

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Spring is officially here and, even though the weather is a bit raw today, we are beginning to see the first signs at ARHS—spring sports have begun, the end of 3rd marking period is near and the honey bees are beginning to wake up. This past Tuesday, the ARHS Spartan Academy hosted the [American Honey Bee Queen](#) to discuss the progress of our apiary, the health of our hive and to learn about the importance of honey bees not only for the honey they produce, but their integral part of food production in general. [Fox news 61](#) came to document the visit and, while the news anchors were in our building, they were moved to report on another story from Amity Regional High School—the “spread the word to end the word” campaign from back in February. As stated in the [February 8th](#) newsletter, our Unified Sports program sponsored a school-wide awareness campaign to support inclusion and highlight the power of our words. This week, the Fox News 61 anchors noticed the signed campaign poster while visiting our school, and [asked to do a story](#). That story aired on Thursday, March 21st, to coincide with Down Syndrome Awareness Day and featured our amazing students, teachers and programs. It is always astonishing to take a step back and look at the complete picture of our school community to see all of the amazing things that are happening regularly, including art gallery openings showcasing student-only pieces, student debates in Spanish class that are conducted completely in Spanish, and the many other astounding programmatic aspects of this school community. This vibrant and thriving school community is clearly focused around the core values of **fairness, respect and passion**. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This week’s college is **Hofstra University**, and the career of the week

is **Logistician/Supply Chain Manager**. [Hofstra University](#) is located in Hempstead, Long Island, New York, which is approximately 25 miles outside of NYC. Hofstra students take advantage of their school's close proximity to Manhattan and engage in interesting internship experiences there. HU also offers special accelerated programs to MD, JD and PA degrees. [Logisticians](#) (also known as Supply Chain Managers) analyze and coordinate an organization's supply chain – the system that moves a product from supplier to consumer. They manage the entire life cycle of a product. (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2017) For more information, students can view the bulletin boards in the main hallway and in the Career Center and/or speak with the Career Center staff.

Happenings and Information

End of Marking Period 3: Grades will close for 3rd marking period on Monday, April 1st and will be officially released on Monday, April 8th.

Senior Happenings

Senior Service Learning Program (SSLP): The next deadline for participating SSLP students is April 10th, 2019. Students will need to verify that they watched the Safety Training Presentation and hand in a completed Approved Experiential Learning Program Agreement Contract. Site supervisors, parents, and the student will need to complete and sign one copy and return to the Career Center for final signatures and approval. In case of emergency, both the site and parent should have a completed copy of each form. See attachment. **NO EXCEPTIONS FOR MISSED DEADLINE.** Lynn Cocco, our SSLP Coordinator, is available to answer and assist students with all their SSLP questions. Please find a copy of the SSLP Contract [here](#). A sample copy of the contract is [here](#).

Community Service Information for Seniors: Seniors who have completed at least 100 hours of volunteer service during their high school career at Amity will be recognized at graduation for their service to the community. Each Senior will receive a certificate along with a special honor cord to be worn at graduation. All completed community service forms **must be handed no later than April 15th, 2019**. Seniors can find their accumulated hours

in PowerSchool under Ecollect Forms. If you have any questions regarding community service, please stop by the Career Center.

Local Scholarship Opportunities:

- The **Orange Community Women** are offering scholarships to any graduating senior who resides in Orange. The primary criterion for the selection is the recipient must have completed community service in the Town of Orange and show financial need. Scholarship awards range from \$300-\$500. Applications can be found in the Career Center. No applications will be considered after **April 29th, 2019**.
- **Beth-Wood Baseball League** is awarding a \$500 scholarship to a high school senior who resides in Woodbridge or Bethany. Student must have participated as a Player or Umpire, enrolling in a two or four-year accredited College/University and someone who has made a positive contribution to their school and community. Click [here](#) for an application. **Application deadline is May 3, 2019**.
- The **Orange Little League** is offering a \$500 scholarship for a senior that resides in Orange, Woodbridge, or Bethany and previously either played, was Scorekeeper or Umpire for the Orange Little League. **Deadline to apply is April 19, 2019**. Applications are available in the Career Center.

Notes from Counseling Department

Annual Academy Night: On **Wednesday, April 24, 2019**, the Connecticut Congressional Delegation will be holding our annual Academy Night for students and recent graduates who are interested in attending one of our nation's preeminent military academies – U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and the U.S. Naval Academy. This is a great opportunity for students to meet with representatives and cadets/midshipmen from each of the academies. The doors will open at 4:30 PM. The program is scheduled to begin promptly at 5:00 PM at the MG Maurice Rose Armed Forces Reserve Center, 375 Smith Street, Middletown, CT. Please see this flyer for more information.

Are you interest in Chemistry? The Sacred Heart University Chemistry Department is offering a two-week summer program called Computational Drug Discovery Summer Science Experience. This program is offered to students entering grades 10-12. The classes will run from **August 5th-16th, Mon.-**

Fri., 9:00am-4:00pm. and will provide a high level pre-college introduction to the scientific, ethical and legal aspects of drug discovery and gain knowledge and skills using computer-aided drug design and modeling software. Students are admitted to the program on a competitive basis. For more information please see [this information page](#).

Journalism Summer Camp: The Connecticut Health Investigative Team(C-HIT) is offering a one-week summer camp for students 16 or older. The C-HIT Summer Multimedia Workshops provide select high school students with the opportunity to develop investigative reporting, video and digital journalism skills in a unique learning environment led by distinguished local and national journalists. For more details and an application please click [here](#) .

2019 UConn Pre-College Summer Program: Find out what it's like to be a UCONN student for 4 weeks! The Pre-College Summer Program at UConn offers rising high school juniors and seniors (class 2020 or 2021) the chance to study and live on their university campus. Please see their [website](#) for detailed information.

Yale University ITS High School Internship: The Yale Information Technology Systems Department has a Summer Internship Program that runs from early July to mid-August. This is a paid internship, and the experience is resume-worthy. Students must complete an application [online](#) by April 19, 2109. Students will be notified in May if they are selected to participate, after an interview in April. The following are the qualifying factors:

1. **Orange residents only**
2. **US Citizen**
3. **Students must demonstrate strong aptitude**
4. **Well rounded, enthusiastic learners**
5. **An interest in Information Technology**
6. **Must be at least 16 by July 1, 2019**

Save the Date!! College Fair: The annual **Amity High School College Fair** will be held on **Monday, April 1, 2019** from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the AHS Gymnasium. This is a great way for students and parents to meet one-on-one with college admission decision-

makers and answer questions about a particular institute. The college fair is free and open to the public. A tentative list of colleges attending can be found [here](#). Mark your calendars for a great night!

Attention Sophomores: Save the Date!! Career Fair: Amity High School will be hosting our 5th Annual **Career Fair on Friday, April 26th, 2019** at 8:30 a.m. We are looking forward to providing a variety of career clusters to our 10th grade students. If you have any questions, regarding this event, please see Mrs. Cocco or Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.

Free Community College Field Trip: Amity High School will be offering a field trip to **Gateway Community College on Monday, April 8th**. Please see [this flyer](#) for details. **Permission slips will be available in the Career Center and must be returned by March 28th!**

Important Reminders

Becoming an Ally Training: The Anti-Defamation League will be providing “Becoming an Ally” training to a select group of students on May 22nd. Students in grades 9-11 are encouraged to apply to participate in the training. This interactive training program is participatory, and provides practical opportunities to engage students in exploring the harms of name-calling and bullying and developing and practicing skills to respond to incidents. Please have your child complete this [Google form](#) if interested. The deadline to complete the form is March 22nd. Students will be notified in early April if they have been selected to participate.

2019-2020 New Haven Magnet Program/Open Choice Information: Please find information through the following attachments, in both Spanish and English, regarding the New Haven Magnet programs. If you would like more information on applying, please see this [link](#).

Amity Efficiency Award: Please click on this [link](#) for the student application for the Jack B. Levine Efficiency Award of Excellence. The deadline for applications this year is April 26, 2019. There will be one recipient from each school. Each awardee will each receive

\$300 and recognition at the June Board of Education meeting. Click on this [link](#) for more details. Completed applications should be sent to me in the main office.

Athletics

Athletic Department Website: For all information regarding practice and athletic schedules for spring sports, please refer to the athletic department's website [here](#).

Winter Sports Awards Night: 3/26 is Winter Sports Awards Night at 6:30 in the gymnasium. All athletes that were part of the Amity Athletics Winter High School Program will be recognized for participating. We hope to see you and your teammates there!

Show Your Spartan Pride: The Amity Athletics Booster Club is selling Yard Signs through March 22nd. Support our club and proudly display your pride for your Amity student(s); suitable for ANY high school or middle school student. Please see this [announcement](#) for more information.

Community Happenings

Amity Adult & Continuing Education - Spring 2019: The Amity Adult & Continuing Education program cordially invites you to check out our Spring 2019 online [catalog](#)! There are lots of courses to choose from! We have new courses in creativity, health and wellness, fitness, finance, specialty interests, spirituality and many more! View a full list of courses [HERE!](#) Log on today to view our catalog and sign up for one (or more) of our fun and informative courses! The Spring Session is starting now!

Driver's Education - Begins April 3rd: Students that wish to take Driver's Ed. must register before April 3rd. Classes begin April 3rd and are Monday's and Wednesday's after school, 2:50-4:50. Log on [here](#) to register.

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