most convenient way to earn money for our school. Gift cards can be used for daily purchases or as gifts for

family and friends. It is simple, all you need to do is purchase a physical or eGift card(s) to your favorite store(s) through the RaiseRight website or app and a certain % of each gift card purchase goes directly to Amity PTSO. See the attached flyer for more details on RaiseRight. To get started with RaiseRight, please click the link below. <https://www.raiseright.com/enroll?enrollCode=99MMZP8LXU9> With the money raised we want to provide more funds for senior scholarships, awards for all grade levels and help the different clubs our students are involved in. Please reach out to us with any questions 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

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>
- Join now through March 31 and receive a small Amity A decal sticker FREE!
- Visit our NEW Athletics Booster Club Sports Gear store! Click the link below to purchase your customized items today: blanchettesportinggoods.chipply.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 to our FB page. Please email your photos to 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!
- Amity A decal stickers are back! Email goamityspartans@gmail.com to order yours. 2 sizes available: large for \$5 each (4 inches wide by 2.5 inches high) and small (3 inches wide by 2 inches high) for \$3 each.

Community News

- **BOWDAAC 2024 Community Survey:** Provide your insight on substance trends, underage drinking, vaping, and mental health concerns affecting youths in the community. Enter to win a \$25 gift card - deadline is April 30th. You can access the at this link or through the attached flyer: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MKKD3M2>
- **Thursday Game Nights at Clark Memorial Library in Bethany:** Clark memorial Library is establishing a new program to give teens and tweens space in the library and access to a variety of tabletop games on Thursdays from 3:30 – 6:30 pm. See the attached flyer for more details.
- **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>
- **First Selectman's Youth Award: Nominations Due 4/8/24-** If you know a Woodbridge youth (up to 18 years old) who has volunteered their time working to improve the Town of Woodbridge or its residents, consider nominating that deserving resident. Parents or family members may not nominate a relative. Nominations are due to Youth Services by April 8, 2024. The winner will receive their award at a Volunteer Celebration this spring including a check from our sponsor, the Beth-wood Baseball League. The nomination form can be found on the Town Website at www.woodbridgect.org/472/Programs or call the office at 203-389-3429. Make a difference for a deserving youth.
- **Red Cross Babysitter Training during Spring Recess-** 2 morning sessions Tuesday, 4/16/24 & Thursday, 4/18/24 in the Woodbridge Library Meeting Room, 8:45 to 12:45. Must attend both days to receive certificate. Learn valuable information to start childcare or improve your skills. \$60 fee (\$65 for non-residents) includes instruction, materials, and snack. Call 203-389-3429 or email: Npfund@woodbridgect.org. Payment and permission forms due by 4/12/24. Space is limited.
- **Rotary/Youth Services Family Game Night-** 4/10/24-5:30 to 7:30 pm. \$10 per family includes pizza and cookies. Register at 203-389-3429.
- **Student Community Service Opportunities:**
 - 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.
 - Earth Day- April 27th- Students needed to set up and help with family games. 9:00 – 3:30.
- **Job Bank Seeks Woodbridge and Bethany Teens Who Want Paid 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.
- **Suicide Prevention Virtual Trainings- QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer)**
– Sponsored by Alliance for Prevention and Wellness- April 10, and May 8, 2024- 11 am to 12:30 pm-Learn to detect warning signs and offer hope to help save a life. Registration link: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)
- **Parent Trainings by South Central Child Advocacy Center re: Internet Safety and Internet Risks and Signs of Child Trafficking-** See website to register: <https://southcentralcacct.org/>

Attached Files

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