

## ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



We continue to focus on our social and civic expectations through Spartan Seminar and, during this past week, on planning for the future, including preparing for next year's course selection, through counselor meetings for freshmen, sophomores and juniors. On Thursday, we held a homeroom session to remind students about the impending Program of Studies fair next Wednesday and to share a [video link](#) on behalf of the ARHS Unified Sports Program. This video was shown to support a campaign the club has been promoting over the past few weeks: spread the word to end the word. Our Unified Program has been a very significant part of the fabric of our school and exemplifies our mission statement, especially the phrase of "creating an inclusive community that affirms the contributions, strengths, and talents of all of its members." Our Unified Team was also featured on [CT Sports Now](#) this past week for their competition against Shelton Unified Sports on Tuesday. The Unified Sports Team will be back in action with basketball at our annual home SCC Basketball tournament on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm in the main gym. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*

Principal

**College and Career of the Week:** This week's college is [Fashion Institute of Technology](#), and the career of the week is an **Fashion Designer**. The **Fashion Institute of Technology**, located in New York City, is a public institution within the State University system of New York (SUNY). Well-known for its fashion programs, FIT now boasts 3 colleges within - the School of Art and Design, the Jay and Patty Baker School of Business and Technology and the School of Liberal Arts. Out of state tuition for one year is approximately \$41,000. For more info, go to [fitnyc.edu](http://fitnyc.edu). [Fashion Designers](#) create original clothing, accessories and footwear. While almost 20% of all fashion designers are self-employed, another 50% work in apparel manufacturing. The median salary is \$67,420.

## **Happenings and Information**

**CT STEM Fair:** Amity is hosting the [CT-STEM](#) fair this Saturday, 2/9/19. Please consider coming out to support our Amity Science Research students as they present and compete. Doors open to the public at noon.

**2019-2020 Course Selection Process:** Over the next few weeks, students will be given information about registering for courses for next school year. This past week, students in grades 9-11 met with their counselors in small groups to set academic and personal goals in Naviance as part of their Student Success Plans. Counselors also discussed the scheduling timeline. This information will be soon be made available for families on the counseling portion of the website and a link will be sent in next week's newsletter.

**February 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>:** Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, will be an early dismissal for students to allow for faculty professional learning time. Monday and Tuesday the following week (2/18-2/19) will serve as the winter recess. School will resume on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**SSLP and the Amity Community:** We have a large percentage of students from the Class of 2019 hoping to venture out from May 20<sup>th</sup> to June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, to complete their Senior Service Learning Program. This internship-like program requires our seniors to complete approximately 75 unpaid hours at a local business or organization. If you are interested in taking an intern, or if you would like additional information about the Senior Service Learning Program, please contact the Amity High School Career Center at 203-397-4836 or email [lynn.cocco@amityregion5.org](mailto:lynn.cocco@amityregion5.org) or [paula.vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us](mailto:paula.vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us). Please find attached the 2019 Site Expectations.

## **Senior Happenings**

**SSLP/SIP Reminder:** The LinkedIn Profile/Resume portion must be submitted no later than **Thursday, February 28, 2019**. If you need assistance with setting up an account on LinkedIn, please see a step-by-step instructional video on our Amity website in the College & Career link. All students are welcome to stop by the Career Center for assistance or attend our helpful workshops

offered throughout the week or afterschool on Wednesdays in the Career Center.

**Community Service Information for 2019 Seniors:** Seniors who have completed at least 100 hours of volunteer service during their high school career at Amity will be recognized at graduation for their service to the community. Each Senior will receive a certificate along with a special honor cord to be worn at graduation. All completed community service forms must be handed into the Career Center **no later than April 1, 2019**. If you have any questions regarding community service, please stop by the Career Center or email Mrs. Vallie at [paula.vallie@amityregion5.org](mailto:paula.vallie@amityregion5.org).

### **Local Scholarship Opportunities :**

- Applications for the **Orange Scholarship Fund** are available [online](#). Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need, academic achievement, and community service. These scholarships are for seniors of any local public and private high schools who are residents of Orange and plan to continue their education. The completed applications must be received by April 15, 2019 in order to be considered. Apply now!
- **The Yale-New Haven Hospital Auxiliary** is offering \$2,000 scholarships to area students planning to pursue a career in a health-related profession. Scholarships are based on academic excellence, financial need, personal statement, community service, including school and community activities and/or employment. Completed applications must be **postmarked by Friday, March 15, 2019**. Applications are available in the Career Center.
- **The Association of Retired Teachers of Connecticut (ARTC)** is offering the **Glenn Moon scholarship** to qualified Connecticut high school seniors who are interested in a career in education. Scholarships to be awarded are one four-year scholarship of \$2,000 for 4 years and two one-year scholarships of \$1,500. Application form is [online](#). **Submission deadline is Saturday, March 30, 2019.**
- The **Bethany Lions Club** would like to remind Bethany high school seniors to apply for their annual scholarship opportunity. This year, Bethany Lions Club is offering four scholarships at \$2,000 each and one scholarship at \$3,000. Applications are available at the Clark Memorial Library, Bethany Town Hall and the Amity High School Career Center. Applications must be returned to the Amity Counseling Department on or before **May 1, 2019**.

- **Beth-Wood Baseball League** is awarding a \$500 scholarship to a high school senior who resides in Woodbridge or Bethany. Student must have participated as a Player or Umpire, enrolling in a two or four-year accredited College/University and someone who has made a positive contribution to their school and community. Click [here](#) for an application. **Application deadline is May 3, 2019.**

**Attention Seniors:** Congratulations to our seniors who have already received college acceptances! The next step for you will be to understand your financial aid awards. Students and their families should have a thorough understanding of their actual costs for each college being considered. You can (and should) contact your college's financial aid office with your questions. Please check out this resource for [basic financial aid award information](#).

**Additional Scholarship Resource Information:** Naviance is only one of the many resources for researching scholarships. The College and Career Center posts local and national scholarships on Naviance throughout the school year. Students can navigate through these scholarships in Naviance under the scholarship tab. Additional merit based and need based scholarships may be available by checking with the individual college or university or additional [websites](#).

## **Notes from Counseling Department**

**Program of Studies Fair for ARHS Students:** A Program of Studies Fair will be held for students on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> during the lunch waves. This is an opportunity for students to learn about the courses offered for the 2019-2020 school year and ask any questions.

**Career Inventory for Grade 10:** Counselors met with all grade 10 students through social studies classes this week. Students completed a career interest inventory in Naviance.

**Hamden Adult Education Registration:** The next registration for Semester 2, Term 2 for the Hamden Adult High School Credit Diploma Program will be held **one night ONLY on Monday, Feb. 25, 2019** from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Hamden High School, in **Room D-107**. Eligible students must be at least seventeen years of age and be officially withdrawn from high school. Please call 203-407-2028 to schedule an appointment.

### **Local Science Summer Program: Sacred Heart**

**University** is launching an [anatomy summer enrichment program](#) for the week of **July 15-20, 2019**. The program is designed for rising high school juniors and seniors who have completed a biology course and are interested in gaining in-depth knowledge of human anatomy and physiology. The program will be held in the new, state-of-the-art Center for Healthcare Education Building, home to some of the latest educational innovations available for healthcare students. Students will examine pro-sections/cadavers and dissect animal specimens; students will also be exposed to the latest technology and simulations. In addition, participants will be trained in Basic Life Support/CPR.

### **The International Business Summer Program at Bryant**

**University** is offering a five-day overnight Global Leadership Summer Program from **Monday, June 17 to Friday, June 21, 2019**. Student must be a rising junior or senior and uniquely designed to help high school students explore a career in international business, prepare for college life and meet students and professionals from around the world. This program will use a combination of interactive teaching methods and exposure to real-world experience in international finance, marketing, management, and global supply chain management to help them grow and become innovative leaders. Applications are now open and space is limited. Please log onto their [website](#) to apply. Application deadline is **April 8<sup>th</sup>**.

**Upcoming College Fair:** The annual **Amity High School College Fair** will be held in the AHS Gymnasium on **Monday, April 1, 2019 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm**. Over 140 colleges & institutions will be in attendance. This is a great way for students to meet many of the college admission decision-makers in an intimate and convenient way. The college fair is free and open to the public. A list of colleges attending will be posted soon!

**Interested in hiring Amity students for your business?** If you are a business owner interested in hiring students to work part-time, please contact Paula Vallie in the Career Center to advertise. The Career Center posts job openings for students to view on our job board. Please contact Paula Vallie by phone at 203-397-4836 or email [paula.vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us](mailto:paula.vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us).

**Save the Date!! Career Fair:** Amity High School will be hosting our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual **Career Fair** on **Friday, April 26, 2019** at 8:30 a.m. Are you interested in volunteering to give insight to our students about your career or job? We are looking forward to providing a variety of career clusters to our 10<sup>th</sup> grade

students. Please contact Lynn Cocco at: [lynn.cocco@amityregion5.org](mailto:lynn.cocco@amityregion5.org) or call 203-397-4836.

**Volunteer Opportunity: Mini-Golf @ the Library**, sponsored by The Friends of the Woodbridge Library, is looking for students to help with their upcoming event on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up in the Career Center.

**Advertise Job Opportunities in the Community:** If you are a business owner and looking for a student to hire, contact Paula Vallie in the Career Center to advertise. The Career Center posts job openings for our students to investigate. Please call 203-397-4836 or email: [paula.vallie@amityregion5.org](mailto:paula.vallie@amityregion5.org).

## **Important Reminders**

**2019 AP Exam Registration:** Students taking AP exams at ARHS for courses taken during the 2018-19 school year must register through Total Registration. The link to the registration page can be accessed [here](#) and is posted on the school website under Links/Resources. The regular registration period will be open until Sunday, February 17 at 11:59 pm. All information about exam fees is available on the registration site. Please contact Mrs. Ferguson at [Gerilyn.Ferguson@reg5.k12.ct.us](mailto:Gerilyn.Ferguson@reg5.k12.ct.us) if you have any questions regarding exams.

## **Athletics**

**Athletic Department Website:** For all information regarding practice and athletic schedules for winter sports, please refer to the athletic department's website [here](#).

For a copy of next week's schedule, please click [here](#).

For a copy of this past week's results, please click [here](#).

**The Booster Club Needs Your Help!:** The Amity Athletics Booster Club is eager to attain 501c status. We are in search of an attorney and a CPA within our school community who would be willing to assist us with this process. If you are interested in

helping, please contact Beth Young at [bethycjz68@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bethycjz68@sbcglobal.net) or Sharon Greco at [sgreco01@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sgreco01@sbcglobal.net).

## **Community Happenings**

**Student Government Clothing Drive:** The Amity student government will be running the annual clothing drive from January 2<sup>nd</sup> through February 14<sup>th</sup>. Over the years support has been second to none. Please take a moment over winter break to clean out those closets and drawers. All clothing in good shape is accepted.

**Celebrate Diversity with a "Between the World and Me" Discussion and Book Reading:** On Tuesday, February 26, 2019 join members of the Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge Communities for a reading and discussion of Ta-Nahesi Coates' book, *Between the World and Me*, a #1 New York Times bestseller and National Book Award winner. This is one of three events exploring and celebrating diversity organized by the Town's ad hoc Community Council. Amity Regional High School Diversity in Action Club members and other community members will be reading from the book at the event in the Amity Regional High School Library at 7pm. Following the readings there will be a discussion about the book. The Woodbridge Town Library will have extra copies of the book available for check out.

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