

ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, April 12, 2024

Congratulations to the Amity Math Team, which placed 1st in the state this week at the CT Math Competition. And congratulations as well to the cast and crew of Amity Creative Theater's *Mean Girls*, which is in its second week of sold-out shows this weekend.

We will not be sending out a Community Happenings newsletter next week due to Spring Break, but the newsletter will be back the following week. Enjoy the week off from school, everyone!

Go Spartans!

**Andre Hauser
Principal**

Amity Happenings and Information

- Amity High School's Honor's level Ceramicists and Photographers want to invite you to their annual showcase at the Main Street Gallery in Ansonia. Work will be ready for viewing the week of April 22nd. The reception will take place on May 2nd from 6-7:30pm. We hope to see you there.

College and Career of the Week

We are taking a break from public colleges this week to explore the [University of Exeter](#) (UEX) in England. Many American students are shopping European colleges for reasons such as shorter, less expensive bachelors degrees (3 years) and the opportunity to immerse oneself in another culture. UEX is located in the southwest corner of the country, and [has 3 campuses](#) in the Exeter/Cornwall area. UEX is also a member of the [Russell Group Universities](#), a consortium of 24 highly ranked, research focused universities in the United Kingdom. Approximately [30,000 students](#) are enrolled and 7,500 are international students who hail from over 150 countries. Students can choose from numerous [majors](#) and take advantage of the medical, business and law schools at UEX. American students can apply to UEX via the [UCAS](#) (the UK version of the Common Application) and will need to submit transcripts and test scores. (Click here for [US entry requirements](#) to learn more.) The [academic calendar](#) consists of 3 trimesters that begin in late September and extend through mid-June. Campus life is very active with many [student organizations](#), [sports teams](#) and [recreational activities](#) to choose from. The [City Centre in nearby Exeter](#) provides good restaurants, shopping and easy access to buses and trains (London is only 2 hours away). Annual [tuition, room and board](#) (2023-2024) is approximately \$ 50,000.00 and will vary based on major and currency exchange rates. For more information, contact UEX's [admissions staff](#), take a [brief video tour](#) OR **stop by the**

University of Exeter’s lunch table on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24th. Their rep will be here in person to answer any of your questions.

[”Zoologists and wildlife biologists](#) study animals, those both in captivity and in the wild, and how they interact with their ecosystems” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022). A bachelor's degree is required for entry-level positions as a [zoologist/wildlife biologist](#) and most will end up specializing in a specific animal or species. Higher level jobs in the field will almost always require a master’s degree or PhD. Most work in laboratories and will do research outdoors. The average annual salary for zoologists is \$67,430 and average job growth is expected (3%) through 2032 (BLS, 2022). To learn more, visit the following websites: the [American Institute of Biological Sciences](#), the [Animal Behavior Society](#) or the [World Wildlife Federation](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in zoology include:

Univ of Exeter (UK)	Univ of Connecticut	Connecticut College
Becker College	UMASS/Amherst	Hampshire College
UMaine/Orono	Univ of New England	Univ of Rhode Island
Unity College	Cornell University	Bucknell University
Penn State University	Rutgers University	SUNY/Env Science & Forestry
SUNY/Oswego	UMaryland/College Park	Univ of Delaware

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **Summer High School Intern Program: General Dynamics Electric Boat** is offering local high school juniors an 8-week PAID summer internship between June 26- August 18. Each intern must be 16 years of age and have completed their junior year of high school. Students must be a U.S. Citizen and meet Electric Boat employment requirements. Interns will work side-by-side with trained mentors who have years of shipbuilding experience. Interns will become employees of Electric Boat and union members for the duration of their summer internship. The following organizations will be accepting SHIP students: Groton Design, Groton Operations and Quonset Point Operations. For more details on this opportunity, please pick up application information from Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.
- **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 100 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. Please see a list of colleges attending [HERE](#).

- **Understanding Your Financial Aid Package**-To learn more about understanding your financial aid offers, please find some valuable information [here](#).
- **Summer LAW Camp**: 2024 LAW Camp is a One Week Only camp from July 8, 2024 – July 12, 2024, in New Haven, CT from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. LAW Camp is FREE for accepted applicants! LAW Camp is a one-week, in-person summer camp sponsored by the Connecticut Bar Association’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. LAW Camp offers high school students a unique opportunity to learn about the legal profession and develop critical and analytical thinking skills. During the week-long day camp, attendees will hear from practicing lawyers or judges, observe court proceedings, receive advocacy training, and participate in a mock trial competition. There is no cost to attend LAW Camp. Applications and more information can be found [here](#).
- **Green Sustainability Technical Education Program (Green STEP)**- Juniors and seniors are invited to participate in a virtual, paid training course offered by the Green Sustainability Technical Education Program. This Summer Energy Program sponsored by Eversource & United Illuminating and the CT Natural Gas & Southern CT Gas Company will run during the Spring break on Thursday, April 18, 2024, from 10AM – 3:30PM. Green STEP is open to all high schoolers. This program is paid-to-train, and students will earn \$16 per hour with a \$25 bonus upon successful completion of a certification exam. To sign up, please go [here](#). Please contact CT Green STEP Program Manager, Kiana Soloman, at kiana@earthforwardgroup.com with any questions.
- **UConn Health Program**: The Inspiring Women in Engineering & Medicine (IWEM) workshop is currently seeking applicants for their program which takes place on **Saturday, May 11th, 2024**, at the **Musculoskeletal Institute (MSI) at UConn Health in Farmington, CT**. The (IWEM) workshop is a FREE, four-hour, hands-on workshop committed to exposing young women to the rewarding fields of Medicine and Engineering. Applicants can fill out our online application *starting April 8, 2024*, through the **application deadline on April 25th, 2024, till 7 PM**. The IWEM workshop has limited capacity, so applicants should not delay. The IWEM application may be accessed directly using the following link: <https://www.drcoyner.com/iwem.html>. Please click here for a video to see IWEM in action: <https://youtu.be/Qen2Lbmez5k>. Please feel free to contact the IWEM staff directly with any questions you may have at: IWEMworkshop@gmail.com.
- **Community Service Opportunities**: Do you want to earn some community service? The BOWA is looking for students to help with the many events happening in their town. Events include Autism Health & Fitness Center in Orange, Woodbridge Earth Day, Amity Pond Renovation Project at AHS, The Charity Golf Event at Orange Hills Country Club, Strawberry Festival in Orange and the Spring Fling Dance at

Bethany Community School. See Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center for dates and sign up.

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/amityschoools.org/amityathleticsboosterclub/home>
- Join now and receive a FREE Amity Spartans “PROUD” yard sign! Delivered to you, while supplies last.
- 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.

Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Information

- Amity's College and Career Center is looking for help with their **College Fair on Monday, April 29th**. They are asking for donations of time, desserts & drinks. Please see the sign up genius, thank you in advance. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0549A4AD22A0FD0-48268043-amity>
- Have a fun & relaxing April break!! 😊

