

# ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



On this final day of November, we have the opportunity to reflect on the work we have completed over the past month and look forward to the final month of 2018. Throughout November, we have actively worked to confront intolerant language and behaviors in our school community. This past Tuesday, Amity students and faculty attended the first ever Southern CT State University Social Justice Conference for high school students. Twenty-six ARHS students attended the conference on Tuesday afternoon, which focused on encouraging students to have an active voice and engaging in positive change in their communities. The following quotations are from ARHS students who attended the conference:

"At the Social Justice Conference at SCSU I learned about microaggressions...We, as the new generation, need to fight for equality and equity where it doesn't matter about economic status, ethnicity, religion, etc. We have to make a change for those who are no longer here to speak up for themselves and for the next generation to be!" ~Ania, grade 12

"The Social Justice Conference was very enlightening and helped open up my eyes to other people's perspectives. The small group discussions and activities we did were really interesting to be a part of." ~Mackenzie, grade 11

"After hearing multiple student experiences and different perspectives of social justice, I realized that justice is not just a process of pointing fingers and blame, but also calls for personal accountability. [People] must be aware of their own actions, whether they are confirming stereotypes or passively ignoring microaggressions...in order for change to ensue." ~Kobi, grade 12

I am continually impressed and proud of the curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular work in which our students and faculty are actively engaged. Next Thursday the entire school community will be watching the fall play *A Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*. The play will be viewed in the morning by the 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders with the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students viewing the play after lunch. The play will have a 2-night public run on Friday and Saturday. Enjoy the weekend!

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