

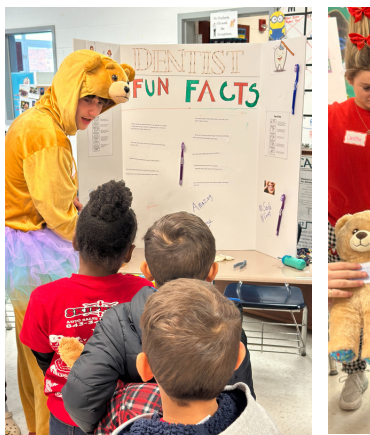
# AAST NEWSLETTER

December 11 - December 15, 2023

a stem school ~ realize the possibilities



## Pre-Medicine Students Host Winter Teddy Bear Clinic



## UPCOMING EVENTS

December 20 to January 1  
Holiday Break

January 9  
US History EOCT

January 31 to February 4  
Senior Trip



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Mon Dec 18 Winter wonderland  
Celebrate a winter wonderland by donning all-white, or with outfits inspired by various forms of snow, from snowmen to snowflakes.

Tues Dec 19. Holiday character day  
Dress like your favorite winter holiday character/figure!

On December 15, Conway Elementary School and Waccamaw Elementary School kindergarteners visited AAST for the Teddy Bear Clinic! The Pre-Medicine major partnered with local organizations to teach the kindergarteners how to treat their teddy bears with kindness and maintain the best health and safety practices. This is a school-wide collaboration, with Aerospace Engineering, Teacher Cadets, Clean Energy, Robotics, and Spanish classes also participating. Thank you to those who helped make this fantastic event possible!

For more information about the Pre-Medicine major, see our Major Spotlight on page 3!

AAST on the Web!  
Stay Connected!



## Clean Energy Camping at Playcard



The Environmental Engineering camping trip to Playcard was an amazing experience! The students had a great time exploring an old-growth forest and wetland habitat. They also engaged in various team-building activities, which helped students develop cooperation, leadership, and character skills. Overall, it was a successful trip that provided valuable learning opportunities for the students.

## Christmas Cookies

Thank you to our amazing Parent Involvement Committee for providing cookies to every student during lunch this week!



## Fostering Hope Toy and Coat Drive



Pre-Medicine sponsored a toy and coat drive for Fostering Hope which resulted in 258 total donated items for families in need this holiday season! Thank you to all who donated!



## Web and Digital Visit Coastal



Ms. Etherson's Web & Digital Communication students visited CCU and interacted with esteemed professionals Dr. Jen Boyle and Dr. Anna Mukamal from the Digital Culture & Design department.

During the visit, students gained valuable insights into the curriculum content and various career opportunities available in this field. Additionally, the students had an immersive experience in the Digital Humanities Department, allowing them to engage in hands-on activities and further enhance their understanding of digital design.



You're invited to learn more about our exciting STEM career pathways!

**Open House Dates:**

**Thursday, December 7, 2023 6:00pm to 7:00pm**

**Thursday, January 4, 2024 6:00pm to 7:00pm**

**Tuesday, January 23, 2024 6:00pm to 7:00pm**

Applications will open on January 5th, 2024. You may apply on the Horry County Schools or AAST website. Application deadline is February 2nd, 2024.

**For more information about what we offer at AAST visit our school webpage, social media pages (@hcsaast) and explore the following links!**

### Arts and

### Entertainment

- Advanced Art
- Entertainment Technology

### Health Science

- Biomedical Science
- Pre-Medicine
- Public Health

### Engineering

- Aerospace Engineering
- Clean Energy with Environmental Engineering
- Innovations in STEM with Core Engineering

### Information Technology

- Computer Science
- Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- Informatics
- Networking with Cybersecurity
- Web and Digital Communications

### AAST Informational Brochure

**Want to Join Our Koi Family?**

# Major Spotlight

# Pre-Medicine



**Pre-Medicine** is a two-year major that provides exposure to many careers in the rapidly expanding medical/health care field. The program includes classroom instruction, clinical experiences, research, community service, and a focus on 21st Century Skills. The goal of the major is to allow students to assess interests and abilities regarding a career in a professional medical area such as nursing, physical therapy, radiology, dentistry, veterinary and/or medical school and to prepare students for post-secondary education. Pre-Medicine opens doors to exciting career exploration and allows the student to participate in medical experiences which may inform their future education and career plans. This program of study provides real world application to careers in health care.

In Pre-Medicine, students are introduced to the exciting and greatly diverse career choices offered in the medical field. These potential areas include health and medical, surgical, veterinary, dental, psychological, therapeutic, and alternative treatments. As students grow into young professionals in the early stages of the program, they begin internships at local facilities such as hospitals, medical offices, and fire & rescue units. These internships help students to determine the areas of health and medicine that are best suited for them and the career paths they may take. Pre-medicine is both a challenging and highly satisfying course of study that helps students develop a passion and respect for the medical profession.



Pre-Med students get hands-on learning experiences with local medical facilities.



Pre-Med students are able to be a member of HOSA, and compete in the state leadership competition in Charleston.



Students learn and practice CPR skills on state-of-the-art equipment.



As seniors, students participate in internships.



In the fall and spring, students help run the Red Cross Blood Drive.



Students working with local elementary schools for the Teddy Bear Clinic.

## AAST Alumni in Entertainment Technology

AAST alumni Emily Todd (2021), Thomas Vehige (2019), and Emma Ann Lay (2020), pictured below, all stopped by to talk to Mr. Johnson's ET students about their experiences at AAST and their major choices in college relating to the entertainment industry.



## AAST Alumna in Web and Digital

Web and Digital Communications welcomed MK McElveen, who shared her post-graduation journey with junior and senior students. MK recently returned from a fruitful trip to Belize, where she leveraged her expertise in documentary photography, acquired during her time as an AAST student, to document her impactful work with families.



## Winter Spirit Week



# NEED TO KNOW @ AAST

**WARMEST WISHES FROM  
OUR KOI FAMILY TO  
YOURS!**



## Safety Information



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](#)

## 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 Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson

First published in 1959, Shirley Jackson's *The Haunting of Hill House* has been hailed as a perfect work of unnerving terror. It is the story of four seekers who arrive at a notoriously unfriendly pile called Hill House: Dr. Montague, an occult scholar looking for solid evidence of a "haunting"; Theodora, his lighthearted assistant; Eleanor, a friendless, fragile young woman well acquainted with poltergeists; and Luke, the future heir of Hill House. At first, their stay seems destined to be merely a spooky encounter with inexplicable phenomena. But Hill House is gathering its powers—and soon it will choose one of them to make its own.

