

AAST NEWSLETTER

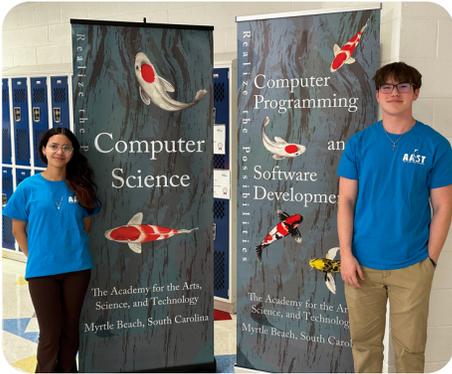
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AAST Holds Successful Open House



a stem school ~ realize the possibilities

December 8 - December 12, 2025



It was great meeting all the potential Future Koi at Tuesday nights first Open House! Thank you to all who attended and to all of our teachers and student ambassadors who made the night a success!

Upcoming Events



WINTER BREAK
DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 2

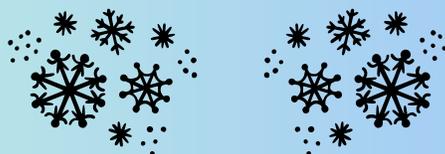
AAST OPEN HOUSE
JANUARY 22, 6-7PM

US HISTORY EOC
JANUARY 13

AAST OPEN HOUSE
FEBRUARY 12, 6-7PM

BIOLOGY EOC
JANUARY 14

2.5 HOUR EARLY
DISMISSAL
JANUARY 16



Open House
January 22,
6pm to 7pm!

Celebrating AAST Teacher of the Year: Evan Sellers



We were thrilled to recognize Evan Sellers, our AAST Teacher of the Year, at the Rotary Club of Myrtle Beach luncheon today. It was a wonderful opportunity to honor his dedication, innovation, and commitment to our students. We are grateful not only for Mr. Sellers, but also for all the outstanding educators in our community who make a difference every day.

Greenwood Genetics Center



The Mobile Science Laboratory Program along with the technology and expertise of the Greenwood Genetics Center visited AAST this week. Students in Ms. Sellers' Biology Honors and Medicinal Interventions classes engaged in fun, entertaining and educational scenarios where they had the opportunity to learn about genetic traits and disorders, understand the lab techniques used in making a diagnosis as well as consider the ethical implications of testing and explore careers in the life sciences.

Aluminum Assault at CFE Founder's Day

Team 1287 recently visited Carolina Forest Elementary's Founder's Day celebration, where they introduced students to the exciting world of robotics. The team brought along their Cozmo bots and demonstrated how the robots work, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm among the elementary students. Team members talked with children about coding, problem-solving, and the creativity involved in robotics, giving many of them their first hands-on experience with this technology. It was a fun and engaging outreach event that helped inspire the next generation of young engineers and innovators.



FOSTERING HOPE TOY DRIVE

THE NATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY
IS HOSTING A TOY DRIVE TO SUPPORT FOSTERING HOPE



Wednesday, December 3rd - Wednesday, December 17th

Please bring new, unwrapped toy
donations to Mrs. Hewitt's Room 604

DONATION IDEAS:

PUZZLES, PLAY-DOH SETS, TOY CARS OR TRUCKS, BABY DOLLS, COLORFUL BLOCKS,
ACTION FIGURES, BARBIES AND FASHION DOLLS, LEGO SETS, ART SUPPLIES
(MARKERS, CRAYONS, SKETCH PADS), CRAFT KITS, SMALL STEM KITS, SOCCER BALL,
BASKETBALL, HOT WHEELS SETS, JOURNALS AND GEL PENS, BOARD GAMES OR
CARD GAMES, MAKEUP PALETTES, FIDGETS, PUZZLE BOOKS (SUDOKU, WORD
SEARCHES), GRAPHIC NOVELS OR POPULAR YA BOOKS, COLORING BOOKS,
STUFFED ANIMALS, SLIME/DIY KITS, NERF TOYS

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DECEMBER 8 - DECEMBER 19
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NEHS

As we prepare for our upcoming AAST Open Houses, we invite students and families to explore our major brochures online. Each brochure provides detailed information about the curriculum, opportunities, and career pathways for every program at AAST.

You can find all of the brochures conveniently [here](#) to help plan your visit and learn more about what each major has to offer.



New @ AAST Library:

The Leaving Room by Amber McBride

Gospel is the Keeper of the Leaving Room—a place all young people must phase through when they die. The young are never ready to leave; they need a moment to remember and a Keeper to help their wispy souls along.

When a random door opens and a Keeper named Melodee arrives, their souls become entangled. Gospel's seriousness melts and Melodee's fear of connection fades, but still—are Keepers allowed to fall in love? Now they must find a way out of the Leaving Room and be unafraid of their love. In a novel that takes place over four minutes, National Book Award finalist Amber McBride explores connection, memory, and hope in ways that are unforgettable and poignant.



AAST's Senior Student of the Month is Kynsli Newman!

Kynsli Newman truly exemplifies AAST school spirit in everything she does. She consistently encourages her classmates to participate in school events and fosters a sense of unity within the student body. A dynamic yet quiet leader, Kynsli leads by example—showing that leadership does not always require the loudest voice, but rather steady dedication and genuine care for others.

Her kindness stands out every day. She warmly welcomes new students, helps them feel included, and creates an environment where everyone feels valued. Whether she's greeting others with a smile or giving her best effort in class, Kynsli approaches every situation with positivity and grace. Kynsli is a remarkable young woman with a generous heart, and we are proud to recognize her for the spirit, compassion, and integrity she brings to our school community.



AAST's Junior Student of the Month is Lillian Pitluk!

Lillian Pitluk is an exceptional AP Biology student whose creativity and academic commitment make her stand out in every setting. An Entertainment Technology major, Lillian brings a rare blend of discipline, artistic talent, and intellectual curiosity to our school community. This year she won our school's Poetry Out Loud competition, demonstrating both confidence and strong interpretive skill. Over Thanksgiving break, she spent five days and two nights on set acting in *Southern Gothic*, a short film based on the 1930s Boo Hag legend, filmed on location at a historic plantation and worker's cottage. The film is now being submitted for consideration at the Cannes Film Festival in Europe.

Beyond her artistic accomplishments, Lillian is a conscientious and academically minded student who approaches AP Biology with maturity, focus, and a genuine desire to understand complex ideas. Her dedication, creativity, and drive make her an outstanding representative of our junior class.



NEHS Christmas Cards

The National English Honor Society embraced the holiday spirit this week by writing 250 heartfelt holiday cards for local veterans. Our students were proud to give back to those who have served, and their thoughtful messages will be delivered to veterans across our community as a small token of gratitude and seasonal cheer.



NEHS at Book Swap Night



National English Honor Society members volunteered at Forestbrook Elementary's Book Swap Night on December 11th, supporting young readers and fostering a love of literacy. Students assisted with event setup and cleanup, staffed the book-swap table and bookmark stations, helped at the "book hospital" repairing and cleaning well-loved books, and welcomed families at the photo wall. Their service and enthusiasm helped to create a successful and engaging evening for the Forestbrook Elementary community.

HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK

AAST Student Council



DECEMBER 15-19

MONDAY

UGLY SWEATER DAY

Bring your best (and ugliest) holiday sweater!



TUESDAY

FAMILY PHOTOS

Find your twin and match for the day!



WEDNESDAY

HOLIDAY CARTOONS

Dress as your favorite holiday cartoon character!



THURSDAY

GRINCH DAY

Go full Grinch mode—green everything!



FRIDAY

SANTAS VS ELVES

Seniors = Santa 🇺🇸
Juniors = Elves 🇩🇪
—pick your side!



Major Spotlight

Innovations in STEM with Core Engineering

Innovations in STEM with Core Engineering students are introduced to the core fundamental concepts of science and technology through authentic projects. Through these projects, students will develop an understanding of the relationship between the physical, biological and social world. Students will gain an understanding of the differences between science and technology, and learn that technology is a process for applying science.

Innovations in STEM will appeal to students who want to use a hands-on approach to solving STEM-related projects and problems that are authentic to the real world and the global workforce. The Innovations in STEM program will develop students' technological literacy and stimulate their interest in pursuing a career in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). This STEM program will provide students with the knowledge and hands-on experiences they need to be successful in the new global workforce. Students in this major have an enthusiastic curiosity and enjoy challenges that involve solving complex real-world problems.

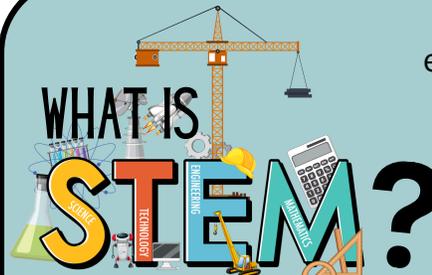


Career Pathways	Median Salary
Industrial Engineer	\$88,950
Mechanical Engineer	\$90,160
Materials Engineer	\$95,640
Nuclear Engineer	\$116,140
Robotics Engineer	\$103,380
Validation Engineer	\$88,950
Mechatronics Engineer	\$103,380
Electrical Engineer	\$100,830

Opportunities



- Industry Standard certifications
- Local and Community mentors
- Innovation and research
- Field Experiences
- Project Based Learning



STEM is a philosophy of education embracing teaching skills and subjects in a way that resembles real life. STEM is about discovering and creating ingenious ways of problem solving, integrating principles, or presenting information.

Pre-Med Students Begin Clinical Internships



Our Pre-Med students returned from their first day of clinical internships energized and inspired. During their initial on-site experience, students shadowed medical professionals, observed real patient care, and gained insight into the daily routines of healthcare settings. This hands-on opportunity allows them to connect classroom learning with real-world medical practice while developing professionalism, communication skills, and confidence in clinical environments. We are excited to see how they grow throughout the internship experience and the passion they bring back to the classroom each week.

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\$30 IN REWARDS*
\$500 grant for each drive collecting 30+ units

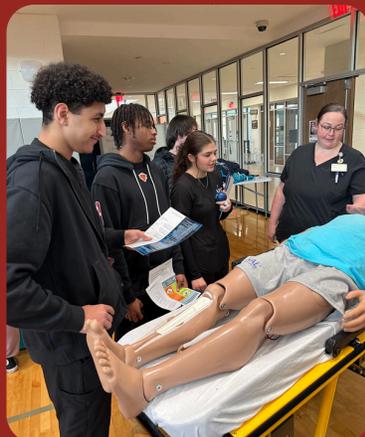
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Health Science Career Fair



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