

# AAST NEWSLETTER

March 4 - March 8, 2024

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Robotics  
March 21 - 23 N. Charleston

HOSA SLC  
March 13 - 15

Art Show  
March 14

CyberPatriot Finals  
March 15

TSA State Conference  
March 22 - 24

Beta Club Talent Show  
March 26

WIN Testing  
March 26

HCS Tech Fair  
March 27

Teddy Bear Clinic and Koi Fest  
March 28

Spring Break  
March 29 to April 8

Spring Gala  
April 19

Senior Ceremony  
May 29, 7:00 pm  
MBHS Auditorium



## Aluminum Assault Competes in Anderson, SC



Aluminum  
Assault



Team 1287 is on the move! Aluminum Assault is in Anderson, SC, this week and then travels to North Charleston March 21-23. To see their full schedule or to support their travels through

donations,  
[click here!](#)

Good luck, Team 1287!

You can also [watch them compete live at this link!](#)

AAST on the Web!  
Stay Connected!





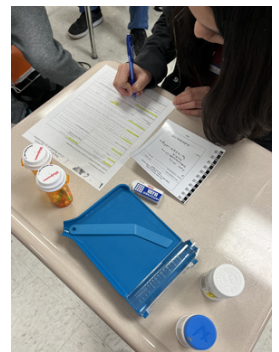
# AAST Students Volunteer at the Myrtle Beach Marathon



Last Saturday, 25 National Honor Society members ran a water station for the Myrtle Beach Marathon. They were in charge of HYPE and HYDRATION for the runners. They arrived at 6:00 am to set up and stayed until the last participant crossed the finish line. Throughout the morning, they handed out water and Gatorade, held up signs to encourage runners, and picked up used cups along the route. What a fantastic way to help our community!

## Pill Counting in Pharmacology

Students in Mrs. Watson's Pharmacology for Medical Careers Honors classes conducted a pill-counting lab, which included interpreting actual prescriptions, choosing medications from the in-class pharmacy (generic or brand name depending on DAW codes), translating pharmacy abbreviations and counting out the number of "pills" to fulfil the doctor's order. And yes, we even have pill-counting trays for our left-handed students!



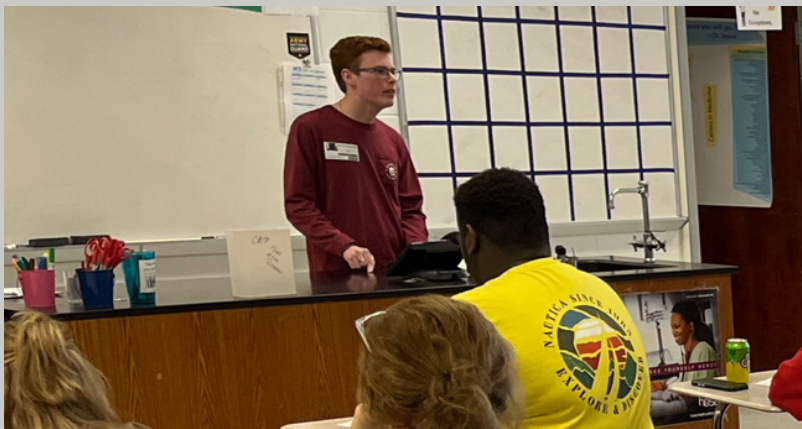
## Aerospace Engineering Visit PIA and MYR

Aerospace Engineering juniors traveled to PIA and the Myrtle Beach Airport to learn about education opportunities at PIA for both A & P and AMT certifications, followed by a full site tour and careers offered at MYR. From hospitality to security, students were immersed in all things related to Aerospace Engineering.





## Guest Speaker: Ross White, AAST Alumni



Ross White, AAST Pre-Med class of 2023, spoke with Ms. Washington's Public Health students and Ms. Watson's Pharmacology for Medical Careers Honors students about his experiences after graduation. Ross is a Public Health major at USC, plans to attend medical school, and also works as a certified pharmacy technician at Walgreens in Columbia. Ross shared his advice for current AAST students regarding what to take advantage of before graduating high school. He also gave tips about what to expect as a college freshman and exploring a healthcare career.

## STEM Night at Socastee Elementary



On Thursday evening, Socastee Elementary School hosted its Health & Science Night. AAST students from the Computer Science major worked with the elementary students to learn about encryption and binary code.

## AAST Theatre Class Collaborates with OBMS



Ms. Penn's Theatre classes created costumes and set pieces for the Ocean Bay Middle school production of the Wizard of Oz. ET student Ethan Watson assisted in the design of projections for backgrounds in the play. Students built a house costume that can be worn by the actor who gets to play the house and land on the Wicked Witch. Students also turned a rolling storage hamper into a hot air balloon basket. AAST Theatre is proud to support Ocean Bay Middle theater for the second year in a row and look forward to continued partnerships in design and production.

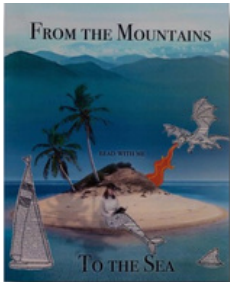
## Pre-Medicine Students Attend Health Science Career Fair



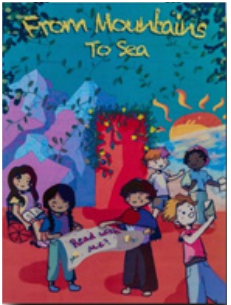
On Thursday, Horry County Schools and local healthcare providers sponsored a Health Science Career Fair at Ten Oaks Middle School. AAST students were able to speak to representatives and learn more about opportunities available to them in our local healthcare industry.



# AROUND AAST



2nd Place:  
Annabelle Carpentier  
3rd Place:  
Brynn Smith  
Honorable Mention:  
Alexandra Belton  
Jenna DiGiovanni  
Zyir Vamper



Spring Gala Tickets are now available on MyPaymentsPlus. Prices are \$35 until March 10; \$45 March 11-28; and \$55 March 29-April 16. No tickets will be sold after April 16. Be sure to read all the information attached to the activity on MPP and turn in your guest ID to the Google Form attached to MPP.

Congratulations to the junior students who excelled in the SCEA's Read Across South Carolina poster competition. We are pleased to announce three honorable mentions, as well as a 2nd and 3rd place entry. Great job from all participants!

## AAST Beta Club Talent Show

March 26th, 2024  
6:00 to 7:30



All proceeds will be donated to the  
Make-a-Wish Foundation



\$5 for 12 and up, \$3 for under.

## Guidance Information

For up to date scholarship information, [click here!](#)  
You can also find this link on your grade level  
Google Classroom!

It is time to schedule your student's Junior Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) meeting! During this meeting, we will discuss college applications, post-secondary plans, scholarships, and remaining graduation requirements. The meeting should last no longer than 30 minutes. Please contact your student's school counselor to schedule a meeting. You can also contact Ms. Moore at the front desk to schedule an appointment.

## CLASSIC @ THE AAST LIBRARY

## Darius the Great Is Not Okay by Adib Khorram

Darius Kellner speaks better Klingon than Farsi, and he knows more about Hobbit social cues than Persian ones. He's a Fractional Persian - half, his mom's side - and his first-ever trip to Iran is about to change his life. Darius has never really fit in at home, and he's sure things are going to be the same in Iran. His clinical depression doesn't exactly help matters, and trying to explain his medication to his grandparents only makes things harder. Then Darius meets Sohrab, the boy next door, and everything changes. Soon, they're spending their days together, playing soccer, eating faludeh, and talking for hours on a secret rooftop overlooking the city's skyline. Sohrab calls him Darioush - the original Persian version of his name - and Darius has never felt more like himself than he does now that he's Darioush to Sohrab.

