

AAST NEWSLETTER

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AAST Club Rush



August 24 - August 28, 2026



AAST held its Club Rush in the rotunda during lunch. It allowed new and returning students to get information about the many wonderful clubs that AAST has on offer!

Upcoming Events



White Coat Ceremony
September 3rd, 5:00PM

Schools Closed,
Labor Day, September 7

Blood Drive
September 11

NHS Induction, 6:00PM
September 22

College App Day
September 28

Ed Op Day
October 7

Schools Closed
October 12-13

Spirit Week
October 26-30

Fall Festival
October 29

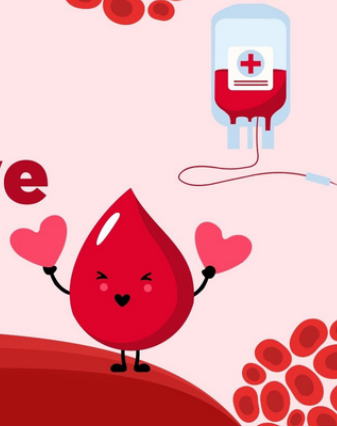


AAST College Application Day

September 25

AAST Blood Drive

September 11



AAST Teacher of the Month

They are really chill and good at teaching. ❤️

She is so sweet and kind, if something has you upset she is always there to talk to. She is also an amazing teacher and her teaching skills are amazing! ❤️

She is an excellent advisory teacher who follows the schedule for advisory while making it enjoyable. 📅

Makes the day better from worse classes. ☀️

Elisha Caudill

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING TEACHER

She makes advisory very fun! 😊

Mrs. Caudill should be teacher of the month because she is very engaging and makes everything fun. She is also very helpful and gives good advice when needed. 👍

she is the sweeties advisory teacher ever!!!! ❤️

She's an amazing teacher! ★

cause shes super amazing awesome sauce ★

Shes the most welcoming and funniest teacher in AAST 😄

This teacher makes sure that you get your work done on time and she actually cares for your wellbeing. She will make sure all your needs and wants are taken care of and a good human being. 👥

She should be named teacher of the month as she explains the material thoroughly and clearly. Very understanding. ✔️

Mrs. Caudill makes the learning environment at a new school easier to adjust while making her students comfortable to confide in her for any reasons. (Major kids and her non-major students) She is always trying to help make lessons reach across her students and to get everyone on the same wave length. ⚙️

she is very nice and helpful ❤️

she is very great to talk to and she is great at giving advice and she is very fun to have throughout my day

THANK YOU, Mrs. Caudill, for being an amazing teacher, advisor, and role model! ❤️

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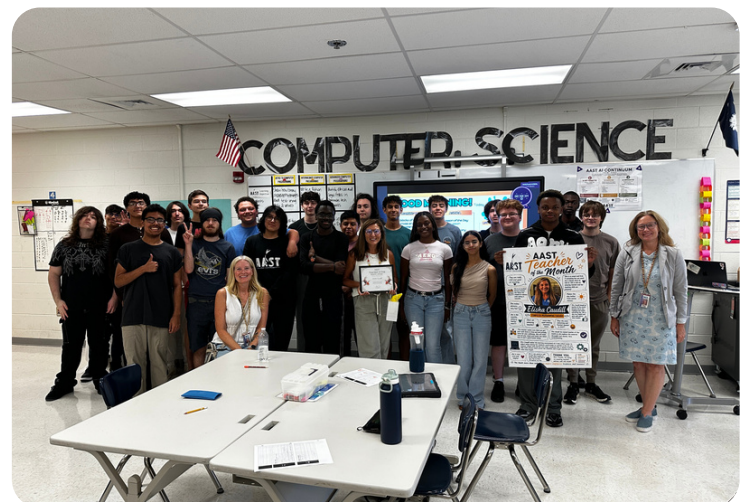
You teach more than code... you inspire confidence, kindness, and success! 🚀

AAST Teacher of the Month, Ms. Elisha Caudill

This year, we're excited to recognize an AAST Teacher of the Month, nominated by our students! Each month, students have the opportunity to recognize a teacher who makes learning engaging, supports them when they need it, inspires them to do their best, or simply makes a difference in their school experience.

Help us congratulate Ms. Elisha Caudill, this month's Teacher of the Month! 🎉

Thank you for the time, dedication, and encouragement you give our students each day. We appreciate all you do for the Koi Pond!





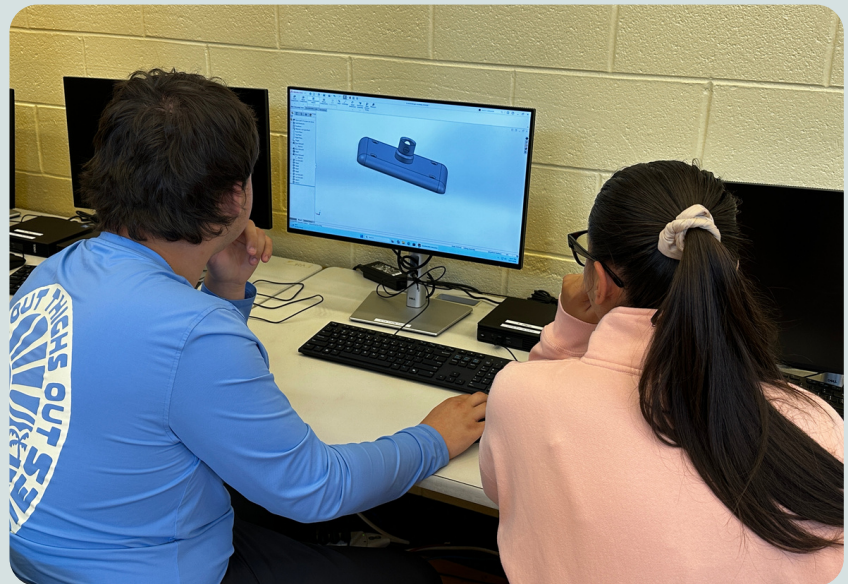
Great Southeast Pollinator Census

Our Environmental Engineering seniors participated in the Great Southeast Pollinator Census, a community science project that helps researchers better understand pollinator populations across the Southeast. Students spent time observing and identifying pollinators visiting flowering plants, collecting data that contributes to a larger regional research effort.

The experience gave students an opportunity to apply their environmental science knowledge in the field while learning more about the important role pollinators play in healthy ecosystems. Their observations will become part of a larger dataset used to study pollinator diversity and populations across the region.



Aerospace Engineering Students Take Flight with CAD



AAST Aerospace Engineering seniors are putting their SolidWorks CAD skills to work on a real-world aerospace design challenge. Students are designing and assembling components while learning how individual parts must work together and fit within existing structures.

As part of the project, students are redesigning a strut for a Piper J-3 Cub aircraft, applying their engineering and computer-aided design skills to an authentic aviation application. This hands-on experience gives students a look at how engineers use precision, problem-solving, and design to develop components for the aerospace industry.

Senior Art Majors Present Summer Work

Senior Art Majors presented their Summer Work, showcasing artwork developed in support of their individual Senior Mastery topics and portfolio focus. Students discussed their concepts, artistic choices, materials, processes, and connections to the research guiding their work.

These pieces mark the beginning of each student's 24-work Senior Art Portfolio and will contribute to a yearlong investigation combining studio production, research, documentation, critique, and refinement.

Throughout the year, students will continue developing a cohesive body of work that demonstrates technical growth, conceptual depth, and an emerging personal artistic voice. Their work will culminate in the Senior Exhibition of Mastery Presentation in the spring, where students will formally present and defend their creative process, research, and completed portfolio.



Spinal Immobilization Practice in EMS



EMS 1 students recently took their learning beyond the textbook with a hands-on lesson in spinal immobilization and cervical collar application. Students practiced assessing and stabilizing a patient with a suspected spinal injury while learning the proper techniques for safe patient management.

The activity gave students an opportunity to strengthen the teamwork, communication, and patient-care skills they will need as future emergency medical professionals.

AAST Senior Student of the Month: Gabriella Gurreri

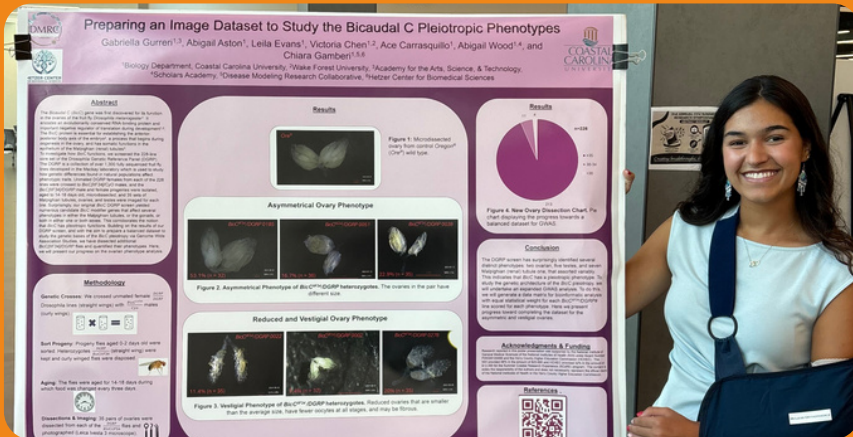


Congratulations to Gabriella Gurreri, our Senior Student of the Month! Gabriella exemplifies what it means to take learning beyond the classroom. This summer, she participated in an intensive research experience, spending 8-10 hours each day in the lab and presenting her work at a research symposium.

Her research experience has already led to exciting opportunities beyond the lab. Gabriella was recently recognized in the acknowledgments of a published research paper, "Modeling Complex Developmental Disease: The Case of Polycystic Kidney Disease," and she has now been invited to serve as a co-author on an abstract being submitted to an upcoming international conference in Poland. The abstract also lists AAST among the affiliated institutions.

A state completer in both Biomedical Science and PreMed, Gabriella has discovered a passion for scientific research that is inspiring her to pursue genetics and neuroscience in college. Her curiosity, dedication, and willingness to challenge herself are wonderful examples of the opportunities available to our students.

Congratulations, Gabriella! We're excited to see where your passion for research takes you next!



AAST Junior Student of the Month: Nicolette Negron

Congratulations to Nicolette Negron, our Junior Student of the Month! A junior in the Pre-Med major, Nicolette has consistently demonstrated outstanding character, kindness, a strong work ethic, and the positive attitude that embodies Koi Pride.

Nicolette is an active member of the AAST community through HOSA, Student Council, and Honor Societies, where she continues to make a positive impact and grow as a leader.

We're excited to recognize Nicolette for all she brings to the Koi Pond and look forward to seeing the many ways she will continue to lead and represent AAST!



Class Meetings

We kicked off the school year with class meetings for our 11th and 12th grade students! These meetings gave students an opportunity to review important beginning-of-the-year policies, expectations, and reminders, while also discussing what to expect throughout the school year.

With a new year comes new opportunities and responsibilities, and these meetings helped ensure our upperclassmen are ready to make the most of their year at AAST!

