

AAST NEWSLETTER

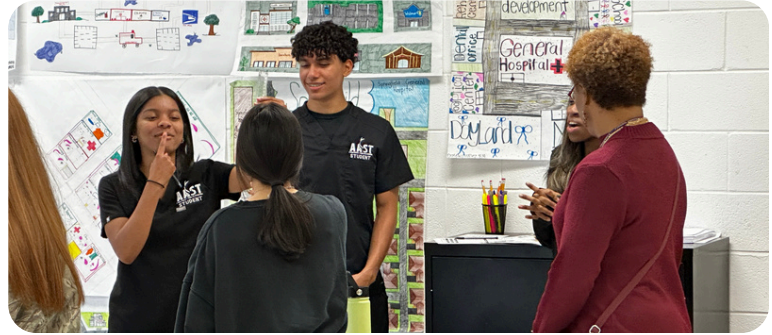
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CTE Showcase



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March 23 - March 27, 2026



On Wednesday, business leaders from across the Grand Strand visited AAST for our CTE Showcase to learn more about the programs offered to our students. Student ambassadors led tours and shared their experiences, highlighting what they've learned and how AAST has prepared them for future careers. This event provided a valuable opportunity for students to practice professional communication skills and network with industry leaders.

During the showcase, Emmeline Cribb was recognized by AAST Advisory Board member Eileen Patony for her outstanding work in creating a presentation for a statewide workforce development conference in Columbia. We are proud of Emmeline's accomplishment and the way our students continue to represent AAST with excellence.

Upcoming Events



AAST TALENT SHOW
MARCH 31 @ 6:00 PM

WIN TEST
MARCH 31

HCS D TECH FAIR
APRIL 1

**TEDDY BEAR CLINIC &
SIDEWALK CHALK**
APRIL 2

**3RD QUARTER REPORT
CARDS AVAILABLE**
APRIL 2

SPRING BREAK
APRIL 3 - APRIL 10

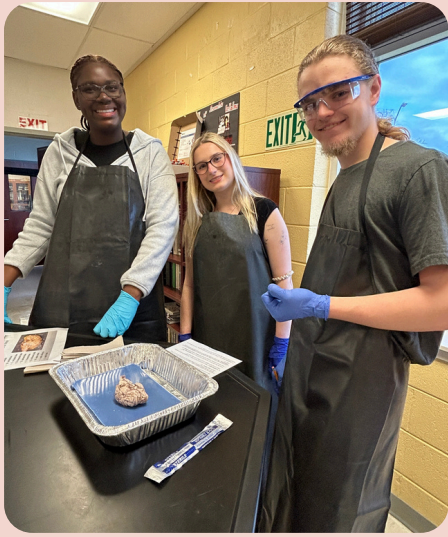
AAST CAREER FAIR
APRIL 17

**NATIONAL LIBRARY
WEEK**
APRIL 19 - APRIL 25

SPRING GALA
APRIL 24, 8:00PM

PCT EXAM
APRIL 28





As part of a study of the nervous system, students in Mrs. Rielly's Anatomy and Physiology Honors class dissected sheep brains to identify the parts that they had been studying. This lab finished the skeletal, muscular, and nervous system systems unit for the students. Next up—the heart!

TSA State Competition

AAST students had an outstanding showing at the TSA State Competition held at Academic Magnet High School in North Charleston, SC! Students earned top placements across a variety of events, demonstrating their hard work, creativity, and technical skills.

Competition Results:

- Technology and Engineering Teacher: Adyson Keller - 1st Place
 - STEM Mass Media: Team 2 (Adyson Keller, Alexandra Lackey, Sofia Karl) - 2nd Place
 - Team 1 (Kylee Laxner, Donald Vanderhyde, Mia Leonard) - 3rd Place
- Promotional Design: Adyson Keller - 3rd Place
- Digital Video Production: Donald Vanderhyde, Mia Leonard, Royelle Rice - 3rd Place
- Photographic Technology: Alexandra Lackey, Sofia Karl - 1st Place
- Geospatial Technology: Mason Keating, Andrew Kennedy - 1st Place
- Transportation Modeling: Andrew Kennedy - 2nd Place

With these impressive results, AAST will be well represented at the TSA National Convention, taking place June 22-26 in National Harbor, MD. Congratulations to all of our competitors, and best of luck at Nationals!



AAST Career Fair

April 17th 2026



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Location: Community Room

Junior Schedule	Senior Schedule
8:30-8:55AM 400 Hall	9:45-10:10AM 400 Hall
9:00-9:25AM 500 & 600 Hall	10:15-11:00AM 500 & 600 Hall

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AAST will host its annual Career Fair on April 17! This exciting event will feature 20 local business leaders who are eager to connect with students, share career insights, and discuss potential opportunities.

The Career Fair is a valuable experience for students of all majors, offering a chance to explore career pathways and engage with professionals in the field. A special thank you to Ms. Etherson and her students for designing the event flyers—we appreciate their creativity and hard work!



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SPRING GALA

APRIL 24, 2026

8:00 PM – 11:00 PM
House of Blues, North Myrtle Beach




Spring Gala 2026 Tickets are now on sale in My Payments Plus! Scan the QR on the left to visit the AAST Spring Gala site for more details! On the site, you will find the AAST information form that includes the eligibility requirements, transportation/behavior expectations, dress code, and attendance expectations/procedures. The guest approval and early dismissal forms are also available on the website.

BEANSTACK

Reading Challenge!

READ. LOG. SPIN. WIN!

TRACK YOUR READING IN BEANSTACK AND HIT MILESTONE GOALS TO EARN A SPIN ON THE LIBRARY GACHAPON MACHINE! EACH SPIN = A SURPRISE PRIZE... WHAT WILL YOU GET?



LOG YOUR READING!

PRIZES INCLUDE:
BLIND BAGS!
FREE BOOKS!
LEGO SETS!
GIFT CARDS!
SNACKS!
CASH MONEY!



Forensics students were working on fingerprinting this week in Mrs. Rielly's class, culminating with a latent fingerprint lifting lab. Students were able to use both black and fluorescent powder, magnetic powder, iodine, fumigation, and cyanoacrylate fumigation techniques to find prints in the classroom.

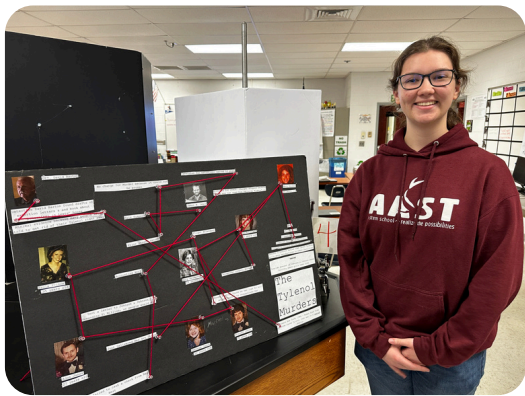
Guest Speaker: Patrick Hunter

Thank you to environmental engineer Patrick Hunter for visiting with our seniors and sharing insight into his career path, including his work on the expansion of the Bull Creek Surface Water Treatment Plant. Students gained valuable real-world knowledge about water treatment and engineering applications.

During the visit, Mr. Hunter led a hands-on water filtration activity, teaching students how to obtain clean water in emergency situations. Students tested the turbidity of water before and after filtration, using data to evaluate the effectiveness of their designs and deepen their understanding of the process.



Cold Case Crime Research in Forensics

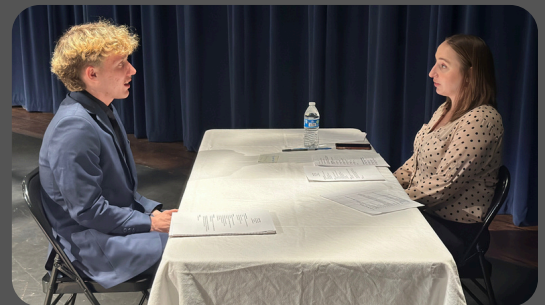


Students in Mrs. Rielly's Honors Forensic Science classes explored cold cases, creating visual crime boards to represent the ties between evidence, suspects, and victims. Students researched and then defended their most reasonable explanations of the events.



Pre-Med students in Health Science 3 recently participated in mock job interviews with physicians from Conway Medical Center as part of their preparation for real-world professional opportunities.

This experience helped students build confidence and strengthen their interview skills as they prepare for future interviews for jobs, medical school, and graduate programs.



AAST Robotics Off to Hartsville

We wish Team 1287 Aluminum Assault the best of luck as they head to Hartsville for their next competition! Our school community came together to give the team a spirited sendoff, showing our support and pride as they represent AAST.

We are excited to cheer them on and can't wait to see all they accomplish—good luck, Team 1287!



CPR Competition in EMS

Students in Health Science 2 and EMS 1 participated in a March Madness-style CPR competition, showcasing their CPR skills through head-to-head brackets. The event emphasized proper technique, teamwork, and the importance of quick responses in emergencies. After several rounds, one student from each class was named CPR Champion.



Advanced Art Recognitions

Students from the Advanced Art major were recognized in the Myrtle Beach International Airport Art Competition. Ava Dillon won 3rd Place, and Keith Barrieault received an Honorable Mention for their works inspired by the theme "A Postcard from Paradise."

Their pieces showcased technical skill and originality. The competition offers a platform for student artists, with selected works displayed in the airport, highlighting the success and commitment of AAST's visual arts students to artistic growth within the community.



HEY AAST!

CONGRATS
ON BEING JURIED IN

to the 26th Annual Horry-Georgetown County High Schools Juried Art Exhibition at the Art Museum:

KEITH BARRIEAULT | *SUMMER '22*
 EMILY BELL | *THE SOUTH AMERICAN LANGUAGE OF DANCE*
 AVA DILLON | *RACE YOU TO THE SANDBOX*
 JANNA ESCAMIS | *WHO AM I TO THOSE WHO KNOW ME*
 DANI GENEST | *UNTANGLED EMBRACE*
 SOPHEIA GILBERT | *POSSESSION AND DESIRE*
 DESTINY GRANT | *LIKENESS*
 ANNABELLE ISBILL | *COMMUNITY*
 MARTHA JUAREZ MARTINEZ | *MISFIT*
 ALYSON LOPEZ GONZALEZ | *FABIOLA GONZALEZ*
 BRIA MATTE | *WITCHES COLLECTION*
 RUBY NADLER | *CUT AND RUN*
 LAILA SINDAB | *SEVENTEEN*
 EVIE SMALL | *LET ME IN*
 KAYLEE SMITH | *PIECES OF ME*
 KENDALL WILLIAMSON | *FINAL DAYS IN THE SUN*
 SANDY GABINO VALESQUEZ | *DREAMSCAPE REFLECTION*

Also huge congratulations to the above students for being juried into the HGTC High School Art Exhibition!