

AAST NEWSLETTER

April 29 - May 3, 2024

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UPCOMING EVENTS

New Junior Orientation
May 16

Senior Exams
May 20 - 21

Senior Ceremony
May 29, 7:00 pm
MBHS Auditorium

Senior Awards
May 23, 6:00 pm

Senior Day
May 23

US History EOCT
May 30

Junior Exams
June 4-5



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A Busy Week for Clean Energy



Students did a great job harvesting and preparing different types of lettuce from their garden outside and indoor hydroponic system. They also brought in toppings and shared salad with the staff. Delicious!



Clean Energy seniors have been putting in serious work on their senior projects. These include a "koi" pond, pollinator garden, Leopold bench, and a gravel path!



AAST was chosen to receive a Moon Tree! 🚀🌕🌲

The seed of this Loblolly Pine flew 270,000 miles on the Artemis I mission aboard the Orion spacecraft in 2022! Now, it will make its new home at AAST. After a careful review of hundreds of applications, NASA selected organizations from across the country to receive 'Moon Tree' seedlings that flew around the Moon to plant in their communities. A diverse array of tree species, including Sycamores, Sweetgums, Douglas Firs, Loblolly Pines, and Giant Sequoias, were flown around the surface of the Moon. On May 1st, we planted our Moon Tree! Now, we will watch it grow tall and strong, inspiring all of us to reach for the stars, the moon, and beyond!

Alumni Spotlight: Tristan Blackmon

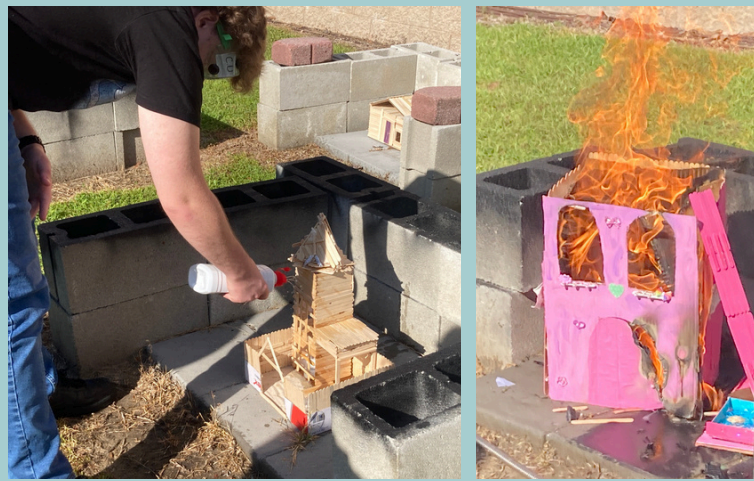


Tristan Blackmon

Tristan is a creative and hardworking student and an unassuming, yet original, digital practitioner. His creations have been inspiring and thought-provoking in DCD classrooms. Tristan's willingness to go above and beyond the requirements of assignments makes him a truly refreshing presence in the classrooms

Congratulations, AAST Alumni Tristan Blackmon, on being named Outstanding Freshman in the Digital Culture and Design Department at CCU!

Arson Investigation in Forensic Science



In Mr. Davenport's forensic science classes, students became arson investigators this week. They worked in teams to construct houses and develop a narrative around their creations. With supervision, they then assumed the role of an "arsonist" and deliberately set fire to the structures they built. Throughout this process, they carefully documented the events leading up to, during, and after the burn. The purpose of this exercise was to enable them to analyze the video footage and their notes, wearing their investigator hats, to determine the exact location of the fire's origin and the substance used to accelerate it.

AAST Welcomes Pre-Medicine Guest Speakers



AAST was proud to welcome the following guest speakers on Friday:
 Haley Payne, Sharing Hope Organ Procurement
 Stephanie Tan, MUSC Charleston Medical Physics
 Natalie Lennard, McLeod Florence Nursing Forensics
 Dr. Tom Walsh, Prime Pet Veterinary Rehabilitation
 We were so excited to have our students hear from professionals in unique healthcare fields.

Simulated Car Crash in EMS



Mrs. McCallum's EMS class, students experienced the intensity and urgency of emergency medical response through a mock trauma assessment scenario. The setup included a simulated overturned car with a driver trapped inside, challenging two EMS crews to respond effectively. The students, acting as EMS professionals, worked diligently to assess and treat the "injured" driver, showcasing their developing skills in emergency medical care and teamwork. This hands-on exercise provided a powerful learning experience, reinforcing the critical importance of quick thinking and efficient medical intervention in real-world trauma situations.

New Faces @ AAST



Ms. Sara Arthur



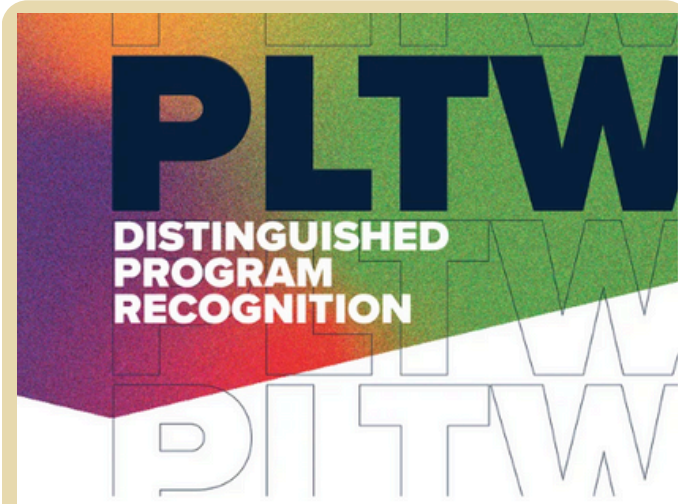
Ms. Elaine Todd

AAST is thrilled to welcome Ms. Sara Arthur as our new Technology Support Assistant and Ms. Elaine Todd returns to us as our Learning Loss Specialist!

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.



Congratulations AAST on being recognized as a 2023-24 PLTW Distinguished High School!



Click the links below to learn more about AAST's plans to keep our koi safe!

[Standard Response Protocol for Parents \(English\)](#)

[Standard Response Protocol for Parents \(Spanish\)](#)

[School Safety Poster](#)

National Principal's Day



Happy Principal's Day to our own Kelly Wilson! Thanks for all you do to make AAST awesome!

Important Attendance Information

The end of the school year is quickly approaching. Many students have exceeded the allowable number of unexcused absences. Check your Power School Parent and Student accounts!

Attendance recovery begins April 15th, 2024. Sessions will be from 2:45 - 3:15 pm in the Media Center after school.

Two sessions = 1 block attendance recovery.

Many base schools also offer attendance recovery options and opportunities.

For questions, please contact Connie Grant cgrant@horrycountyschools.net



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO READ THIS SCHOOL YEAR? JOIN THE 24-25 HCS BATTLE OF THE BOOKS!