

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Last week's message included information about the 2019-2020 course selection process, including mindfully considering courses as students prepare for their post-Amity plans as well as a link to a newscast which highlighted the ARHS Unified Sports Team's competition against the Shelton HS Gaels. We continued this week to prepare for the 2019-2020 school year with our Program of Studies Fair for current high school students to offer an opportunity for 9th-11th grade students to explore offerings from various departments, ask questions and have conversations with current students and teachers. The preparation for post-high school begins with meaningfully considering one's interests, aptitudes and passions. Many Amity alums go on to amazing things, as is evidenced by our Hall of Honor and Hall of Fame inductees. Below are some examples of Amity Regional High School alumni who have received media notoriety for their talents and contributions to our larger state, national and international communities:

- Amity 2018 graduate [Pat Winkel](#) was featured in the Hartford Courant for his accolades in baseball.
- Amity 2017 graduate [Maya Mutalik](#) has demonstrated her prowess as an eco-minded entrepreneur who is getting media coverage in this month's edition of *British Vogue*.
- [Ryan Laemel](#) and [Annelies Gamble](#), both Amity 2009 graduates, made the Forbes 30 under 30 in their respective fields this past fall.
- Amity 2000 graduate [Jeff Gitelman](#) performed live with musician H.E.R. at the 2019 Grammy Awards held last Sunday night in Los Angeles.

The above are only a few examples of the astonishing things our alumni accomplish. It is always amazing to watch our former Amity students thrive as they move on from their formative years at Amity to fully demonstrating our mission statement of "becom[ing] contributing members of a just society." Have a great long weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

Happenings and Information

From the Nurses' Office: There have been confirmed flu cases as well as other viral illnesses in our community. One recommendation from the CDC is to get a flu vaccine every year. Getting vaccinated is the first and most important step in protecting against this serious disease. Vaccination efforts should continue as long as influenza viruses are circulating. Also, help stop the spread of influenza and other diseases by doing the following:

- If you get sick with flu-like illness, stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone (less than 100 degrees) except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone **without** the use of a fever-reducing medicine.)
- Practice proper cough and sneeze etiquette to prevent the spread of germs.
- Wash your hands regularly.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill.

Students who are vomiting should not return to school until they are able to tolerate a regular meal. For further information please follow this [link](#).

Student Government Clothing Drive: The clothing drive sponsored by ARHS Student Government ended on Thursday. All of the clothes will be picked up and donated to "My Sister's Place" in Ansonia. Thank you to everyone who donated clothing items! This year's drive was a huge success!

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.

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](#).

Local Scholarship Applications are now available in the Career Center:

- **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](#) only. **Submission deadline is Saturday, March 30, 2019.**
- **The Orange Scholarship Fund Association**-Orange students entering college in the fall of 2019. Criteria includes, financial need, community service and leadership roles you have displayed within an activity or organization. Please note that parents must submit their Federal Tax Form (pages 1 & 2 of Form 1040) is required to substantiate income data. **The deadline to apply is April 15, 2019.** Applications are available in the Career Center or online.
- 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.**
- **Case Memorial Library, Lucy Scillia Scholarship** is now available on the Case Memorial Library website or click [here](#) for an online application.

Notes from Counseling Department

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. For more information, visit the [website](#).

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 8th**.

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.

Save the Date!! Career Fair: Amity High School will be hosting our 5th 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 10th grade students. Please contact Lynn Cocco at: 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 8th and Saturday, March 9th. 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.

Summer Opportunity: A local **Law Enforcement Camp** is being offered by the FBI in New Haven and Yale University police from **July 14th-20th, 2019** at Yale. Teenagers are invited to take part in a youth academy aimed at sparking interest in law enforcement careers. The free academy is an overnight camp chaperoned by police and FBI employees. Students must be 15 to 18 years old, returning to high school in the fall and have at least a 2.7 grade point average, among other requirements. Officials will accept 13 boys and 13 girls into the program, which will include lessons on forensic investigations, crime-fighting cyber technology, civil rights and other subjects. The application deadline is April 5, 2019. Click [here](#) for the application process.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **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 8th and Saturday, March 9th. Please sign up in the Career Center.
- **Turkey Hill School Drama Club** is looking for 2-4 volunteers/workers who would help with the drama club after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:30pm. Students will help the drama students in grade 1-6 practice their lines and possibly help with art projects for the set. Students are needed as soon as possible and volunteer until April 7th. Interested students are asked to stop in the Career Center to sign up.
- The **Bethany Community Garden** is looking for students to help with Spring clean-up and planting starting in May. No gardening experience needed. Volunteers should be able to come the garden once or twice a week on the same day of their choice. Please contact MaryEllen Unger at 203-464-2028.

Important Reminders

February 15th-19th: Friday, February 15th, 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 20th.

Attention Amity Community: We have a large percentage of students from the Class of 2019 hoping to venture out from May 20th to June 6th, 2019, to complete their Senior Service Learning Program. This internship 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 or paula.vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us. Please find attached the 2019 Site Expectations.

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 or Sharon Greco at sgreco01@sbcglobal.net.

Community Happenings

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.

Community Action Opportunity: Are you interested in finding out about the community action group that is working to combat intolerant behavior in our local towns and communities? Contact AmityStrongerThanHate@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list. Information will also be shared on Facebook forums.

Amity Adult & Continuing Education: The Amity Adult Ed. Spring [2019 catalog](#) is now available online! There are many great new courses to choose from! These include new fitness, health and wellness, finance, spirituality and a number of specialty courses! Come join us and register today!

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