

# AAST NEWSLETTER

March 11 - March 15, 2024

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Robotics

March 21 - 23 N. Charleston

### 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

## AAST Hosts Annual Spring Art Show

This week, AAST hosted an exhibit of artwork created by students in the Advanced Art and Web & Digital Communications majors. The exhibit included a selection of AAST's entries to the 2024 Burroughs & Chapin High School Juried Art Competition and several works entered to ArtFields, Jr. On Thursday, friends and family members visited the exhibition to view the work and celebrate the accomplishments of these students.



### Artfields, Jr Accepted Students

For the [full list of winners and to see their art, click the link here!](#)



The Advanced Art and Web & Digital students have participated in these visual art competitions for years, and every spring, they eagerly wait to find out if their work was accepted. The ArtFields, Jr. show takes place in Lake City, SC, from April 26th to May 4th, and the Burroughs & Chapin Juried Competition is held at the Myrtle Beach Art Museum from April 21st to May 19th. If you enjoy the arts, we encourage you to visit these shows and support our community's young artists!



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# Ms. Thompson Named Teacher of the Year for the Air and Space Force Association!



Congratulations to Ms. Katie Thompson for being named the Teacher of the Year for the Swamp Fox chapter of the Air and Space Forces Association (AFA). She will also advance to the state competition. Ms. Thompson is a teacher who inspires innovation in Aerospace Engineering and mastery of mathematical concepts. She bridges these two disciplines to inform and prepare students for careers in math and the Aerospace industry.

# Guest Speakers: AAST Alumni, Reilly Wagner and Julia Cortese



# AAST Attends HOSA State Leadership Conference

Pre-Medicine students competed in the HOSA State Leadership Conference in North Charleston on March 13-15. Check out next week's newsletter for competition results!



AAST alumni Reilly Wagner and Julia Cortese dropped by to speak with Aerospace Engineering students about their time at Embry-Riddle University!

# Networking Guest Speakers

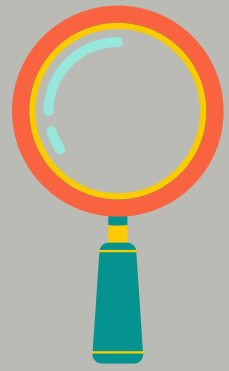


Mr. Shane Clancy, Senior Manager of Cyber Security at Santee Cooper, delivered a presentation to students studying Cybersecurity and Networking. During his talk, he discussed the industry's expansion and future trajectory, as well as the daily tasks he fulfills in his role. He also provided valuable insights on how students can strategically position themselves for success in this rapidly growing field.

Networking students also participated in a virtual presentation on FBI 101. Throughout the session, students were presented with information on various career paths and opportunities within the FBI organization. They were given the chance to engage in interactive discussions by asking questions.







On Thursday, students in Ms. Rielly's Forensic Science class were able to practice lifting latent prints. Students learned that lifting finger prints is an art and takes significant practice to lift reliable fingerprints that are not smudged in the process.

## Pre-Medicine Students Returning from Internships



Through their internships, pre-medicine students gain exposure to a wide range of medical specialties, witnessing diverse healthcare procedures and treatments. As pre-medicine students returned this week from their internships at local medical facilities, they bring back a unique blend of theoretical knowledge, practical skills, and a heightened sense of purpose.



Thursday was March 14th, which we celebrate as Pi Day! Students were able to enjoy some pie to recognize Pi Day, 3.14.





# AROUND AAST



**"If you see something, say something.@"**  
HCS is committed to providing our students and staff members with a safe and secure learning environment.



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.

## SIDEWALK CHALK AND TEDDY BEAR CLINIC



**MARCH 28TH**

## 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

## The Adventure Zone: Here There Be Gerblins by The McElroy's

Welcome to the Adventure Zone!

**SEE!** The illustrated exploits of three lovable dummies set loose in a classic fantasy adventure!

**READ!** Their journey from small-time bodyguards to world-class artifact hunters!

**MARVEL!** At the sheer metafictional chutzpah of a graphic novel based on a story created in a podcast where three dudes and their dad play a tabletop role-playing game in real time!

Join Taako, the elf wizard, Merle, the dwarf cleric, and Magnus, the human warrior, for an adventure they are poorly equipped to handle AT BEST, guided ("guided") by their snarky DM, in a graphic novel that, like the smash-hit podcast it's based on, will tickle your funny bone, tug your heartstrings, and probably pants you if you give it half a chance.

