

# AAST NEWSLETTER

September 11th - September 15th, 2023

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

SIC and CTE Advisory Meeting  
September 21  
5:00pm - 7:00pm

College Application Day  
September 22

Interims Issued  
September 22

Senior Makeup Picture Day  
September 26

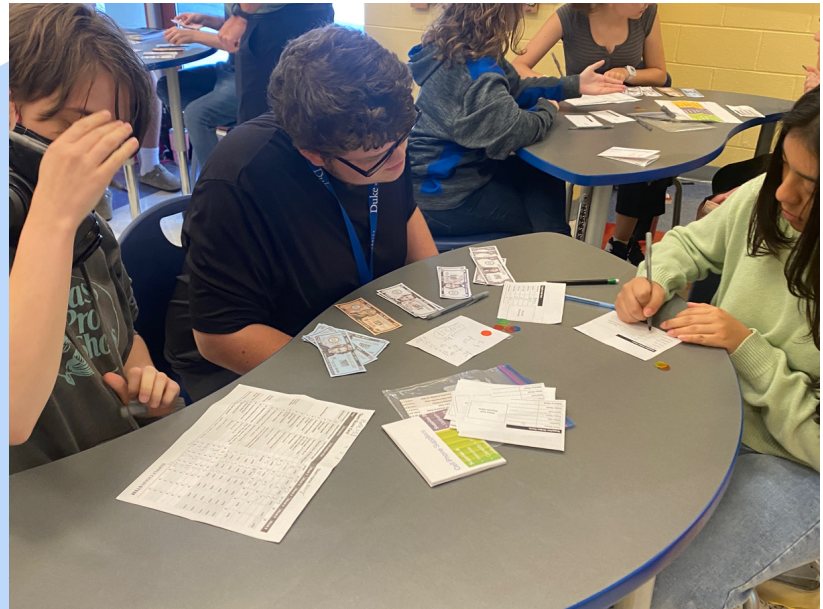
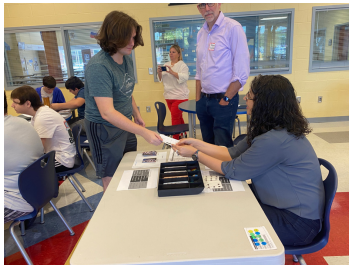
### Safety Info



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](#)

## AAST Students Participate in Cell Phone Supply Chain Game



AAST students in the Global Logistics, Informatics, Computer Science, and Networking majors competed in the Cell Phone Supply Chain Game. This game is an educational tool used by the South Carolina Council on Competitiveness. This activity was organized through the SC Logistics initiative. By participating in the game students learned the basic principles behind logistics and supply chains. At the close of the activity, students learned the fundamental concept of how supply chains work and how they impact their daily lives. Students were also exposed to the various career opportunities available within the logistics industry.

The Cell Phone Supply Chain Game was developed by APICS (American Production and Inventory Control Society) and is part of its Supply Chain STEM Program which focuses on presenting supply chain and STEM careers as viable options to today's K-12 youth in an effort to eliminate the supply chain talent gap.

AAST on the Web!  
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## AAST Alumni Spotlight: Daniel Winters, Class of '08

After graduating in 2008 from the Pre-Med program at AAST, I attended College of Charleston where I majored in Biology with minors in Chemistry and Spanish. I then attended the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, graduating in 2017, and matching to a pediatrics residency in Western Massachusetts where we could be closer to my husband's family. After finishing residency in 2020 I spent a year as pediatric chief resident for Baystate Children's Hospital before joining a local pediatric private practice. Now I work daily as an outpatient pediatrician with children and families from all walks of life to ensure they are meeting their growth and developmental milestones from birth until 22 years of age, and diagnose and treat a variety of chronic and acute diseases. We live in Glastonbury, Connecticut with our golden retriever and are working towards starting a family. Our free time is spent working in the garden, going on hikes, zipping around New England for antiques, and trying to get home to Myrtle Beach as often as possible to see our family and friends!

### Clean Energy Guest Speaker: Jack Stollenmeier, Water Garden Creations



Ms. Johnson's Clean Energy students hosted Jack Stollenmaier from Water Garden Creations who came out to speak to her students about revitalizing the pond on the back of the school to create a balanced ecosystem.

**WATER GARDEN CREATIONS**

### Pharmacology Students in the AAST Pharmacy



The AAST Pharmacy is all set up with our new shelving! Students have 200+ bulk Rx bottles to arrange alphabetically, according to brand name, just like a working pharmacy. Most labels are listed by their generic name, so students need to research their (sometimes multiple!) brand names and choose the most common one. It's definitely an eye-opening learning activity!

## National Merit Recognitions at AAST



National Merit Semifinalists  
From left: Dakota Beasley, Dylan Foster, Isabella Markunas and Nicholas Orlando

Congratulations to the national merit semifinalists from AAST! It is a great achievement for these students to be recognized for their outstanding academic abilities. Additionally, we would like to acknowledge and honor multiple other students who have received various recognitions for their exceptional accomplishments.



From left: Cameron Bell and Aiyanna Green, National Indigenous Award; Tiegan Powe, National African American Recognition Award; Rachel Pirttima, Edwardo Gonzalez Coli and Ethan Irizarry, National Hispanic Recognition Award



## Our Koi Beyond AAST Waters

One of the many benefits of attending AAST is that students can choose to concentrate their education according to a specific major program within our walls while still participating in myriad activities at their base schools. There is no need for our students to sacrifice the activities that they love in order to come to the school that they love--they can absolutely do both! Pictured left are the AAST students who participated in extracurriculars at their base school this fall. Help us celebrate their dedication and success!

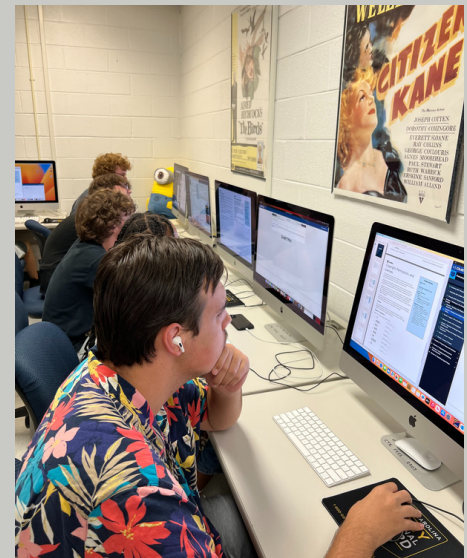
### Guest Speaker: US Navy CTR Team

The US Navy came to speak with Mr. Rose's 1st block class about cybersecurity careers, training, educational requirements and applications as they relate to the US Navy.

A cryptologic technician is a US Navy enlisted rating or job specialty. Technicians provide in-depth analysis on a variety of complex digital communications signals using sophisticated communications equipment and computer technology to provide critical intelligence information.



**Entertainment Technology** seniors are currently utilizing GMetrix to diligently prepare for the Adobe Photoshop Certification exam. This exam holds great significance as it validates their proficiency in using Adobe Photoshop. By engaging with GMetrix, they are able to familiarize themselves with the exam format and content, ensuring they are well-prepared and confident on exam day. This thorough preparation will undoubtedly contribute to their success in achieving the Adobe Photoshop Certification.



**Clean Energy** seniors tested various light bulbs and appliances to compare their energy use and look for vampire, or standby, power. They performed calculations to figure out the true cost (energy cost+product cost with life expectancy).

### Parents and Students:

Help the yearbook staff!! Upload your own school-appropriate pictures to our yearbook photo pool through Josten's ReplayIt using this QR code:

Upload as many as you want —just make sure they are school appropriate and that they only show AAST students. This code will be open until April 2024. Questions? See Mrs. Rielly in room 602. Thanks!



# NEED TO KNOW @ AAST



## COVID-19 Information

If your child tests positive for Covid-19, please call the school nurse to inform them of your child's illness. Please take a photo of your positive test result and fill out the Covid home test form and email both to the school nurse at [sknight001@horrycountyschools.net](mailto:sknight001@horrycountyschools.net)

If you have a doctor's excuse, please forward the excuse to [cgrant@horrycountyschools.net](mailto:cgrant@horrycountyschools.net), with the expected date of return. Please remember that the CDC requires 5 days quarantine from the beginning of symptoms and return to school on the 6th day, or next business day after.

Example: If a student tested positive on Tuesday, the student would return to school on the following Monday. Please call Ms. Susan Knight, AAST school nurse at 843-903-8470 if you have any questions.



## AAST Game Club



Are you interested in games? From Dungeons and Dragons to all sorts of board games, the AAST Game Club has it all. The Game Club meets every Wednesday in the Media Center at 2:50 and it ends at 4:00. You need to make sure you have a ride at 4:00. If you have any questions, ask Ms. Weaver, Mr. Sodano, or Mrs. Compton.

## AAST Yearbooks

AAST Yearbooks are now on sale! Click [here](#) to go to the website to purchase your book as well as personalize it and get senior ads. For any questions email Ms. Bonaccorso at [kbonaccorso@horrycountyschools.net](mailto:kbonaccorso@horrycountyschools.net).

**BUY YOUR  
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## NEW @ THE AAST LIBRARY

### Tress of the Emerald Sea by Brandon Sanderson

The only life Tress has known on her island home in an emerald-green ocean has been a simple one, with the simple pleasures of collecting cups brought by sailors from faraway lands and listening to stories told by her friend Charlie. But when his father takes him on a voyage to find a bride and disaster strikes, Tress must stow away on a ship and seek the Sorceress of the deadly Midnight Sea. Amid the spore oceans where pirates abound, can Tress leave her simple life behind and make her own place sailing a sea where a single drop of water can mean instant death?

For more books by Brandon Sanderson, feel free to stop by the library and ask Mr. Easler! We have Sanderson's entire bibliography!

