

Club Page Added to Amity Website

By Niha Irshad '19

Because of the numerous clubs offered at Amity, students may not be aware of all of them. For this reason, a new webpage created by Club Council has been added to the Amity Regional High School website.

Club Council is an organization made of a group of Amity students whose goal is to provide enough information to each student to easily access a page for which they can sign up to join a club pertaining to their interests, or even start their own club. This new web page provides information about each club including its captains or representatives, the advisor, as well as where and how often the meetings will be held.

Junior Lilli Querker noted, "It is a very helpful tool in seeing what clubs Amity has to offer and displays the variety of passions that students at Amity have."

At the beginning of each new school year, students are encouraged to join clubs that pertain to their interest during their designated lunch waves. Due to the limited time given to sign up for clubs, many students forget to sign up, or are confused as to when meetings will be held.

This new webpage resolves these issues as there are separate links to each

club, showcasing specific information relevant to the club, allowing new or interested members to locate the presidents or attend meetings.

Junior Mounisha Anumolu, one of the captains of Amity Academic Decathlon, said, "I think this webpage is a great and organized way to help students join clubs that they're interested in. Clubs are a great way to express your interests and beliefs, as well as have fun with your peers."

Members of Club Council also encourage teams to create accounts on the new webpage as well as different social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to keep their fellow members updated on upcoming team events and reminders. However, because the webpage is fairly new, not all teams have finished setting up their individual websites.

Unaiza Rana '19, one of the heads of Amity's Red Cross Club, said, "I am glad that there is a web page where I can go and view all the different clubs, and although not all the websites are set up yet, it surprises me as to how many clubs Amity has to offer."

Clubs ranging from the Amity Cycle Club to Latin Honor Society are all offered at the high school and now, all students are able to access information to these clubs easier than ever.

Beth Heller Speaks to Amity JSA

By Ryan Anastasio '20

The Junior State of America (JSA) at Amity continued their speaker series on Wednesday, January 4 with Beth Heller, the First Selectman of Woodbridge. Heller, who just took office last year, talked about her career as a public servant as well as issues she deals with as First Selectman. Before being elected as First Selectman in May of 2017, Heller had served on the board of selectman

since 2008 as well as serving as the Deputy First Selectman from 2009 to June of 2017. Prior to serving on the Board of Selectman, she also served on various boards and commissions such as the library and fire commission.

A controversial issue in the town of Woodbridge is the property that used to be home to the Country Club of Woodbridge which operated an eighteen-hole golf course.

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Amity Hosts the 2018 Connecticut STEM Fair

By Neha Sudhir '19

The gym at Amity Regional High School was vibrant with excitement for the 17th Connecticut STEM Fair on the morning of February 3rd, 2018, where over 240 students were gathered in anticipation for judging. After several months of prepara-

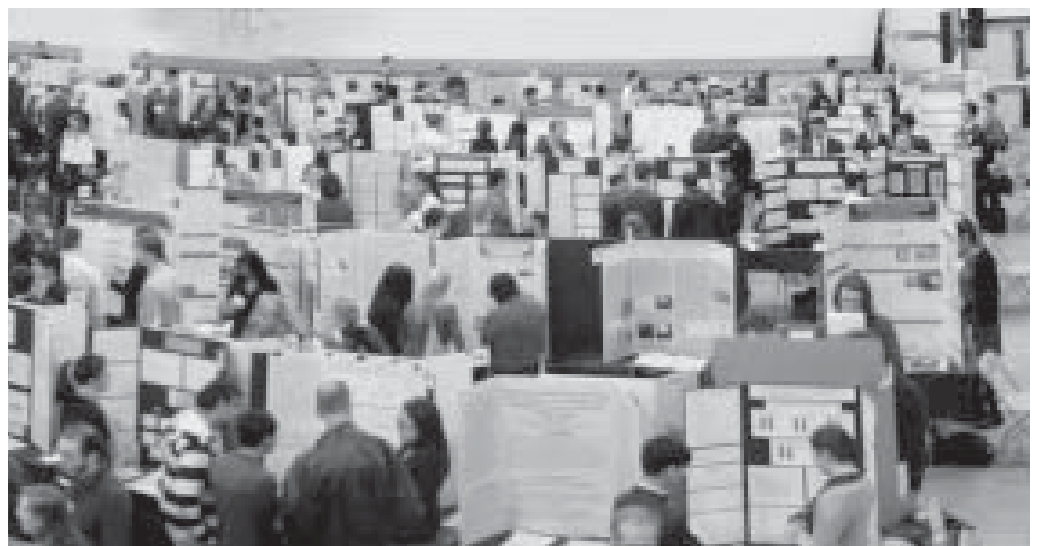
tion, the students of Amity's Science Research Program, as well as 13 other schools, were excited to present their hard work on their various research projects.

The fair was held at Darien High School for the past two years, so Amity was excited to host this year. Students stayed after

school the day before to set up the gyms, cafeteria, and auditorium.

Junior Mounisha Anumolu said, "It was just really cool that it was at Amity! The gym felt bigger with the hundreds of projects being shown off." Many other CT

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Students and their students in the Main Gym.

Photo by Dr. Charles Dumais.

Courage to Speak Foundation Provides Meaningful Message

By Ella Marin '20

Amity hosted another session of Parent University on Wednesday January 31st. This event consists of monthly programs in which talks are given about current events regarding students and parent

During the January session, the Courage to Speak founder Ginger Katz discussed the dangers of opioid addiction and how to get help.

Over the past three years, there have been multiple Amity graduate deaths due to overdose. This past fall, another Amity graduate passed away. Instead of asking for flowers or gifts, the alumni's parents requested donations to the Courage to Speak foundation.

Because of the support, the Courage to Speak foundation agreed to give this presentation for free as a gift

to the Amity community.

The Courage to Speak foundation was founded by Ginger Katz in 1996, the year her son Ian died at age 20 from an accidental heroin and valium overdose. Ian began his drug use in the eighth grade with both tobacco and marijuana which gradually progressed until he was a sophomore in college where he tried heroin for the first time, and became addicted.

Ian eventually recognized his problem, but by then, it was too late. The day before he died, he agreed to go see a doctor the next morning. Nobody thought he would use heroin again before seeing the doctor, but he did, and he overdosed.

After Ian died, his mother realized that her parenting duties did not end there. She made a promise to dedicate the rest of her life to preventing as many drug-

related tragedies through her foundation the Courage to Speak. Her mission was to empower children to remain drug free by giving children and their parents the tools to do so.

Furthermore, Katz has promoted a curriculum about drug safety for elementary, middle, and high schools. Since then, she has made over 1000 presentations and reached over half a million people across the country. She even published a book, "Sunny's Story," which is the story of Ian's life narrated through the eyes of the family beagle.

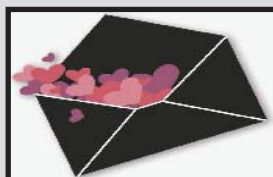
Throughout the presentation, Katz shared her thoughts on the subject of addiction. Most prominently, she said, "Addiction is a disease."

She often talked about how although Ian made mistakes, he couldn't come back from them because the drugs

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and the addiction were too strong.

Katz mentioned that she lost her son “long before he died” because he had succumbed to the overwhelming strength of drugs. Another one of her points was about perception. She said she thinks many kids today start using drugs because they believe that everyone is using drugs.

However, that is just not the case. She hopes that she can spread the knowledge

to kids that many kids do not use drugs.

The presentation had a large impact on the Amity community members in attendance. A parent in attendance who has children in the Amity school system received the program positively. She said, “The Courage to Speak program was a dynamic, heartfelt, informative and imperative message for all parents.” Additionally, Anna Mahon, Amity High School’s principal, was also in attendance and said, “The premise of the

Courage to Speak Program revolves around giving everyone a voice. Talking about addiction and substance use is such an important part of prevention. By talking openly about the impact substance abuse has on our loved ones, we can end the stigma and start the healing.”

The Courage to Speak Program left a lasting mark on Amity. Hopefully this program can allow our community to speak up so that addiction-related deaths can be prevented in the future.

Link Leaders Host Annual Cocoa and Cram

by Wil Gambardella ‘21

Cocoa and Cram took place in the cafeteria of the high school from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Wednesday January 10th. The event was run by Link Crew leaders to help freshmen prepare for midterms a week before they started.

In different sections of the cafeteria were tables with Link Crew Leaders. Each table was designated to a subject such as Spanish, French, Math, English, Biology, and Social Studies. The Link Crew Leaders helped the freshmen with any questions they had in the different subject areas. During the last hour, food such as cookies and candy,

as well as hot cocoa were provided for the students attending the event.

Overall, the freshmen did seem to enjoy and find the event helpful in preparing for midterms.

Freshman Julia Scuccuglia commented, “I believe that Cocoa and Cram was beneficial to students that needed help either preparing for midterms or that had questions about it. The tutors were really helpful and they definitely wanted to try and help [students] in the best way possible.”

Furthermore, Freshman Hyunjin Kim said “The Link Crew Leaders did an excellent job helping students prepare for the event. There was lots of food and drinks which convinced a lot of people to

come and to keep you awake while getting help from the link crew leaders.”

After the event, Senior Ani Dixit said, “As a second-year Link Crew Leader, I would hope that Cocoa and Cram was helpful for the freshmen. I usually ask questions after I go through things with the students to make to make sure they really understand the material. I almost wish there was a Cocoa and Cram for more grades.”

Both the Link Crew Leaders and freshmen agreed that Cocoa and Cram was a beneficial event and in the long run, helped the students with their midterms. Cocoa and Cram should continue for many more years, helping freshmen navigate the beast that is midterms.

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While speaking with JSA, she talked about the property and answered questions from students about the issue. She reinforced the idea of open space and talked about how people are enjoying walking and using the property as open space. Heller is the fourth person to come speak to JSA this school year. Former US Comptroller General Dave Walker, Representative Themis Klarides, as well as State Comptroller Kevin Lembo also spoke to JSA this school year.

Evan Kindseth, a member of JSA, enjoyed Heller coming in and said “she was very interesting and gave us

insight on the workings of the town and holding public office.”

Patrick Burland, ECR Vice Mayor of JSA, who invited Beth Heller to come, said, “I really appreciate the First Selectman coming to JSA and answering questions from our chapter members.”

Burland also said JSA plans to have other speakers coming in.

He said, “We hope to hear more from her and other community leaders in the future to further involve our members in political activism.”

JSA encourages everyone to attend their meetings every Wednesday after school in the lecture hall.



Beth Heller talks to Amity JSA.
Photo from woodbridgetownnews.com

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STEM veterans expressed similar feelings.

For the many of the first year Science Research students, this was the first time competing at a science fair. Shyam Vishwanathan, a freshman and first year student in the program, said, “It was stressful to present, but it was fun to view other projects and meet students from different schools.” Indeed, the environment was very competitive as all the schools had submitted very impressive projects tackling everything from environmental to medical problems.

Arnav Paliwal, another freshman, stated that participating in the fair “was a really enlightening process. I learned a lot about what it takes to design a unique experiment. I will take what I learned on to next year.”

In the past, many students have taken issue with the timing of the fair. It was not uncommon for judges to arrive far earlier than they were scheduled to. However,

the older students who had attended the fair in the past claimed that the fair proceeded far more smoothly this year.

Keri Tenerowicz, a junior who has attended the fair three times now, said “it seemed to be organized very well and flowed nicely.”

Anumolu also said, “I felt like even the food was better this year,” although there was some difference in opinion on this from others students.

After judging, students proceeded to the John J. Brady Center for a keynote speech, followed by the award ceremony.

Jacob Feuerstein, a junior, said “I really loved the keynote speaker. The topic was climate, which I am really interested in, and so it wasn’t as much of a drag as usual.”

The address was given by Dr. Stephen Wagener, a professor at Western Connecticut State University, who talked about the very real threat that global warming

poses to our world. Some people felt the presentation was a little bit bleak, but it ended on a hopeful note, reminding students that the future is in our hands.

After the keynote speech, tensions were high as students waited for the presentation of awards. Amity received a significant portion of the awards, twenty-six in total, which were given to twenty students.

Among the award winners were sophomore Sophia Wang and junior Talia Barry, who won three awards each. Wang was also one of two students invited to participate in the prestigious International Science and Engineering Fair with her project, entitled: “Sinkhole Detection using Wireless Sensor Networks and Structural Health Monitoring.”

All in all, the 2018 CT STEM Fair was a rousing success for the Science Research Program, and the Amity community is very proud of everyone who participated this year!

Brandon Steiner Visits Amity

by Andrew Boulton ‘19

Brandon Steiner came to speak to the members of Amity’s Sports Business Administration Club on Thursday January 25. Steiner is a sports marketer and the CEO of Steiner Sports Marketing, a company dealing with buying and selling authentic sports merchandise.

Steiner told the club, that was joined by members of the Amity Debate Team, of his tactics, his philosophy, and how he got started with business.

He started out small, just delivering newspapers, but that start was very influential in creating his future. He told Amity students, “I got started selling newspapers on my block. Our boss told us that the kid that got the most accounts in one week would win a prize. I was going to get that prize.”

Then, he talked about college, something that didn’t seem like it would be possible for him. According to Steiner, he didn’t have the grades or the money for college, but one admissions counselor was willing to take a chance on him. Now, Steiner says, he tries to pay it forward

by taking on interns at his company, allowing others to learn about his craft.

Students found Steiner’s perseverance and dedication inspiring. Junior Jack Pletter said, “I liked it a lot. I learned some business tips that I hadn’t known before. Steiner was a great guy.”

One of Steiner’s proudest business accomplishments was getting to put the Steiner name next to the Yankees after being named an official merchandiser.

Additionally, Junior Sam Scheps spoke highly of Steiner as well, saying, “I thought it was really cool how Steiner built an empire from his dreams and hard work. His entrepreneurship and money making skills were admirable and inspiring.”

The club is extremely grateful for Steiner’s visit, and faculty advisor Chris Borelli said, “I thought it was incredible that a man of Brandon Steiner’s caliber took time out of his day to come and talk at Amity.”

He’s used to talking to thousands of people and he came to talk to us. It really shows how genuine he is and that he practices what he preaches.”

We Don't Need Net Neutrality

by Patrick Burland '18
and Louis Gleason '18

Fear is a rampant factor in contemporary politics—and it's an effective one at that.

During the debate over net neutrality, Democrats, and much of the left, have capitalized on both it, and ignorance, to push their regulatory agenda. The idea of net neutrality, admittedly, sounds good to the average reader, but it is far from it.

Not only does America not need net neutrality but should embrace its de facto repeal.

You've likely heard this dichotomy perpetuated by net neutrality supporters.

Either we have net neutrality, and the Internet remains free, open, and untouched by monopolistic influences, or we don't have net neutrality, and every Internet user will be forced to pay exorbitant prices to access Google, will have to purchase separate packages to access what they wish, and will experience incredibly slow speeds unless they upgrade to another package, otherwise known as "throttling."

But this is extremely unlikely to happen, particularly for the reasons net neutrality advocates stipulate. ISPs throttle internet access on very rare occasions, and for good reason: it's bad for business.

In our capitalist society, people seek the best possible product for the lowest possible price, and, if companies wish to make a profit, that is what they will try to provide.

For example, if Comcast were to restrict access to news sites other than MSNBC, which it has a business relationship with, the market would react. If people

want access to a broad array of news sites, consumers will leave Comcast in favor of another ISP that meets their demands.

The same goes for throttling Internet speeds. If people are unsatisfied, they will leave the ISP that doesn't provide them with proper service.

These rules were only implemented in 2015—two years ago, during which the Internet operated just fine, without the extrapolated armageddon that many have "predicted." Throttling only occurred in order to keep ISPs' servers running during times of extreme stress.

While on the topic of history, let's go back to pre-2015 and pre-net neutrality rules. These doomsday predictions don't hold true in an era that was prior to these regulations.

Under the free market, private network operators in the United States spent over, according to Harvard Business Review, \$1.4 trillion, voluntarily, on Internet investments.

This has allowed for the United States to acquire a multitude of high speed networks, including fiber optics, high-speed cable, VDSL, 4G LTE, and satellite, much of which is the some of the cheapest throughout the world.

The Internet has gotten faster, cheaper, and more available when left to the market. No armageddon, no apocalypse, just progress.

That is because the market operates to keep these apocalyptic predictions from rearing their head.

Furthermore, when regulating the Internet as a public utility, the government relegates ISPs' business models to the exact same design, not allowing for experimen-

tation within the market. All ISPs, within the Title II regulations, are required to provide all data at the same speed for all people, eliminating experimentation with different types of services that some people may prefer.

For instance, online video games, particularly of the multiplayer variety, consume massive amounts of data. Some people, in this certain instance those who play a lot of video games, may prefer to purchase a service from an ISP that allocates better bandwidth to those online video games.

Or take this: it's Saturday night and you're binge watching Netflix, as are millions of other people at the same time, putting immense strain on Netflix's servers, causing your show or movie to buffer constantly.

To prevent this, shouldn't people be able to purchase better bandwidth if they wanted to?

Take a more dire situation. For hospitals that rely on Internet access, they should be able to have faster Internet speeds for all the necessary equipment they use for the livelihood of people.

Through allowing ISPs to compete with each other, they can create new and better business models that better serve the needs of their customers.

And should consumers prefer neutrality, then companies will provide an option for that. Ultimately, this boils down to choice: do you want to be able to choose what service you buy, depending on your needs, or do you want to be forced to purchase one product?

Armageddon isn't on the horizon, but rather, the Internet may prove to be even better once net neutrality is repealed.

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The Latest Twist in the Career of Logan Paul

by Andrew Johnson '18,
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Vince Li '18, and
Jacob Feuerstein '19

Logan Paul, a famous YouTuber and widely acclaimed internet personality, released a controversial video in early January that insensitively dealt with the issue of suicide. This simple, yet seemingly playful "vlog" enraged and caused major backlash from people around

the world. Thereafter, Paul immediately uploaded an informal styled apology video to address the conflict. For several weeks, he stayed under the radar from press and fans alike. However, just this week, Paul broke his silence by posting a video that featured him tazing an already dead rat to dispose of its remains. Thus, we decided to watch the video and collectively review it. This piece primarily consisted of us reflect-

ing on our thoughts of the future of the contentious YouTube star and his mass influence on younger children.

Our opinions did vary, as some of us unfamiliar with the star. But based off what one member of this group saw, he was mostly apathetic but concerned about his potential influence on others. Andrew Johnson '18 said, "I'm not really sure what I just witnessed in that video or why it is supposed to

be comical, but it seems rather cruel to treat the deceased rats like that. To be honest, I would say I don't care for Logan Paul. From what I know about him he does not make smart decisions at all. He should have learned from his previous mistake, but he evidently has failed to do that. I believe he still has a lot to learn about his own actions and how they can impact his audience."

Others dug deeper and analyzed why the

controversy surrounding Logan Paul existed in the first place, Jacob Feuerstein '19 contrasted with Johnson, saying, "I don't see a problem with it. It's the same people criticizing him that are the same people who blame millennials for being too politically correct. That's an awful hypocrisy."

Another member of our group, Christina Lee '18, had a very strong

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opinion on the character and all of his decisions.

“I just think he’s immature. Paul had a giant controversy a month ago,

which displayed his lack of respect for basic human morals. Similarly to the that video, he presents a video of himself violating the rights of animals. It’s clear that Paul has not learned from his mistakes.

Besides Paul’s wrongful actions, I think other internet platforms should take serious action from preventing content like this from being shared with children.”

However, not every-

one had an issue with the video.

In fact, one member, Vince Li ‘18, said, “It was a really interesting watch. He has vamped up his “vlogging” style, and it’s good to see that he’s

back on YouTube again. I really enjoyed the creative content; the casing was an excellent side effect. Overall I’d rate it a nine out of 10 because it was really enjoyable to watch.”

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Date of Amity musical opening night
10. Pit orchestra conductor
11. Counterpart of rods in our eyes
13. Starbucks competition, abbreviation
14. Tickets sometimes abbreviated this way
15. Red or White __ are sports teams
17. First note in solfege scale
19. Computers on wheels or these animals (which, in Bethany, have stripes)
21. Senior who is the grandma in the musical for the third time
23. Common Words with Friends or Scrabble word that used the Q
24. Opus abbreviation in music
25. Starts antonym
27. Character played by Gnidula in the musical
29. TLD for Norway
31. Sesame Street favorite
33. See this on Broadway
36. Yellow Brick Road leads here
37. Female name or common legal action
38. Prima Donna
39. Mississippi abbreviation
41. Lightbulb moment sound
43. Where to go in hospitals if there’s an emergency, abbreviation
44. Not today, not tomorrow but this day in the past
45. Route abbreviation

DOWN

1. Amity music this year
2. Tide __ Challenge is dangerous
3. “Real Life” in texting lingo
4. Iowa abbreviation
5. Not St, Ave, Rd
6. Commonly seen hanging off roofs or sides of buildings during snow storms and cold weather
7. How Gossip Girl signs off; popular text or letter message on Valentine’s Day
8. Tennessee abbreviation
9. Makes holiday toy trucks... also gas
12. Commonly used conjunction
16. This number clue in Roman Numerals
17. Department abbreviation
18. I on a switch
20. Emily Kilian plays this character in the musical
22. Valentine’s Day flowers
26. Sun in español
28. Ben, Sophie, and Kevin of the Trident, abbreviation
30. Composer named Wolfgang
32. Hire one of these when you move
34. Australia abbreviation
35. Pb is this element’s symbol
39. One way to address a female teacher
40. Street
42. Express laughter over text

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If you correctly complete this crossword puzzle, email a picture to amitytrident-newspaper@gmail.com.

The first person to send us a correct puzzle will receive a prize (likely a gift card). Submissions start at 3 p.m.

Chamber Singers Represented at Southern Regional High School Festival

by Lexi Halstead '19

Every year, the Connecticut Music Educators Association (CMEA) hosts the Regional Festivals, which build diverse ensembles of high school students throughout the state with strong music abilities. There are regional festivals in four regions (Northern, Eastern, Southern, and Western) Connecticut, and each has a band, jazz band, orchestra, and choir. Amity is part of the Southern region. Students in all three sections of the Amity Music Department audition each year. The requirements for auditions include sight reading, a prepared piece, and scales.

This year, four members of Amity's Chamber Singers auditioned and were accepted into the choirs. Sopranos Swetha Tadepalli '19 and Willow Smith '19 were part of the SSA (all-girl) choir. Alto Ruiqi Jiang '20 was a member of the SATB (mixed) choir. Soprano Sophie Baum '18 was accepted into both the choir and the orchestra, but chose to perform in the orchestra. Each choir had a variety of different pieces to perform showcasing different music genres and styles. The song repertoire included songs in Latin, German, and English. The festival took place in Middletown on January 12th and 13th.

Willow Smith is new to the process and is a first-year participant. Music plays a big role in her life both inside and outside of school. Between a member of Chamber Singers and a peer leader in a choir outside of school,

Smith shows a passion for singing and music. "You really create a family when you practice with complete strangers for hours at a time," says Smith after completing her first Regionals performance. "It's actually quite amazing how much you can accomplish with such little time and the final product is unimaginable."

Swetha Tadepalli, on the other hand, is quite familiar with the festival. She has been participating since middle school. As for her high school regional experiences, she participated in the SATB choir as a sophomore and was in the SSA choir for the first time this year.

"You practice for hours at a time just days leading up to the concert and then when the music all comes together in that auditorium, it's breathtaking," exclaims Tadepalli. "It's super rewarding to be singing with such a talented group of individuals."

Her advice to other music students eager to audition next year? "Your vocal range has to be big because the songs hit super high or low pitches depending on what section you're in," she said. Overall, the regionals experience has been rewarding for the both of them.

The CMEA festival does not just stop at the Regional festivals, however. Once Regionals has commenced, the musicians who participated in the event can go on to audition for the All-State Chorus, Band, Jazz Band, or Orchestra, which consist of the best vocalists and musicians from across the state. Both a performance and banquet is held for the students who make All-State.

The Chamber Singers will be represented at All-States this year by Willow Smith for the mixed chorus and Sophie Baum for orchestra. Both Regionals and All-States have special guest conductors who are experts in music, and it's a very eye-opening experience to work with them. This year, Smith will be conducted by Dr. Jamie Spillane, an Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral Studies at University of Connecticut. Baum will have the privilege of working under Ara Sarkissian of Interlochen Arts Academy and Violin Institute.

All-States will be held from April 19-21 at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, CT. Many others will join Baum and Smith in April and will perform in the band or orchestra.

All four of these Amity Chamber Singers show a strong passion for music and worked hard to earn acceptance into Regionals. Even in the midst of some of their busiest high school years, these students show perseverance to achieving a goal. Jiang, Smith, Tadepalli took time out of the rigorous course loads of sophomore and junior years to audition and rehearse for their performances. Baum auditioned for both orchestra and choir in the midst of sending out college applications.

This determination and dedication to both music and their studies shows just what it means to be an Amity student. Keep up the great work, Spartans. Congratulations to Tadepalli and Jiang on their Regional Festival performances, and good luck to Baum and Smith at All-States!

Unified Theatre Is in the Spotlight!

by Ella Marin '20

The Amity Unified Theater Club seeks to provide all students with the opportunity to participate in theater! A huge aspect that makes this club particularly unique is that around half of the kids in the club have special needs. Amity Unified Theater does an amazing job making sure that there are no limitations such that everyone is free to be an active member.

New club member Olivia Gross '20 described her preliminary feelings about Unified Theater. "It feels like such a good environment and everyone is extremely pas-

ent decades. The skits were about three minutes each and recognized a cultural aspect of the time. For example, one of the skits took place in the 1920s in a jazz club. Other scenes included a candy shop, a Beatles concert, a dance-off and more!

Ali Hagani '18, co-president of Amity Unified Theater, discussed what she values about her club. "I really love that the club is inclusive. Because of that, it's a stress-free environment. We have a lot of fun putting on the shows and being together. It's a really tight knit and amazing group of individuals!" Unified Theater is a great place to meet new people because everyone is



Students participate in Unified Theatre performance on February 9.

Photo by Dr. Charles Dumais

sionate!"

Every year, Unified Theater works to produce a student directed, written, and performed showcase. Everyone in the club is given the opportunity to have a speaking role, as well as to help write and put on the show. This year's showcase took place on Friday, February 9th. All of the featured skits revolved around differ-

able to come together and bond over their common interest in theater.

Leah Saulsberry '18, the other co-president of Amity Unified Theater, said, "Our showcase is meant to give members an outlet to be creative and have fun on stage with music and inspiration from different decades."

The show was a big success with a great turnout!

Atiana's Boutique: Amity's Prom Dress Hotspot

by Elana Bershtein '19

As the first semester of the school year ends, prom season is quickly approaching. For many, this entails the beginning of the search for finding the perfect prom dress. A dress store particularly popular within the Amity community is Atiana's Boutique. Located at 1571 Boston Post Road in Milford, the shop has been the destination of many in hopes of purchasing a dress for prom. The store carries a wide range of dresses from a variety of designers, such as Sherri Hill and Ellie Wilde, all ranging in price and size. Although it can be overwhelming at first, the large selection of dresses and helpful workers facilitate the dress selection process. As written on the store's website, "Atiana's Boutique was founded on the idea that you should have access to the top

special occasion fashions on the market, from dresses to accessories, and you should be able to shop for it all in one place."

Lexi Halstead '19 entered the boutique hopeful of finding a dress for the upcoming junior prom. Her experience in the store was very positive and she ultimately found a dress that she really likes. She said, "I loved Atiana's! They had such a huge selection of dresses and the store was nicely laid out." She also explained that the staff was very helpful when trying on dresses and made sure that the customers had a positive shopping experience. Halstead also thought that Atiana's approach to selling dresses was very unique and helpful. She says that "when it came to actually buying the dress they had you fill out a card and you had to put it in their system with the designer of the dress and

color/print to ensure no one would have your dress. If not they wouldn't let you buy it. I thought this was really



Outside of Atiana's Boutique.

Photo by Elana Bershtein '19.

cool, as they make sure their customer's dresses are unique and genuinely care about the customer." Halstead recommends Atiana's to all girls in

search of prom dresses and accessories.

Others, however, have had different experiences. Due to its wide range of dresses and local popularity, Molly Cox '19 was optimistic that she would purchase the perfect dress. However, the vast supply of dresses and overcrowding in the store ultimately led to her disappointment. She said, "Personally, I don't love shopping, but was quite hopeful that Atiana's would have a dress for me. However, the large crowds of people in the general store and dressing rooms only added to the stress of finding a dress." Fortunately for Molly, and many other shoppers, there are several other prom dress vendors that each offer different experiences. Cox said, "Although I didn't find a dress I loved at Atiana's, I was never discouraged and continued to search. There are so many

different options and I knew that eventually I would find a dress that I would love." She encourages others to not lose hope if experiences at Atiana's are unfavorable and ensures that a variety of other stores serve as perfect prom-dress shopping alternatives.

Even though Atiana's is a popular dress boutique and carries a large supply of dresses, each shopping experience differs upon each customer and what they're looking for. They also have a website, allowing customers to browse their supply of dresses without having to attend the store. Atiana's is open Mondays-Saturdays 11 AM to 5 PM and Sundays 11 AM to 8 PM throughout prom season, making shopping for a dress manageable to fit customer schedules.

To find out more, visit their website: <http://www.atianasboutique.com> or call them at (203)-877-7700.

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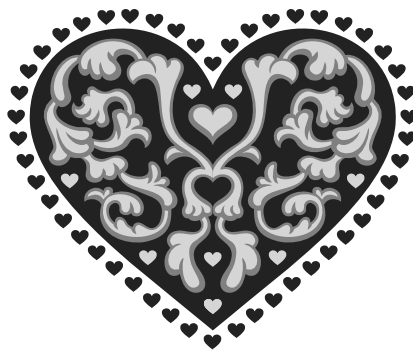
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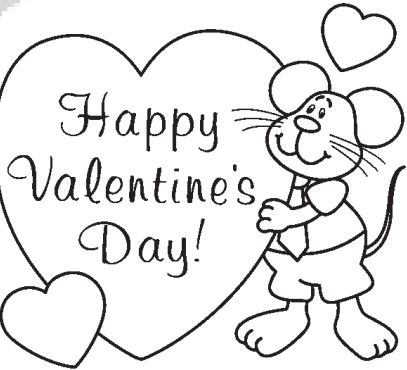


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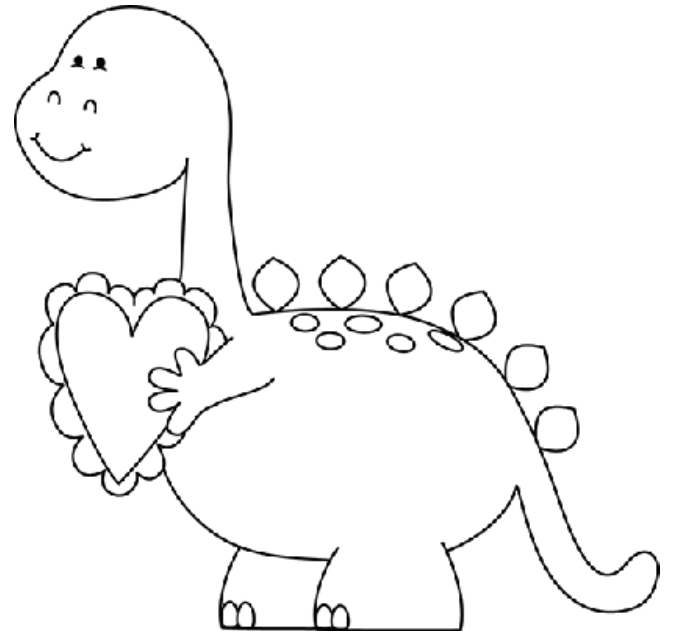
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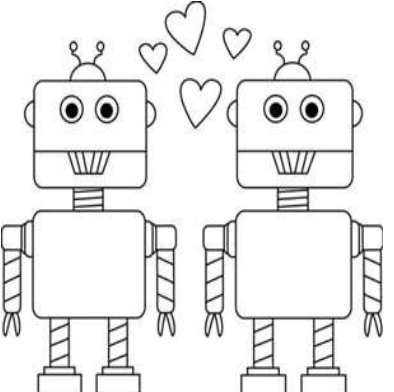
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24 Hour Play Festival Takes on “Fake News”

by Sydney Reiner '20

Ready, set, go!

On January 26th, the festivities for the 24 Hour Play Night began. The 24 Hour Play Festival is an activity at Amity during which students choose a theme, and then have 24 hours to

plays. Each group was assigned a classroom to focus on their work, where they not only elaborated on their masterpiece scripts, but also concentrated on costumes, lighting, and props.

All the groups seemed to work very well together, and all worked hard on creating an comprehensive

By 7:00, the participants had memorized their lines, set up the props and lighting, were in their costumes, and were then ready to perform.

Each group did a remarkable job, each taking a very unique view on the topic. One group focused on Disney villains, and con-



Participants of the 24 Hour Play Festival pose for a picture.

Photo by Sophie Baum '18.

create a production pertaining to it. In groups, students would have to write the play and then perform it to an audience, at 7:00 p.m., the next day.

After school on Friday, January 26th, the students gathered in the auditorium, and after anxiously waiting, it was revealed to the students that the theme was “fake news.”

The participants divided into three groups, all with different ideas of how they would approach the topic. They worked all day after school, to plan and produce their masterful production.

Bright and early at nine o'clock on a Saturday morning, the actors and writers met at the school to continue creating their

performance.

Halle Syrop '20, took part in the event. When asked about working creatively with other students, she explained, “I was really nervous... but we were able to work really well together, everyone’s ideas were used, and no one was left out. I feel like it was a good bonding experience... because we all have a love for theatre, we were able to throw out ideas and not be self-conscious about them.”

As if there wasn’t enough to work on, at 1:00, a mere six hours before they were set to perform, the groups were thrown a curveball.

They were required to involve the line, “it’s fake news folks, fake news” somewhere in their script.

veyed how the portrayals of them in the Disney movies were untrue. Another group went in the direction of a murder mystery. The characters investigate a murder of a college girl, only to find out that she is not dead. The last group’s take on “fake news” involved an evil public detective.

Many people attended the viewing of the plays, and they received rave reviews! Olivia Gross '20 exclaimed that participating in the event was “overall a really great experience.”

Altogether, the 24 Hour Play Festival brought many of the talented writers and actors at Amity together, and through hard work and persistence, produced three masterful and intelligent plays.

An Interview with Harrison Paek

by David Chen '18

In anticipation of the upcoming spring musical, *Addams Family*, the *Trident*’s David Chen interviewed Harrison Paek '18 of the Amity Theater Department. Paek, a veteran Amity actor looks to make this last performance especially memorable.

Q. How long have you been a part of the Amity Theater Department?

I’ve been working with the theater department for three years now and participated in a total of five productions.

of the cast, the musical affects my life so greatly. But beyond my own life, there is the idea that the performance I worked on could have a profound effect on someone else’s [life].

Q. What recommendations would you have for an aspiring actor/actress hoping to participate?

I would definitely say that it’s important to work hard on your audition. If you get a role, it’s important that you’re prepared and ready to work your tail off! Overall, I would say that the effort you put in matters more than anything else when it



Paek '18 and costume designer Marissa Proto '18 talk at rehearsal.

Photo Courtesy Harrison Paek '18.

Q. What prompted you to join in the first place?

As a kid, I was always really into performing and had a ton of reserve energy. Now, acting in the school musical is the perfect outlet for that energy and I have a ton of fun performing.

Q. So who are you playing in the upcoming musical?

I have the role of Gomez Addams, the father of the Addams family.

Q. What would you say is the most rewarding part about being a part of the school musical?

Definitely the idea that, although I am a member

comes to the school musical.

Q. When drama happens amongst theater kids, is it genuine drama or is everyone just perfecting their acting skills?

If you’re acting in your life beyond the musical, you’re probably a sociopath. So, I guess it’s genuine drama for the most part.

Q. Thanks so much, Harrison! Now, when does the musical premiere?

Well, it premieres in April and people can get tickets on the Amity theater department website!

JHAF Brings Dave Roman to Amity

by Ella Marin '20

Dave Roman, a graphic novelist and illustrator, gave a Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation sponsored presentation to Amity students on January 10th. Students in selected classes of art, reading, and English attended the presentation during periods 7 and 8.

Dave Roman is the author/illustrator of the *Astronaut Academy* Series and writer of the books *Teen Boat! Race for Boatlantis* and *Agnes Quill: An Anthology of Mystery*. Dave has contributed to many other books and is a former

editor for the *Nickelodeon Magazine* as well. He is a graduate from the School of Visual Arts and is currently a series editor for *First Second*’s Science Comics series of nonfiction graphic novels. Additionally, he draws a weekly webcomic called “Starbunny, Inc.”

Interestingly, Dave was married to Raina Telgemeier who is a famous cartoonist herself. In 2010, she released a bestselling graphic novel *Smile* which was essentially a retelling of her own dental hardships that she experienced as a teen.

Many classes attended Roman’s presentation, specifically, the Graphic Novel class, the Intro to Ceramics/

Pottery class, and Drawing and Painting II. Howard Ding '18, a member of the Graphic Novel class, said, “[Roman] presented pretty well and went over his career so far. He also shared with us a bit of his book, *Teen Boat*, and the process that he [under]went to create it, giving us insight [in]to how professionals work on their com-



Dave Roman talking to students in the Media Center.

Photo Courtesy of Dr. Charles Dumais.

ics.”

The Graphic Novel class got a special opportunity.

They got to spend another period with him so he could go over their drafts for their graphic novels and give pointers. Ding '18 said, “[the pointers were] generally to keep at it and to look beyond the aesthetics as the story is the most important part.”

Dave Roman was able to effectively share his success story with Amity students taking classes pertaining to his field.

He was able to truly inspire students to continue pursuing art and writing throughout their high school career.

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A Great Experience for the Spartans Track Team on Senior Night 2018

by David Sugarmann '20

The middle of February marks the climax of the Indoor Track season. Months of hard work culminate in the SCC and Class LL meets. About a

best fit his or her strengths. And whatever event that may be, each person on the team is willing to put in as much work as possible to make sure they are the best athlete they can be.

To get a better understanding of the winning

creating a winning team mentality, Ford said “[It] is definitely motivation. If the team expects results, they will achieve those results together.”

Recently, this team showed that their hard work paid off. In the SCC



Connor Visnic '19, left, races against a Hillhouse distance runner at the Hillhouse Indoor Track Facility.

Photo Courtesy Ian Carpenter '18.



Coaches Iverson and Pope pose with their medal-winning athletes on February 2, 2018 at the SCC Championship Meet.

Photo Courtesy Ian Carpenter '18.

month ago, temperatures were near zero degrees Fahrenheit.

Many students spent their time after school in the comfort of their own home, but the Boys Indoor Track team did just the opposite.

No matter what the weather was like, they ran outside. They did not do this because they had to; they did this because they wanted to. Unlike many other sports, the Boys Indoor Track team has many different components to it.

Sprinters, long distance runners, throwers, and jumpers together represent Amity Track. Because there are so many contests in each meet, each athlete had to hone in on the one or two events that

mentality of this team. Captain Ryan Ford '18 commented on this team's history of success.

He said “the culture of the team gives us opportunities for success,” and that all athletes have “the common goal of improving as individuals and as a team.”

This highlights the dynamic of the team. While one might look at Indoor Track as a bunch of individual events, the success of a team comes from the environment and work ethic of the entire team. Each person on this team has a job, and winning only comes when everyone does their part at peak effort.

When asked about the most important part of

Championship meet, Amity had some incredible performances.

Among these include two top five finishers in the 3200-meter race (Connor Visnic '19, Jake Mattei '18) as well as top five finishes in the 4x200-meter relay and the 4x800-meter relay.

Judging by Ford's comments, this team will do whatever it takes to get to the top.

Whether it is holding rigorous practices or creating a team mentality that strives to be as best as it can be, Amity Boys Indoor Track is hungry for success.



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The Blades Continue to Skate their Way through the 2018 Season

by Evan Arovos '20

The girls hockey team, the Blades, have put together an impressive season so far with a solid 12-4-0 record. For those who are unaware,

first time the Blades saw their SCC foe, they suffered an overtime defeat, motivating the girls for the next time they faced the West Haven-Sacred Heart team.

Not only did the Blades come out and win that game,

holds down the fort with her long standing knowledge of the game and high leadership abilities. On offense, Tess Csejka '20 has demonstrated the speed Amity is known for. Andrea Delvecchio '19 is yet another im-



Blades players line up for a face off during their victory against Hall-Conard Co-op.

Photo Courtesy Grace Kosh '18.

the Blades is a team composed of three different high schools: Amity, Cheshire and North Haven.

After a heartbreaking loss to West Haven/Sacred Heart, captains Olivia Dittman '18 and Grace Kosh '18 have led their team on a mission to hoist not only the SCC title, but the State Championship as well. The

they came out and throttled them 4-1. Dittman '18 said, "We came together as a team [in] the second. We really played the game we knew how to play and kept our spirits up which our team has struggled with this season."

Amity makes up an essential part of the team. On defense, Grace Kosh '18

portant member of the team. But perhaps the most surprising member is freshman Cally Dixon '21, who leads the team in goals.

Throughout the season, the team has abided by one quote from their Coach John Peschell: "It's a scientifically proven fact that when you smile while skating you'll play better."

Boys Hockey Continues to Impress and Improve

by Mai Chen '18

The Amity Boys Hockey Team continues to impress its school and conference.

During tryouts, the coaches filtered only the best of the bunch. Their tryout session was divided into two parts. During the first hour, there was a focus on skating exercises and individual technique.

The second hour involved more competitive drills, testing team-oriented coordination, as well as informal scrimmages to see how the players fared in a real game environment.

After many hours, the roster was settled and the new and improved team was

raring to go.

With all of this practice and preparation, their season started out strong with a record of 5-1, but they have skidded recently. Now they are 6-5 and looking to revitalize their game. Having finished the toughest part of their season, the hockey team is looking to capitalize on their remaining games and land a good seed for the playoffs.

Captains Chase Kozak '18, Michael Miller '18, and Jacob Silliman '18 are hoping to take their team far into the postseason. Their most talented forward so far has been student-athlete Jason Csejka '19. In the net, Tyler Cole '18 has been playing exceptionally well, and

seems to have a strong defensive core.

"We have improved drastically from last year," comments player Harrison Silver '18. "Having a lot of upperclassmen has been crucial to our success."

The underclassmen have also been performing well, providing a much needed depth in order to become a contender. The senior class represents 12 veteran players; their experience is extremely necessary in guiding the team as they buckle down for their last days of regular season play.

Overall, they hope that their strong work ethic can will carry them to the state championship at the end of this 2017-2018 season.

Ski Team Vies for a Successful Return to States

by Jordan Conn '18

The boys and girls ski teams have raced their way down the slope of the season. They're looking to finish off the year strong as they enter a challenging February schedule.

Coach Vincent Lazzaro of the girls team and Bruce German of the boys team have led the skiers to an

Katelyn Blake '19. Another key racer, Natalie Prinz '20, although an underclassman, has worked her way into the upper varsity ranks. Foley has mostly finished towards the top of the pack, including three first place finishes. She has improved by hundredths of a second in most races this season. Blake has not been far behind Foley, with her times in the 23-25 second range. Prinz has typi-



The Amity Girls and Boys Ski Teams pose for a group photo.

Photo Courtesy Robert Taylor.

impressive 2017-2018 campaign at Mount Southington.

Leading the boys team are Captains Henry Molot '18 and Ben Sauberman '18, along with rising stars Jared Beltz '19 and Sam Koorejian '19. Molot has seen a lot of improvement this season, dropping his times by over a second. Sauberman has also improved since last season, keeping his times consistently under 27 seconds. Beltz and Koorejian have both dropped their times by more than five seconds from last year.

The girls team is led by Captains Mary Foley '19,

cally come in this season in under 28 seconds.

Although the girls had lost some talent from previous years, they still had a solid season. "The girls team lost a few fast racers from last season, but Mary and Katelyn have stepped up and been at the top of their game," said Beltz.

The boy's roster has also grown significantly. Beltz said, "The boys team has improved its standings overall." The majority of the varsity racers this season have come in below 27 seconds, which definitely showed improvement.



Amity Hockey celebrates a goal.

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