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AAST Spring Gala



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April 27 - May 1, 2026



Last Friday, AAST held its highly anticipated annual Spring Gala at the House of Blues.

Students and staff came together to celebrate a festive gathering filled with music and dance.



Upcoming Events



**NATIONAL SCHOOL
NURSE DAY**
MAY 6

SENIOR EXAMS
MAY 18-19

SENIOR AWARDS
MAY 21, 6:00PM

JUNIOR AWARDS
MAY 22

GAME OF LIFE
MAY 22

MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 25
SCHOOLS CLOSED

SENIOR CEREMONY
MAY 28, 7:00PM
MYRTLE BEACH HIGH
SCHOOL

US HISTORY EOC
MAY 29

**LAST DAY OF
SCHOOL**
JUNE 4, 2.5 HOUR
EARLY DISMISSAL



AAST Spring Gala, cont'd



Environmental Engineering Beach Restoration



On Monday, Environmental Science students spent time on Ethan's Island helping restore the local ecosystem. Students planted Spartina grass that had been grown in our greenhouse and placed Manufactured Wire Reefs they built through the SCDNR SCORE program. This hands-on field experience gave students the opportunity to apply their learning while contributing to an important environmental restoration project. Thank you to the SC Sea Grant Consortium and the SCDNR for providing this outstanding experience.



Earth Day at the Bay



Members of the Science National Honor Society worked hard tie-dyeing shirts during today's Earth Day at the Bay Festival, helping make the event a fun and engaging experience for attendees.

Congratulations as well to Chloe Nicotra, Zoey Rodgers, and Arwen Laing for winning the high school level poster competition. We are proud of their creativity, leadership, and outstanding representation of our school.

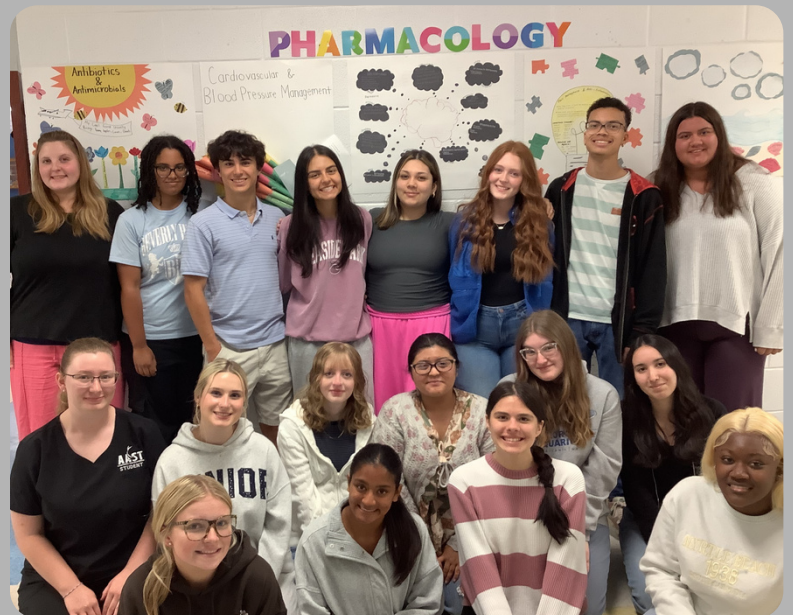


PTCB Certification Exam

We are thrilled to announce that 22 students in our Pharmacology program have successfully passed the PTCB Certification Exam!

Congratulations to our outstanding graduates! This remarkable achievement is a testament to your hard work and dedication. We're equally grateful for the exceptional mentorship of Mrs. Zanelli and Mr. Sodano — your expertise and commitment shaped these future professionals.

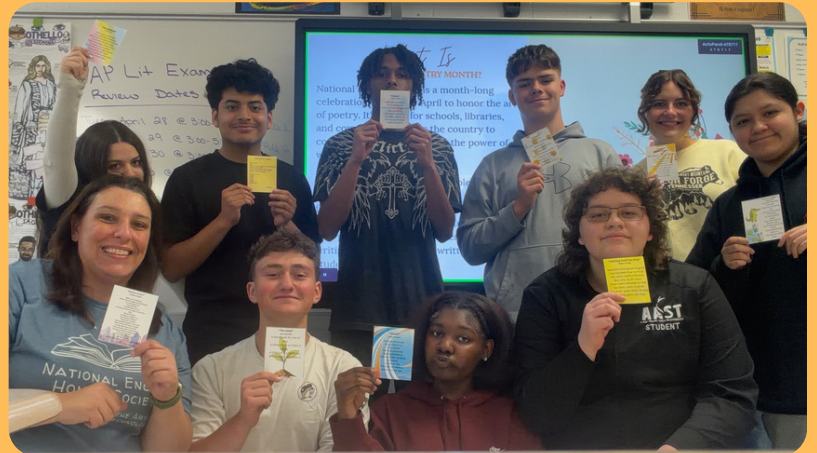
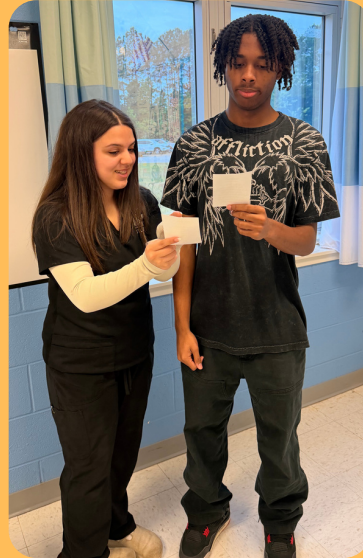
These certified Pharmacy Technicians are now ready to make a real difference in their communities, providing quality patient care and support in healthcare settings.



Poetry in Your Pocket

Poem in Your Pocket Day, celebrated each April during National Poetry Month, began in 2002 in New York City and expanded nationwide in 2008 through the Academy of American Poets. Poem in Your Pocket Day was built on the simple idea to carry a poem, share a poem, and spread joy. AAST's National English Honor Society developed the lesson and the poetry cards that were distributed. During advisory, students learned about Poem in Your Pocket Day and selected their own pocket-sized poem. Throughout the day, students read, kept, and shared their poems with peers, sparking meaningful conversations in hallways, classrooms, and at lunch. By inviting students to exchange and respond to poetry in everyday moments, the activity fostered connection, creativity, and an appreciation for the power of language.

national
poetry month
30th anniversary



Sketching Pet Therapy Dogs

Michelle Kleich was recognized at McLeod's Volunteer Luncheon today for her contributions to the community. She was honored for her work sketching pet therapy dogs for volunteers, sharing her artistic talents in a meaningful and appreciated way.



Guest Speaker: Dr. Tyrone Ceaser, CCU



Students in Ms. Rielly's and Ms. Ford's Anatomy and Physiology classes recently had the opportunity to hear from guest speaker Dr. Tyrone Ceaser, a lecturer in kinesiology at Coastal Carolina University. Dr. Ceaser shared his expertise on the connections between human physiology, performance, and technology, as well as insights from his research in biomechanics and wearable health technology. This engaging presentation gave students a deeper understanding of real-world applications of anatomy and physiology and exposure to potential career pathways in the field.

Bus Driver Day



At AAST, our students are bussed from all around Horry County. For Bus Driver Appreciation Day, AAST would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the bus drivers who drive so many miles each day and get our students safely to and from school!

School Lunch Hero Day



When we say school nutrition professionals are heroes, we mean it! That's why we celebrate them every spring with the annual School Lunch Hero Day. Thank you to the amazing staff of our AAST cafeteria for everything that you do!

Senior Mastery Season



Senior Mastery season at AAST is underway this week. Seniors from every major have demonstrated dedication and accomplishments during their tenure at the Academy. The AAST experience culminates in a Senior Exhibition of Mastery, where students present their research findings and innovative projects to a panel comprising teachers, peers, and community members.

