

## ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



“Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.”

—Voltaire

Throughout this week, we have worked together as a community—students, parents, administrators and fellow teachers—to show the Amity Regional High School Faculty how much we appreciate their hard work, passion and commitment to our students, our school, our community and our profession. On Monday, a group of students from ARHS Student Government organized and ran the faculty meeting to demonstrate their appreciation. Before showing this [video](#), they explained this year’s theme for the week, which they decided upon: Amity Teachers Make Their Mark! After showing the video, they distributed certificates to each teacher with a personalized note from a student with whom that teacher has worked. I have always maintained that we are very lucky in the students we have at Amity High School, but we are equally lucky to have amazing educators to work with our students each day. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*

Principal

**College and Career of the Week: College and Career of the Week:** This week’s college is **SUNY/Binghamton University**, and the career of the week is **Computer Scientist**.

**[SUNY/Binghamton University](#)** is located in Binghamton, New York, approximately a 3.5 hour drive from the BOW area. The university is part of the SUNY or State University of New York system. According to “US News & World Report”, SUNY/Binghamton “ranks in the top 50 among public universities” in the nation. Out of state cost of attendance is approximately \$

42,000 per year (tuition, dorm and meal plan). Most popular majors include English, psychology, accounting, pre-med, pre-law, economics and computer science. **Computer Scientists** invent and design new approaches to computing technology and find innovative uses for existing technology” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2018). The average annual salary is \$118,370. For more information, students can view the bulletin boards in the main hallway and in the Career Center and/or speak with the Career Center staff.

## **Happenings and Information**

**2019-2020 Budget Referendum:** Thank you to the entire Bethany-Orange-Woodbridge Community for your continued support of ARHS and Amity Regional School District #5. The 2019-2020 Amity budget passed with an overwhelming majority on Wednesday.

**Reminder-Junior Prom is Tonight!:** This year's Junior Prom will be held at Trumbull Marriott, 180 Hawley Lane, Trumbull, CT (new location from previous years) from 7-11PM. All students who are attending need to arrive no later than 7:30 and will not be allowed to leave the dance until 10:30. This is for safety and supervision of all students attending. As with all other school-sponsored activities, **any student attending the junior prom must attend school for the regularly scheduled school day for the full day on the day of the prom.** A regularly scheduled day includes AP testing. If a student does not attend his/her regular **full day**, he or she will not be allowed to attend the prom on Friday evening. We look forward to a safe and celebratory evening.

**Next Generation Science Standards Assessment for Grade 11:** Students will be taking the NGSS standardized test through their science class this week as part of the CT state standardized test requirement.

**Yearbook Blowout Sale:** The yearbook staff will be holding its very first yearbook blowout sale at the distribution event on Tuesday, June 4th, and will have copies of the last three yearbooks available for purchase at the following prices:

- *Embers* 2016: \$50;

- *Embers* 2017: \$60;

- *Embers* 2018: \$80;

- "Spartan Special" Bundle (includes *Embers* 2016, 2017, and 2018): \$150.

**Class of 2020 Senior Portraits:** Last Thursday, during a junior class assembly, the class of 2020 was provided with information regarding their upcoming senior portrait sessions. These sessions will be held in the lecture hall from June 10th to 13th beginning at noon (after exams) and going until 4:00. Current juniors should be on the lookout for letters from Robert Taylor Photography, which will be mailed to their homes; these letters will provide specific appointment dates and times as well as other important information. The full schedule of appointments has been posted by both the main office and the yearbook office. It can also be viewed online [here](#). The yearbook staff wants all seniors to be in the yearbook, so please note that there is no charge for a single sitting. If your child cannot make their appointment, please contact Mr. Clark or Mrs. Hulse at [embers@amityschools.org](mailto:embers@amityschools.org) to reschedule. A video of the entire informational presentation can be viewed [here](#). If you have any questions about senior portraits, please visit the yearbook website at [amityembers.com](http://amityembers.com) or contact the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark and Vicki Hulse, at [embers@amityschools.org](mailto:embers@amityschools.org).

## **Senior Happenings**

**Senior Graduation Balloon Orders:** The Amity High School P.T.S.O. is once again sponsoring - Operation Graduation 2019 - Balloons for Amity Graduating Seniors. Please see this flyer for more information and click on this [link](#) to go to the order form.

**SSLP Reminders:** Please encourage your senior student to check email EVERY DAY while they are out of the building at SSLP. It is the school's main way to keep in touch with students. If students would also like to receive TEXT updates via "Remind.com" in addition to emails, please [text @SSLP2019 to 81010](mailto:text@SSLP2019). As always, students can contact Ms. Coco or Ms. Vallie in the Career Center with any SSLP assistance you need! The next steps include:

1. Complete the NOTIFICATION OF APPROVAL form found [here](#). Please be sure

to obtain ALL of the necessary signatures BEFORE turning it in to me on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. (In TWO weeks!)

- READ and REVIEW CAREFULLY the [SSLP Expectations](#) sheet and [Senior Calendar](#). *Be sure to complete the SENIOR SURVEY in Naviance and the student climate survey found [here](#)! Update your outcomes and set your ATTENDING COLLEGE so your final transcript will be sent there on time.*
- Print out a [TIMESHEET](#) and plan to bring it with you to your SSLP job site every

**Final Community Service Information for Seniors:** An updated **final** list of Seniors, who have reached 100 hours or more over their 4 years at Amity, is now posted in the Career Center. All Seniors on the list will wear an honor cord and receive a certificate placed in their diploma folder. Congratulations to those Seniors!

**Senior Yearbook Distribution (Tuesday, June 4th):**The 2019 yearbook dedication, distribution, and signing celebration will take place in the Paul D. Mengold gymnasium on Tuesday, June 4th, from 1:30-3:00. Seniors participating in SSLP are invited back during the last session of the school day to take part in the event and are advised to make arrangements with their internship supervisors in advance; this school activity counts toward their internship hours. If students have not yet purchased a yearbook, they can do so at the event for \$80.00 (cash only). Please note that this event is for seniors only; underclassmen will receive their yearbooks during lunch waves beginning the following day.

## **Notes from Counseling Department**

### **Grades 10 and 11 Coalition College Application**

**Information Session:** On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 8:30-9:30 we will be hosting a Coalition Application Information Session for any students in grades 10 or 11 who are interested in learning more about the Coalition Application. This application is accepted by over 140 colleges and universities as an alternate to Common Application or school specific applications. Students have the option to use the program to upload student work. For more information, please visit their [website](#). Representatives from Yale University and UConn will be here to present information. Space will be limited to 25. Students who would like to attend need to complete this [Google form](#).

**Yale College Partnership:** Amity rising juniors and seniors may enroll in one undergraduate course at Yale University as part of the Yale-New Haven/Area High School partnership program. Students

who would like to be considered for this program must meet **with** Mrs. LaPlante on Thursday, 5/16 at 2:30 in the Career Center for more information.

**College Admissions Process Program (for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students)**- If you are interested in learning about what distinguishes one fine university from another, what competitive colleges look for in the selection process, and what you can do to enhance your college application, please consider attending the **Exploring Colleges Recruitment Program** event sponsored by the undergraduate admissions offices of five the country's leading universities: Duke University, Georgetown University, Harvard University, University of Pennsylvania and Stanford University. This event will take place on **Wednesday, May 22, 2019 from 7:00-9:00pm at the Trumbull Marriot in Shelton**. For more information and to register for the event, please click [here](#).

### **Summer Program Opportunities:**

- The **YMCA Camp Hi-Rock** in the Berkshires of Massachusetts is offering overnight and day camp programs for all ages. If interested, please find further information on this [link](#)
- **Are you interest in Chemistry?** The **Sacred Heart University Chemistry Department** is offering a two-week summer program called Computational Drug Discovery Summer Science Experience. This program is offered to students entering grades 10-12. The classes will run from **August 5<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, Mon.-Fri., 9:00am-4:00pm**. and will provide a high-level pre-college introduction to the scientific, ethical and legal aspects of drug discovery and gain knowledge and skills using computer-aided drug design and modeling software. Students are admitted to the program on a competitive basis.
- **Journalism Summer Camp:** The Connecticut Health Investigative Team(C-HIT) is offering a one-week summer camp for students 16 or older. The C-HIT Summer Multimedia Workshops provide select high school students with the opportunity to develop investigative reporting, video and digital journalism skills in a unique learning environment led by distinguished local and national journalists. For more details and an application please click [here](#) .
- **2019 UConn Pre-College Summer Program:** Find out what it's like to be a UCONN student for 4 weeks! The Pre-College Summer Program at UConn offers rising high

school juniors and seniors (class 2020 or 2021) the chance to study and live on their university campus. Please see their [website](#) for detailed information.

**One Day Summer Camp:** Albertus Magnus College is offering a one day Criminal Justice Camp to rising high school juniors and seniors on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 from 9:00am-3:00pm. To register, please log onto [albertus.edu/criminal-justice-camp](http://albertus.edu/criminal-justice-camp) or call the Office of Admission at 800-578-9160. Registration deadline is June 14, 2019.

### **Volunteers Needed:**

- The **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Orange Congregational Church Strawberry Festival** will be held at the High Plains Community Center in Orange on Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 9:00am to 5:00pm, rain date Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to help organize this event starting on Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Stuart King at 203-506-1378 or [snhking@gmail.com](mailto:snhking@gmail.com).
- The **Peck Place Elementary School** in Orange is celebrating their **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** and would like at least 10 volunteers to help with this event on **Friday, May 31, from 5-8 pm** with a rain date set for June 1 from 2-5 pm. Help is needed with the outdoor events on that evening. Past students of Peck Place are encouraged to help. If interested, students are asked to sign up in the Career Center.
- **Become a Teen Volunteer at Woodbridge Library:** The Woodbridge Library Reading Together Summer Program will begin 4 sessions on **Thursdays @ 5:00pm from on July 11, 18 and August 8, and 15<sup>th</sup>**. This program is open to all student entering 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Students will be trained to interact with children as they read stories together. Reading Together will fulfill community service obligations. Register online for training June 21 or 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. For more information, please stop by a lunch table during all lunch waves coming soon!
- **Orange Elementary Olympics** at High Plains Community Center needs volunteers on **Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 7:00pm**. Students should sign up with the high school PE teacher Nick Dottori or sign up in the Career Center.

## **Important Reminders**

**Climate Survey For Parents:** Please take a few minutes to complete this year's [parent climate survey](#). We use this information to help reflect on this past school year as it compares to previous school years and plan goals and programming for next school year. We appreciate your time and feedback.

## **Athletics**

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

This week's results can be found [here](#).

Next week's competition schedule can be found [here](#).

**Show Your Spartan Pride:** The Amity Athletics Booster Club is selling Yard Signs. 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 [picture](#) for more information. Cost is \$20.00 per sign. Please contact [ahsbooster@gmail.com](mailto:ahsbooster@gmail.com) for more information or to reserve your sign. \*Limited quantity available — first come, first served\*

**Announcement for Team Meetings:** Calling all 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students interested in trying out for this coming 2019-20 high school dance or cheerleading teams! A must attend parent/student informational meeting will be held at the high school lecture hall on Thursday May 16th at 6 pm. ALL information regarding tryouts and registration will be presented at this meeting. Coaches and athletic administrators will be on hand to meet and answer all questions. GO SPARTANS!

## **Community Happenings**

**Students Contribute to Woodbridge Fire Department Celebration:** Please take a few minutes to watch this [video](#),

created and produced by Amity Regional High School Students who are enrolled in media productions. This video was a collaborative effort between the Woodbridge Fire Department, Ms. Valenzuela (media productions teacher) and Amity Students.

### **From Woodbridge Youth Services-**

- **Job Bank Needs Teens-Calling all Woodbridge High School Students:** Join the Job Bank and earn money for jobs like raking, yard clean up, weeding, babysitting, or animal care for residents. To join, call 203-389-3429 to schedule an interview or email [NPfund@Woodbridgect.org](mailto:NPfund@Woodbridgect.org). Residents may call the Job Bank to hire Woodbridge teens at 203-389-3429.
- **Towns Collaborate to Present Drug Addiction and Recovery Speaker:** Stephen Hill, Speaker/Author, will be presenting on **Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**, 2019 from 7-8:30pm at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT. Doors open at 6:30pm for refreshments. The presentation is the story of a young man's battle with drug addiction and journey to recovery. This event will be sponsored by Orange Youth Services, Woodbridge Youth Services, and the Milford Prevention Council. **Subject matter is appropriate for middle school and high school students, as well as all parents/guardians.** If you would like to attend this FREE event, register at [stephenhillorange.eventbrite.com](http://stephenhillorange.eventbrite.com) or call Jessica Simone (203)891-4785.

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