

AAST NEWSLETTER

May 27 - May 31, 2024

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior Exams
June 4-5
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Have a
great
SUMMER



This issue of the AAST Newsletter is dedicated to the
AAST Class of 2024!



AAST Senior Ceremony

Congratulations, AAST Class of 2024!

On May 29th, the AAST Senior Ceremony was held at the Myrtle Beach High School Auditorium. Thank you to all the faculty, staff, parents, and students who helped make our Senior Ceremony a success!

AAST on the Web!
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AAST White Coat and EKG Pinning Ceremony



On May 31, AAST held its White Coat and EKG Pinning Ceremony. AAST had 36 students pass the exam and receive their EKG Pin and National EKG Technician Licenses. In addition, 32 students received their Pharmacy Technician certification. A total of 19 of those students received both their EKG and Pharmacy Technician certificates! Congratulations to these newly credentialed medical professionals, who are ready to work!

AAST Juniors Play the Game of Life



AAST Juniors participated in the Game of Life. Students were assigned jobs based on their major and went through the stations showing them the realistic costs of living as an adult. Thank you to the faculty and staff who organized and ran this amazing event and to our student volunteers!

AAST Sweeps ArcGIS Competition



**BAILEY
BAXTER**



**BRANDON
BERNAL-ANDRADE**



**KEVIN
BENI**



**NATHAN
MILLER**

"Here at AAST, our students don't just learn the fundamentals of GIS - they apply their skills to real-world problems," said Evan Sellers, AAST's GIS teacher. "There are not many high school students in the country that have access to a GIS class, and our students are fortunate to gain hands-on experience that employers and colleges value. This head start will undoubtedly give them a competitive edge as they continue their educational and career journeys."

We are thrilled to announce that four Academy of Arts, Science, and Technology students swept top honors in the ESRI's ArcGIS Online Competition for High School & Middle School Students.

In the state-level competition for South Carolina, AAST's GIS students dominated the leaderboard. Bailey Baxter took home the top prize and earned the opportunity to represent our state in the national competition. Close behind were Brandon Bernal-Andrade, Nathan Miller, and Kevin Beni, who rounded out the top four placings.

South Carolina's entries were judged by members of the Naval Information Warfare Center (NIWC) Atlantic Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Outreach Program as well as the South Carolina Council on Competitiveness.

Organized annually by ESRI, the world's leading GIS software development company, and the National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE), this competition challenges students across the United States to conduct and share research projects about their home state using ArcGIS Online, a powerful geographic information systems (GIS) platform. Participants must gather, create, analyze, interpret, and present data via an ArcGIS StoryMap, a web-based application that allows users to combine maps, narrative text, images, and multimedia content.

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.



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](#)



Congratulations Class of 2024!

*Work Hard. Be Nice. and Be Present!
We love you!*

AAST SENIOR PORTRAIT INFORMATION



The link to schedule a session at school can be found [here](#). Begin by selecting your school under School Photography. This year seniors will be able to sign up for either a Deluxe Session, which includes casual poses, or a Basic Yearbook Session. All scheduling and payments should be made through the website.

Final Exam Schedule

Junior Exams

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

2nd Block Exam - 8:15 to 10:15 AM
3rd Block Exam - 10:20 to 12:20 PM

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

1st Block Exam - 8:15 to 10:15 AM
4th Block Exam - 10:20 to 12:20 PM

Bus riders will grab a bag lunch on the way to the bus exit. The cafeteria will have a station set up in the bus hallway. Students should have their lunch number ready.



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