

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



March weather in New England is often described as coming in like a lion and going out like a lamb. Hopefully, the lamb will prevail for this transition month of winter in to spring and we will see minimal disruptions to our daily school schedule. The transition from winter in to spring also offers the opportunity to reflect on our goals for this year and continue our focus and efforts in accomplishing those goals. Beginning last spring, the youth of our country have truly shown themselves to be a generation focused on social justice and positive change. [This article](#), written by New York Times columnist David Brooks in February, 2018, focuses on the social, educational and community benefits of considering ourselves as “changemakers.” Being a changemaker, Brooks explains, is really about the capacity to identify problems and generate creative ideas to help to solve the problems. It is also about working collaboratively for everyone’s benefit. The ARHS Core Values, Beliefs and Learning Expectations all speak to the concept which Brooks describes in his article. These beliefs are the foundation for our mission statement, which supports the idea of our students having the “skills and the desire necessary to become contributing members of a just society.” By encouraging our children to be positive changemakers, we can solidify hope for the future of our community, our state and our country. Have a good weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This week’s college is **Fairfield University**, and the career of the week is **Financial Analyst**. Founded in 1942 by the Society of Jesus, [Fairfield University](#) is one of 28 Jesuit colleges located in the United States. There are four colleges within the University – The College of Arts & Sciences, School of Engineering, Egan School of Nursing and Health Sciences and the Dolan School of Business. Their robust campus life keeps over 90% of FU students residing on campus for all four years. Fairfield is also [test-score optional](#). **Financial Analysts** study current and historical financial data, make recommendations about investments, prepare reports and study economic trends. They work in private industries and government agencies. Most job opportunities in this field would require the minimum of a Bachelor’s Degree. For more information, please visit websites for the [Association for Financial Professionals](#) or the [American Finance Association](#).

Happenings and Information

2019-2020 Course Selection: The course selection/scheduling process for next school year has begun! Students must finalize their selection of courses by this afternoon (through PowerSchool). Our [Program of Studies](#) offers a wide array of course offerings. Both the "ARHS Complete Program of Studies 2019-2020" and a specific "9th Grade Program of Studies" can be found at the bottom of the toolbar on the left-hand side.

Amity Efficiency Award: Please click on this [link](#) for the student application for the Jack B. Levine Efficiency Award of Excellence. The deadline for applications this year is April 26, 2019. There will be one recipient from each school. Each awardee will each receive \$300 and recognition at the June Board of Education meeting. Click on this [link](#) for more details. Completed applications should be sent to me in the main office.

Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Practice Test: The NGSS practice test is scheduled for all grade 9,10 and 11 students beginning next week. The test should only last for one period and will be administered through science class.

Senior Happenings

Local Scholarships:

- The **Alpha Kappa State, of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** is offering four cash grants to high school female seniors who are entering teacher education programs in the fall. Please stop by the Career Center for an application and can also be found on their [website](#). Applications are due by April 7th, 2019.
- The **Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven** is offering college scholarships for need-based high school seniors from Jewish households. For more information and applications, please visit this [link](#).
- The **Orange Community Women** are offering scholarships to any graduating senior who resides in Orange. The primary criterion for the selection is the recipient must have completed community service in the Town of Orange and show financial need. Scholarship awards range from

\$300-\$500. Applications can be found in the Career Center.
No applications will be considered after **April 29th, 2019**.

Notes from Counseling Department

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.

Save the Date!! College Fair: The annual **Amity High School College Fair** will be held on **Monday, April 1, 2019** from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the AHS Gymnasium. This is a great way for students and parents to meet one-on-one with college admission decision-makers and answer questions about a particular institute. The college fair is free and open to the public. A list of colleges attending will be posted soon! Mark your calendars for a great night!

Volunteers Needed:

- **The Woodbridge Library**-Mini-golf event on Friday, March 8th 2:45-5:00pm and Saturday, March 9th, from 10:00am-5:00pm. If interested, please email Jennifer Sullivan at: jsullivan@woodbridgetownlibrary.org
- **The Turkey Hill Drama Club** is looking for volunteers to help with the afterschool Drama Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:30pm. Volunteers are needed as soon as possible until April 7th. If interested, please contact Deborah Sansone @ deborahsansone@gmail.com.

Additional Scholarship Resource Information: Naviance is only one of the many resources for researching scholarships. The Amity 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](#).

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](#).

Show Your Spartan Pride : The Amity Athletics Booster Club is selling Yard Signs through March 22nd. Support our club and proudly display your pride for your Amity student(s); suitable for ANY high school or middle school student. Please see this [announcement](#) for more information.

Community Happenings

BWW Junior Class fundraiser: The Junior Class is having a fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings on March 6th from 5-10pm at the Milford location to raise money for prom!! Present [this ticket](#) to your server or say that you are from Amity. We hope to see you there!

Community Action Opportunity: The **AMITY STRONGER THAN HATE COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE** was formed this past December. It's made up of concerned Amity parents, spiritual leaders and members of the administration. Our first Meeting last month had to be cancelled due to weather. We will be rescheduling this Spring and want to invite you to join our e-mail list so you can participate. Please send an email to AmityStrongerThanHate@gmail.com to be added to the distribution list.

Amity Adult & Continuing Education Spring 2019: The Amity Adult & Continuing Education program cordially invites you to check out our Spring 2019 online [catalog](#)! There are lots of courses to choose from! We have new courses in creativity, health and wellness, fitness, finance, specialty interests, spirituality and many more! Log on today to view our catalog and [sign up](#) for one (or more) of our fun and informative courses! The Spring Session begins March 5th!

Tonight! ARHS Unified Theater Performance: On **March 1st Unified Theater** will be hosting this year's production, "Seasons of Us" at **6pm in the Black Box Theater**. We invite you all to join us as we put the spotlight on ability! Admission is free, but donations are always welcome.

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