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Students Thank Teachers for ‘Helping Them Grow’

by Alice Xu '24

This school year was undoubtedly a strenuous one, but nevertheless, Amity teachers rose to the challenge and helped give students the most positive

committee decided to give the occasion the theme of “Amity Teachers Help Us Grow.”

Unfortunately, as with many things this school year, brainstorming and organizing ideas for the event was not as simple as it had been in the past. Regardless,

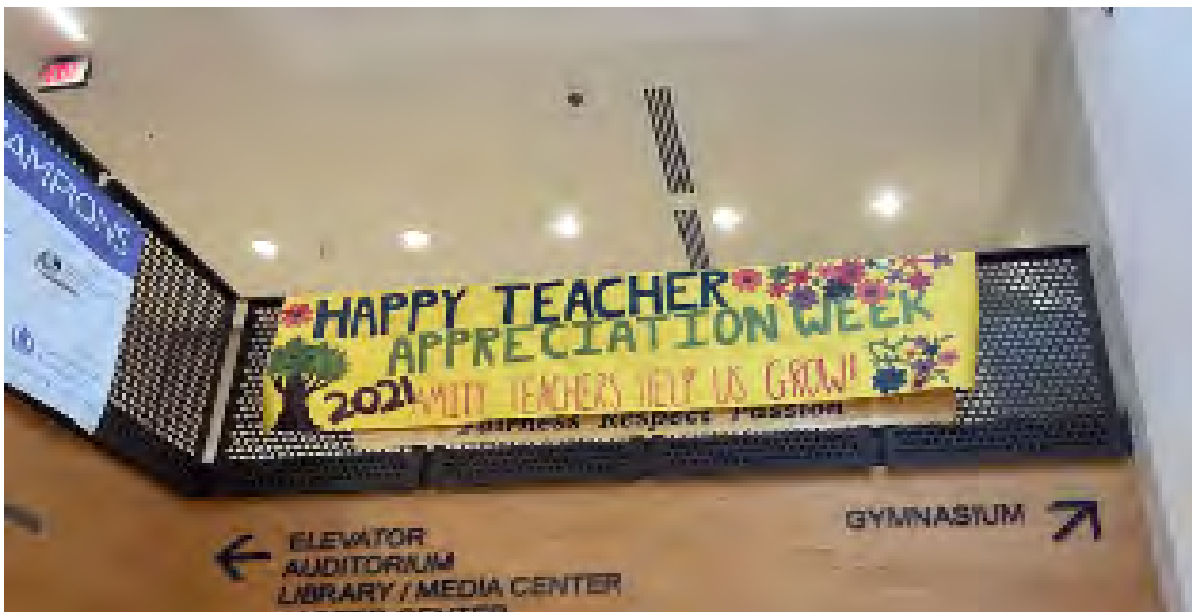


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Teacher appreciation banner created by Principal’s Committee.

experience possible. To show appreciation for their unyielding dedication and continuous enthusiasm throughout the year, the Amity Student Government’s Principal’s Committee organized several teacher appreciation events.

In the spirit of the spring time, the

committee members worked tirelessly and came up with the idea of giving teachers personalized wordles.

Wordles are generally a visual representation of words in which the size of

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Prom, COVID-Style: Amity Plans for a Memorable Night

by Aadya Wijesekera '23

Although COVID-19 has prevented many annual high school events from occurring, Amity has been able to create a way for juniors and seniors to attend a prom.

In order to keep students safe, prom will be held outdoors and socially distanced to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Both junior and senior proms will take place in the school’s parking lot under a large tent.

Though state restrictions have loosened, prom will continue to follow several safety protocols. For example, students are not allowed to bring guests outside of their grade or school district. Students will be eating in designated areas of the tent to prevent contact with one another when maskless. Food trucks will also be

provided as a new and safer way for people to eat during the event.

Prom is normally held towards the end of May at a venue outside of the high school, such as the Omni Hotel in New Haven. However, this year, prom will be held at the beginning of June with senior prom on Saturday, June 5th and junior prom following on Sunday, June 6th.

Despite the fact that prom has changed a lot from the normal yearly event, many students are very excited to be able to attend. It provides some semblance of normalcy as they plan to gather together to take pre-prom pictures with their dates and friends to celebrate the ending of the school year.

Tina Burland '22 is excited for her junior prom. “I think it’s great

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SSLP/SIP Return as Seniors Finish the Year Outside the Classroom

by Jennifer Xu '21

In their final weeks of high school, Amity seniors are met with a variety of senior activities and events.

One of the school’s long-standing traditions is the Senior Service Learning Project (SSLP) which pairs with the Senior Interest Project (SIP). Through both of these programs, seniors have the opportunity to gain work experience at a site of their choice or to research a topic or profession of their choice. This year, these programs are taking place from May 17th to June 3rd.

Participation in either program is voluntary, as seniors may also attend classes as usual instead of looking for an internship or senior interest project. SIP takes place in the CAP, where students research and prepare a presentation about their chosen topic during the school day.

However, the majority of students choose to participate in SSLP, also referred to as “internship,” and despite the challenges

in finding locations due to job site COVID-19 restrictions, about 60% of the class of 2021 are participating in SSLP in both in-person and virtual formats.

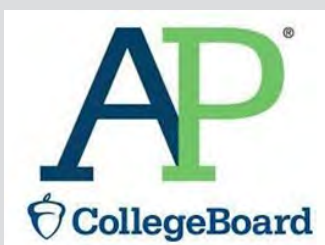
The first step for SSLP is to look for job sites. Participating student William Zhang '21 advises future seniors by saying, “Don’t wait until the last minute to find an internship,” alluding to the various communications that must occur between students and mentors and the variety of job options students must sift through before landing on the most suitable internship.

Additionally, seniors must communicate with their mentors and sign both a preliminary and final contract as well as receive approval from Amity’s Career Center.

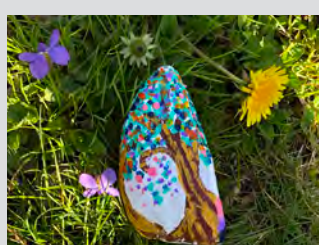
Internships that are both in-person and virtual are proving to be beneficial to seniors. Virtual internships were newly introduced this year as a flexible option for those worksites that had COVID-19

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each word corresponds with the number of times it appears. In this case, the wordles would be made up of adjectives and phrases describing specific teachers.

Principal’s Committee Senior Chair Wendy Zhang ‘21 said, “It was really hard this year to get everything done virtually, but since our teachers have been doing it all year - and wonderfully, too - we really wanted to show our appreciation with personalized wordles.”

To format this, a Google Form was created to collect words and phrases relating to or describing specific teachers. This was sent out and advertised at the beginning of April to all of the students at Amity.

It proved to be a great success, bringing in over 600 responses with various words and phrases in each. These responses were then compiled into individual wordles, printed, and hand-delivered to each teacher along with flowers and notes.

English teacher Jennifer Pascale appreciated the special gifts. “I thought the Wordle was so endearing and sweet,” she said. “It

makes me smile when I see where I posted it on the wall.”

Wendy Carriello, a special education teacher, felt the sentiments were very encouraging. “The wordle reminded me of the traits that help me successfully work with kids,” she said.

In addition to this, the committee spray painted the rock and created a colorful banner to further convey students’ gratitude for their teachers.

Ultimately,

Zhang stated, “I hope our message of appreciation reached the teachers because Amity teachers have really gone above and beyond



Photo contributed by Wendy Zhang ‘21

Decorated rock for Teacher Appreciation Week

this year for us!” The efforts made by both Amity’s student body and Amity’s teachers are unmistakable, not only during Teacher Appreciation Week, but all year long.

Prom, COVID-Style

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that the school is trying to make things as normal as possible.”

She remarks that she would have preferred some things to be different, but also acknowledges that the precautions will be helpful in making people feel safer and allowing more people to attend.

Juan Rodriguez ‘22 agreed and commented, “I think it’s something that will be as fun and good

as possible.”

Many seniors share this sentiment as their junior prom was cancelled due to the COVID-19 quarantine that lasted from March 2020 through the end of the school year.

Jennifer Xu ‘21 said, “Since we missed prom last year, I’m really glad we’re able to have an event this year, even though it’ll be different than traditional proms.”

This year’s prom was also possible due to the hard work of multiple groups

within the school.

Eesha Acharya ‘21 acknowledged the efforts of many people.

“I know that the administration and the student government are working hard to provide us with an amazing prom experience.”

Even though this year’s proms will be quite different than those of the past, students, teachers, and administrators are grateful they can occur and know they will be remembered by all for years to come.

Seniors Finish the Year Outside the Classroom

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restrictions. Anika Minotti ‘21, who is interning virtually with a member of Connecticut’s Congress, stated, “Besides allowing me to end school early, my internship provides me with a real world experience that is both informative and fun.”

Additionally, the traditional in-person internships are continuing to show their success. Emily Paolozzi ‘21, who is interning with The

Clay Date, said her internship “taught countless aspects of small businesses, like counting money quickly, dealing with customers, and set-up being as important as clean-up.”

It has allowed Paolozzi to explore how to offer both a product and a service while still having “a great time.”

To culminate internship, seniors must create a final project that demonstrates what they have learned and accom-

plished at their job sites. Lynn Cocco and Paula Vallie, the advisors for SSLP, encourage students to “be creative and have fun” with the projects, which are flexible and can include TED talk speeches, video diaries, and PowerPoint presentations.

Amity is excited to see these projects and to see SSLP carry out, as it has proved itself to be not only an exciting way for seniors to end their high school careers but an educational one as well.

AP Exams Cause Added Stress This Spring COVID Restrictions Put in Place for Testing

**by Aadya Wijesekera ‘23
and Michael Perrone ‘23**

Despite the various limitations from COVID-19 this school year, AP exams were still able to take place. AP exams usually occur within the school across two weeks in mid-May.

However, due to COVID-19 restrictions and mitigation strategies, AP exams are running from May 3 until June 11.

This includes three separate testing windows for each AP class to provide the most flexibility for students. AP exams are scored on a point system from 1 to 5.

There is also a combination of both remote and in-person exams depending on the amount of students being tested. Smaller classes such as AP Physics and AP Music Theory are able to be taken in person, but larger classes like AP United States History

and AP Government are taken remotely.

In order to preserve test security for the remote exams, College Board has developed a secure testing browser which can be downloaded onto a computer. Students are required to go through a process to download their exam software to their computer.

Additionally, they must type a security statement where students verify that they will not cheat and keep their exam secure. Some AP exams also had changes this year, replacing certain sections or shortening the exam.

As usual, exams still generate a great deal of anxiety for students.



Grace Mahon ‘23 said, “I’m pretty stressed out about the [AP United States History exam]. I’m worried I won’t know everything for the exam.”

However, she still noted that the AP exams are a good way to culminate everything you’ve learned in an AP class.

Other students have differing opinions about AP exams and are not experiencing the same stress. Ryan Kennedy ‘21 remarked, “I find no reason for students to be worried. People can get a 70% and still get a 4 [on the exam].”

As a senior who took AP Psychology this past year, Kennedy still believes that exams are important to take as the courses are tailored around the exams.

As many students complete their final AP exams for the year, they eagerly await the release of scores during the summer months.

A Reflection on Pride Week 2021

by Ian Glassman '21, Rose Parady '21, and Dana Jossick '21

Amity's Pride Week 2021 shines light on the importance of both LGBTQ+ visibility and education in all environments. This year, the celebration came at a pivotal time for LGBTQ+ rights, especially for transgender people living in America.

The celebration debuted in April of 2019 as an alternative to GLSEN's National Day of Silence, an annual event that the network says aims to "protest the harmful effects of harassment and discrimination" of LGBTQ+ people in the school environment. Through this, students and faculty could opt to stay silent the entire school day in solidarity with those whose voices are suppressed.

Members of Amity People Leading Against Homophobic Discrimination (PLAHD) took a very different approach in organizing Pride Week: instead of encouraging silencing, LGBTQ+ musicians, such as Britain's pop-star Rina Sawayama, played on the loudspeaker in the hallways on Friday; instead of taking off paper wristbands, people put on the rainbow pins

distributed during lunch waves; and instead of limiting discussion, we created a history exhibit for everyone to learn from.

Students in PLAHD felt that the Day of Silence had too many faults and ultimately did more harm than good. The day had traditionally been framed for the purpose of vague "solidarity". Unfortunately, few people took the day seriously or even knew what it was about. The event's performative nature led many to rip off their purple bands and the symbolic silence.

On the most fundamental level, the day silences people when silence itself is the issue. LGBTQ+ students and faculty already know what silence feels like, and so a day of silence further obscures their very existence.

Pride Week, on the other hand, featured a wide range of educational and celebratory events. The library displayed LGBTQ+ educational books penned by LGBTQ+ authors, along with a handful of books featuring LGBTQ+ characters. Teachers wore purple PLAHD shirts to show

their support. Flags highlighting different members of the LGBTQ+ community—such as the bisexual, non-binary, and lesbian flags—brightened Amity's hallways. Flashy pink and blue spray paint, denoting the transgender flag, emblazoned the rock by the entrance. All of this was hard to miss, and that was exactly the point.

With all this said, it is important to note that Pride Week only provides barebones representation. This is not to undermine the necessity of the celebration but to remind people that the fight for LGBTQ+ liberation does not end with Pride Week. Liberation cannot be achieved solely by representation. The fight to root out homophobia and transphobia is a collective effort that requires everyone to understand the systems that harm LGBTQ+ people.

Pride Week is an integral first step of visibility in the fight for LGBTQ+ liberation, but it must also signal the need for the Amity community and others to fight oppression in all of its forms.

We Not Only Survived - We Thrived

by Abby Ball '22

As this school year comes to a close, many can't help but reflect on the past nine months. This past year has been anything but easy. This was the first full year of school during a global pandemic. We developed entirely different learning models, learned how to use Zoom and other platforms, and adjusted to significant social changes. After everything, I think we are all eager for this school year to end and to put it behind us, but there were still many positives that I think are worth remembering.

In terms of Amity's learning models, I personally liked the hybrid model best since then I could still see friends some days but wake up later and stay in my own room other days. When I switched from remote to hybrid, I noticed a big shift in my mood and daily life. I was much happier and more productive when I was in-person and interacting with others. Considering how some schools only had a remote option, I am very grateful that Amity was open for most of the year.

To me, the hardest part of the year was the winter months. When spring finally rolled around, things started to feel much more organized and less monotonous. Although it was certainly a big change coming back every day in the spring, I did end up enjoying the sense of normalcy it gave me. Additionally, the stress of catching COVID-19 was alleviated as many of us were in the process of getting vaccinated.

One other point of difficulty this year was taking tests and exams, including the APs and SATs. Teachers tried their absolute best to help students throughout the year, but learning partly on Zoom was definitely

not the same. As such, it was a relief when the district announced there would be no finals week. I think this was the right move since fully understanding content this year was much more of a challenge.

One of my favorite things about this year was how we got out of school at 12:47 pm. Every day resembled a half-day which allowed more time for other activities at home and also helped reduce stress. It will be an adjustment if we return to the 2:18 pm dismissal in autumn, but it would be fun to eat lunch again with peers.

Although COVID-19 did restrict a lot within Amity, many events, like concerts, prom, graduation, the school musical, and more still occurred. It was exciting that students could participate in a lot of activities, even if altered slightly, like sports. The athletic department and all others did a good job with things like health forms and taking precautions. Most of what students were able to do can be accredited to how well Amity followed the safety protocols.

Other extracurricular activities, like club meetings, also continued, just on Zoom instead of in person. Although we missed the snacks and interactive activities that many clubs once had, zooming was convenient and easier for many to join. I had a lot of fun in the clubs I participated in. Overall, Amity students' resilience and ingenuity within clubs and other organizations was remarkable.

Despite the many obstacles presented during quarantine, Amity learned a lot and ultimately got through it by working together. Given the situation, the sense of community and academic environment that Amity was able to uphold was terrific. There were many new positives and constants to this year, and so I think it is fair to say that we not only survived but thrived.

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A Once-in-a-Lifetime AP Testing Experience

by Brodey Lu '21

For many students at Amity, the AP exams are seen as high-stakes opportunities to reap the rewards of hours of hard work and to show one's proficiency in a subject. Whether it is for the personal challenge or for college preparation, the importance of these exams is hard to deny.

Thus, College Board's decision to hold half of the exams in person and half of them at home did not go unnoticed.

For those who took in-person exams, the experience was presumably quite similar to AP testing from previous years. I say "presumably" because despite being a junior, I have never taken a conventional exam because of the pandemic.

After spending much of the past few months working on assignments and assessments from home, taking a three-hour exam within a schoolroom seemed like an intimidating task. On the plus side, Amity's decision to go full in-person

earlier in the year definitely helped prepare students and allowed teachers to have more pen-and-paper assessments that served as valuable practice. As a whole, the in-person exams were a difficult, but somewhat welcome, return to the usual challenges of AP exams.

The general consensus around the digital exams taken from home is that they are slightly less grueling. Given the immense pressure and lengthy duration of most of these tests, it's not hard to see the appeal of taking them within the comfort of one's home.

However, the digital testing format inevitably has its own difficulties. As with most things related to technology, errors and malfunctions are always a possibility. And when it comes to such a monumental exam, even the smallest bug or problem can lead to a desperate scramble to ensure everything is working properly. Even looking beyond the technical problems, the testing app itself took many steps to set up, some of which could not be done un-

til a few days before an exam. This put pressure on both students and teachers to check that everything was done correctly and on time.

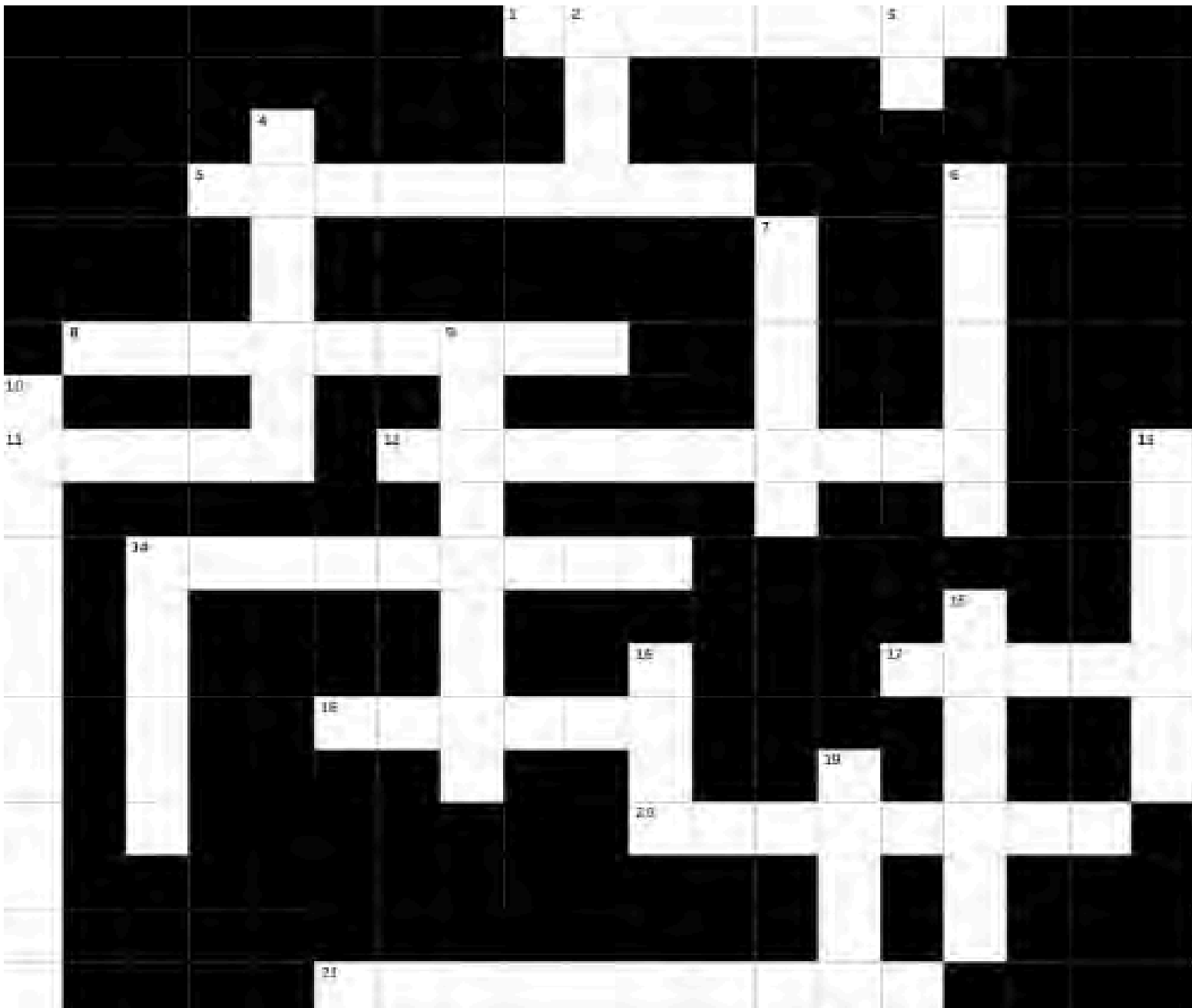
Another significant challenge with digital testing was the issue of academic integrity. Especially since the scoring of the exams is directly based on how well people did nationwide, maintaining integrity is crucial. College Board's use of a lockdown app to prevent opening any other tabs was a good start, although perhaps the biggest deterrent to cheating was simply not having enough time to focus on anything besides the question at hand.

Ultimately, the AP exams had to undergo major changes to accommodate the safety regulations in place while still trying to preserve the original structure of the tests. Given the extraneous situation and the numerous challenges, the overall response has been generally very successful.

And even though taking AP tests at home may not be here to stay, there will certainly be people who miss this in the coming years.

June Crossword Puzzle

by Andie Napolitano '24



Across

1. Unlike last year, many people will be going on _____ this summer.
5. Remember to keep completing _____ service hours over the summer!
8. A popular summer job among high schoolers.
11. June marks the celebration of _____ month.
12. A healthy snack that is popular during the summer.
14. The five leaders of Student Government are known as the _____ Board.
17. Many people like to go here during the summer.
18. Everyone age 12 and up is eligible to receive this vaccine.
20. This holiday honoring those who died serving in the armed forces is known as _____ Day.
21. This ceremony is set to take place on the last day of school.

Down

2. _____ Heritage month is celebrated in May.
3. 2021 is the year of this animal on the Chinese calendar.
4. Congratulations to many seniors on committing to _____!
6. This sport takes place at the beach.
7. A drink that can be served iced or hot.
9. The 2021 Amity Spring Musical.
10. This May, schools around the country celebrated Teacher _____ Week.
13. Many people look forward to warmer _____ during the summer.
14. Amity's yearbook club is known as this.
15. Many seniors are participating in the Senior _____ Learning Program throughout May and June.
16. Many juniors and seniors are looking forward to this fun celebration.
19. The 2021 Summer Olympics will be held in this city.

Amity Environmental and Marine Biology Club Celebrate Earth Day

by Ava Gross '22

The Amity Environmental and Marine Biology Club, previously separate clubs that were combined for a unique collaboration during the 2020-2021 school year, celebrated Earth Week from April 23-29 by creating morning announcements related to the theme of "The Importance of Nature" and organizing an Earth Day initiative called "Earth Rocks!" for students to participate in over the course of the month. To observe Earth Day safely, everyone was asked to paint a rock at home that embodied the theme. Students submitted their artwork into the contest by either directly messaging their submissions on Instagram to the account @amity.env.marine or by filling out a Google form.

Students painted smooth, flat rocks commonly used for artwork and landscaping that could be found at Home Depot or organically outdoors to make their projects. Science teacher Valerie Cournoyer also provided rocks for students to pick up at the front of the school. These rocks provided the best canvas for students to create their artwork.

To paint the rocks, students were advised to use paint markers, paint brushes, acrylic paints, and a crystal clear or matte finish enamel spray to preserve the artwork. Once submitted, members of the Environmental and Marine Biology Club voted on the winners. The top three winners were given the option to choose from reusable straws, a vintage Environmental Club t-shirt, or a \$10 Starbucks gift card as their prize. Two of the three winners were Jennifer Li '23 and Anna Youtz '22.

During this continued period of difficulty, the club collaborated to make sure that Earth Week was acknowledged and celebrated like it normally would be. Considering their many submissions coupled with the tight voting results, Emma Beloin '22, a long-standing, engaged member of the Amity Environmental Club, remarked, "I definitely think it was a success."

Another excited member, Dylan Speranzini '22, agreed with Beloin, saying, "It was a very cool project that I would definitely do again."

In coming years, Beloin also believes, "It would be a great idea to do it again next year but maybe in the courtyard during lunch waves instead of at home since hopefully Covid-19 will not be an issue."

Even though participants had to complete this activity at home, the club members are optimistic about celebrating our Earth next year in an in-person setting.



Photo by Jennifer Li '23 Photo by Anna Youtz '22

Rock painted by
winner Jennifer Li '23

Rock painted by winner
Anna Youtz '22

branches of hope

by Abby Ball '22

extending outwards,
the branches of my heart
twist and turn until
they touch the sky and
connect their fresh leaves
with the charcoal-grey clouds,
entangling into a knot as if
renewal is a possibility---
as if earth and water
can merge

below the clouds and canopy,
the seedlings i've spread start springing
from the soil just like
paper cuts through skin,
unveiling their lilac-green petals
to the warm, buzzing world

i watch quietly as
the birds, bees, and butterflies
swoop down to pollinate
these tiny possibilities,
reviving them from the caked and
cracked dirt

i know soon the new roots of
these seeds, sprouts, plants---
the new roots of my extended body
will twist and turn outwards
until they collide.

How to Spend Your Time after "Crossing the Finish Line"

by Grace Cavallaro '24

You smile as you watch the clock during the last period on June 8. Finally, the bell rings for the last time until next September. You jump up, high-fiving your friends as you rush out of the building to start enjoying summer break. Now, after finishing strong and making it out of this interminable school year, what will you do?

While you may imagine yourself laying out on a beach somewhere with your friend, the reality is that you'll probably end up in your room every day watching YouTube videos.

So, what are some fun ways to relax this summer, while not feeling like a couch potato? Here are a few suggestions, as well as a sneak peak into some of the summer plans of our Amity Spartans.

The first activity you might try to do this summer is hang out with your friends. However, when it comes time to pay the bill, you realize that you don't have any money with you! You tell your friends that you'll pay them back, but then you feel guilty about having to ask your parents for money again.

What can you do? Well, if you're short on cash and you want some work experience, you can look for a summer job at a local business. If you do a little research on jobs in your area that hire people your age, you can take advantage of a part-time position to earn a bit of extra money, while also leaving yourself plenty of

time to enjoy the summer.

Next, you realize how bored you are mid-summer when all of your friends are on vacation, but your family chose not to go because, well, it's not like there's a pandemic or anything. Not having friends around does not mean that you can't have any fun. In fact, you might enjoy the time alone without social stress.

One hobby you could try is cooking. It doesn't sound that fun or interesting if you don't have a lot of experience, but cooking or baking can be a rewarding creative outlet if you give it a fair shake. As French essayist François de La Rochefoucauld once said, "To eat is a necessity, but to eat intelligently is an art."

Start with something simple. You may not be able to make bakery quality goods on the first try, but you could certainly produce a delicious batch of, perhaps, a simple dump and bake cookie. Chocolate chip cookies are always a great way to start, but oatmeal raisin cookies are delicious and just as simple. There are countless recipes, blogs, and videos out on the internet that will teach you anything and everything there is to know about cooking or baking. If you're interested in trying out a new cookie recipe but want to try something different, a fantastic recipe to try is the German chocolate cookie recipe from the New York Times Cooking website.

If you search it up, you will find a delicious recipe for chocolate cookies filled with toasted coconut, pecans,

and chocolate chips. Scrumptious!

While some baking is good for the soul, too much leads to an unbalanced diet. To combat this, you might want to get some exercise outside in the gorgeous summer weather. One such activity is running. It doesn't sound all that pleasant, but if you give it a chance, you might find that you enjoy it. The Amity Cross Country Teams are both used to getting in summer miles in order to prepare for the upcoming season.

Cross country divisional champion Nell Grant '23 has a lot of running experience, not just in the summer but in all four seasons. She has a lot of great advice for new runners, including the importance of building up endurance gradually.

She advised, "I would suggest to new runners to start off slowly. It's really easy to start too fast or go too far, and that catches up to you quickly and you might grow to hate it."

She also discussed the importance of continuing to run even when it seems too difficult, saying, "I'd say you have to give running more than a two week chance. It's at the point where you start to gain fitness and really enjoy the sport."

Running is a difficult sport, and it will seem painful and unrewarding during the first few weeks. However, as Grant says, it's important to not give up on running after those first two tough weeks. If you continue to run, you will soon get in shape and enjoy the time you spend on the road. Also, running doesn't have to be solo!

Grant added, "[Running is] a good and productive way to hang out with your friends and stay social, especially during the times of Covid-19."

Now that you have some ideas for how to spend your summer, here are the rather special summer plans of one Amity teacher. Sean Carroll, an English teacher who has been at Amity since February as a long-term substitute for a teacher on maternity leave, is getting married this summer! In late July, Carroll will marry his high school sweetheart after being engaged for a year and a half.

He noted, "I could not be more excited about my wedding... We got engaged on top of Mount Megunticook eighteen months ago, and have been diligently planning an enjoyable experience for all ever since." And they will now live happily ever after! Congratulations, Mr. Carroll.

Even though this summer may be different, try to motivate yourself to do something new, whether that's getting a new job, trying out some new recipes, or holding yourself to a new running schedule. For those of you like Carroll who have some big plans for the summer already, enjoy that time and make memories that will last a lifetime. The pandemic has held us back for too long, so make the most out of this summer and have as much fun as possible.

After all, Amity, you deserve a break after all of the hard work you've put in throughout this school year. See you in August!

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Annika Minotti Case Western Reserve University
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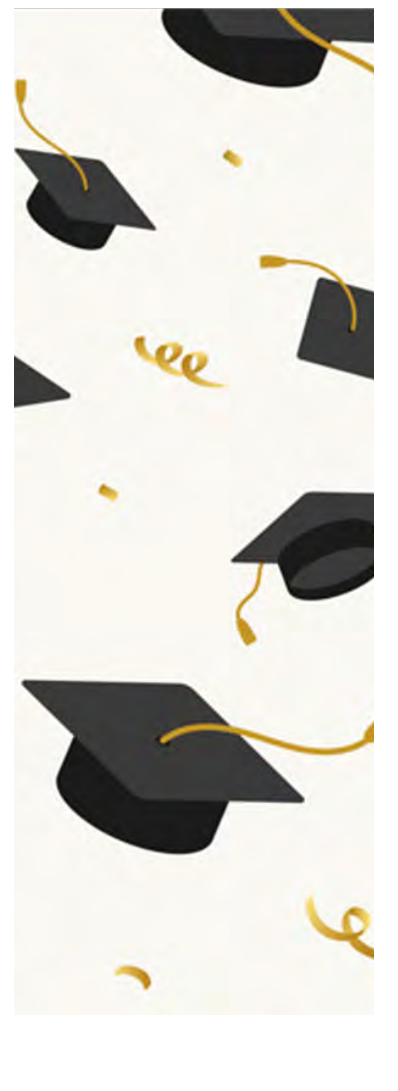
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Cornell University Joshua Feuerstein, Samantha Hass, Kevin Lu
Culinary Institute of America Abigail Sauberman
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Drexel University Dane Deyoung
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Endicott College Andrew Coscia
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Firefighter Jenill Perez
Gap Year Julia Ryack
Gateway Community College Jessica Ejilli, Matthew Reilly, Vivian Wincherhern
George Mason University Michelle Ward
Georgia Institute of Technology Adarsh Kongani
Gettysburg College Lily Koorejian
Gordon College Casey Terzakis
High Point University Jessica Yocher
Hofstra University Emily Paolozzi
Husson University Yaren Mus
Indiana University Bloomington Rachel Levine
Iona College Kiera Bova, Macy Saxa
Keene State College Corynne Chadwick, Justin Miller
Landmark College Daniel Giorgetti
Lasell University Theodore Zaharewicz
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Liberty University Elijah Randis
Louisiana State University Matthias Labritz
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North Carolina State University Arsenio Bustos
Northeastern University Jonathan Wang, William Zhang
Norwich University Skylar Burzynski

Ohio State University Emily Brown
Pace University AnneMarie Driscoll
Pennsylvania State University Grace Blanchard
Pensacola State College Brandon Jarvis
Plymouth State University Dillon Glazer
Post University Cameron Baker
Providence College Nicole Bier
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Rhodes College MaCaelan Rahn
Rice University Jenny Liu
Roger Williams University Giana Guerra, Owen Leszczak
Sacred Heart University Zack Cable, Ty Cable, Joshua Foote, Leia Foyer, Ryan Freeman, Marissa Urda
Salem State University Kerri Sanders
Salve Regina University Caroline Cadelina, Alexandra Funk-DaVia, Lila Swift
San Diego State University Antonia D'Hue
Siena College Alynn Balocca, Kaitlyn Moody
Southeastern University Tiana Amendola
Southern Connecticut State University Risana Ahmed, Rhian Alsgaard, Lamar Cole, Abigail Ganun, Alexis Kaiser, Olivea Kosh, Jonathan Levit, Benjamin Martin, Aidan Massa-Vaspasiano, Jaclyn Nordyk, Giustina Parente, Juliana Thomas
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Springfield College Lauren Ronai
St. John's University Mya Manzione
Syracuse University Ryan Kennedy, Jenna Zamkov
Trade Apprenticeship Leif Madison
Trinity College Juan Garcia
Tufts University Ian Glassman, Armaan Patel, Peter Scully
Tulane University Laci Carpenos
Tunxis Community College Mia Lapham
Union College Jonathan Fischman, Noah Sapire
United States Air Force Academy Weiss Yuan
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Summer Art and Music Events Planned

Activities Return Post-Pandemic

by Selin Ho '23

As summer is approaching and COVID-19 restrictions are being lifted many events and activities are finally open to the public. A variety of art and music festivals and concerts are being held in local communities and are inviting people from all over CT to come and join the fun!

If you are looking to find some fun and interesting arts events over the summer, you can look at the list below to get an idea of what is available throughout June and July!

International Festival of Arts and Ideas, New Haven

The International Festival of Arts and Ideas will be a virtual festival from May 14th to June 27th. It will host over two-hundred events

with more than 120,000 people from around the world. These programs will be 80% free and are planned to feature Ronald K. Brown, New York-based Afro-Caribbean choreographer, Madeline Sayet an Indigenous playwright under Forbes "30 under 30" category for theater director, as well as a high fashion Hair Art show.



Yale University Art Gallery Opens

Yale University's Art Gallery reopened on May 14 and will welcome visitors every Friday from 3:00 to 7:00, and from 12:00 to 4:00 pm on both Saturday and Sunday. It currently has new exhibits from Franz Kline and Mark Rothko gifted from the Friday Foundation. Tickets can be reserved off of the Yale Gallery website.

Hamden Veterans Commission's 2021 Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony

On May 31st, Hamden's Veterans Commission will invite residents to their special Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony. The event will be held around the Hamden Veterans Memorial Monument. Since the city of Hamden cannot host their annual Memorial Day Parade, this event will be held in its place.

Drive-In Live Concert: CT Grateful Dead All Star Band

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The CT Post Mall invites people from all around CT to join in on its Grateful Dead All Stars MPC Drive-In Concert Series. This socially-distant concert will feature founding member and keyboard player from Terrapin, Matt Helm, as well as other "Deadheads" with appearances from David Frankel, Steven Liesman, Barry Blumenfeld, Dave Lindsay, Rob Fried, Dan O'Connor, and Don DeStefano. The band's purpose is to capture the essence of any Grateful Dead concert. June 5th is bound to be an unforgettable event for both the average "Deadhead" and new listeners.

Walnut Beach Farmers Market

On June 10th, an open-trunk farmers market will take place at Walnut Beach in Milford. It only takes \$20 to reserve a spot along this beautiful beach. Don't hesitate to enjoy and catch up on the freshest produce this season from our local area farmers.



Drive-In Live Concert: American Pink Floyd

Alongside the Grateful Dead MPC Concert Series, The CT Post Mall is also hosting an American Pink Floyd Drive-In Concert Series on June 12th. It will bring back music from groups like The Wall, Dark Side of The Moon, Wish You Were Here, and Animals. This Multimedia Pink Floyd Experience will take concertgoers back to when music was performed with theatrics, costumes, and stage props. The concert's opening act will be from Peter Gabriel and Genesis.

This time-travel concert series transports listeners back to the 1970s and is an unbelievable two in one night deal.

2021 Middletown Pride Festival

On June 5th, Middletown will host its Middletown Pride Festival. It will begin around 2:00 pm and end at 8:00 with a variety of vendors displaying their goods. The stands will showcase a mix of arts, crafts, food, music, and small shops. If you are down in the area, don't miss out on the opportunity to partake in this wonderful event.

2021 Orange Strawberry Festival

Orange is excited to hold its Strawberry Festival on June 12th. There will be different types of entertainment, classic car shows, singing showdowns, fun zones, arts and crafts, vendor booths, food, and much more. The day will begin at 9:00 in the morning and end around 4:00 in the afternoon.



Twilight Concert Series at Pardee-Morris House

The Twilight Concert Series will be held at Pardee-Morris House in New Haven on June 23rd. The concert will begin at 7:00 pm but the grounds are open starting at 6:00. Visitors are welcome to bring blankets, set up a picnic on the grass, and tour the museum for the evening.

2021 Westport Fine Arts Festival

Over 140 artists will display their work through July 17th and 18th at the Westport Fine Arts Festival. The artists cover a wide range of genres including photography, painting, sculpting, drawing, watercolor, mixed media, printmaking, and many more. A kid's area will be included around the demonstrations as well as live entertainment and food.

Calliope Literary Magazine Prepares for Modified Publication

by Zachary Garfinkle '22

As the end of the school year draws near, many students are still eagerly anticipating the release of Amity's annual literary magazine, Calliope. The publication accepts visual art, poems, and short stories. The magazine has long been a staple of Amity, completing its trifecta of publications that includes Embers and The Trident.

The COVID-19 pandemic drastically affected the production process in the 2019-2020 year. When Amity went full remote at the end of last year, Calliope was forced to adapt to these changes. The editorial staff conducted meetings over Zoom and created an online version of the publication. Even with the pandemic, there was no shortage of submissions, with 45 chosen from many more fantastic pieces.

Calliope is sure to undergo many changes

now that Amity has returned to in-person education. It remains unclear as to whether the literary magazine will continue its online format, produce a physical copy, or attempt both. Although making an online version was simpler in some aspects, some feel that a physical version is irreplaceable.

Eleanor Youtz '22 echoes these sentiments, saying, "I think in terms of accessibility, Calliope is better digital. Yet, I also like the option of paper copies, because who can resist the smell of fresh paper and the satisfaction of opening a physical literary magazine?"

Unsurprisingly, last year's issue focused heavily on the COVID-19 pandemic, which was on everyone's mind and affected both the production and the types of submissions the editors received. As the world radically and immediately changed, people's confusion and despair could be found in many different pieces of artwork and

literature. Youtz commented on last year's selection, saying, "Some of my favorite pieces were the various takes on isolation and COVID-19. I especially liked 'it's day 06' by Ian Glassman and 'Will it End?' by Cora Cogill. I loved 'A Lone Night's Vigil' by Evan Gorelick; the words were so poignant."

It was unfortunate but eye-opening to see how the pandemic affected everyone individually. The new issue will hopefully be far more hopeful as vaccinations continue and people become safer.

Anyone who wishes to read and view the work of Amity's artists and writers can find the previous year's issue online. Submissions for this year are closed, but the editors are looking forward to ensuring that this issue is as high-quality as possible. As the pandemic begins to dominate less and less of Amity life, this issue should bring hope for the future.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER, AMITY!

A New Take on “The Secret Garden”

by Sena Ho '23

Christine Healy and Sara Orris' English class has been reading “The Secret Garden,” and the two teachers have organized a series of activities to engage their students in the passage. As the winter season came to an end and spring rolled around, the recent warm weather and beautiful scenery inspired Healy and Orris to think outside the box.

Healy said, “Nature, the arts, and music are great ways to try to relieve anxiety and make people feel better, especially during COVID.”

When the teachers were deciding on a book to choose, they realized that “The Secret Garden” would be perfect to tie both the reading experience and outdoor activities together. Since Healy is a gardener, she enjoyed bringing seeds in to plant with the students. Their vegetables were grown in a mini greenhouse and were either sent home with the students or were planted in the school's community garden.

Although COVID took much away from our personal lives, there were some silver linings. This year, more students and teachers were allowed to go outside during class. Many of these outdoor gatherings were used as mental health breaks. Healy and Orris used these breaks as a perfect opportunity to have the students come together and enjoy the interactive learning process.

Because so many students were stuck inside during the 2020 spring season, teachers wanted students to sit back, relax, and enjoy the beauty of nature. The students gardened and took pictures of nature, conveying how small actions can bring about hope and have a healing effect on people's lives.

“They had a wonderful time. It connected the students together and they were very excited,” said Healy. “My goal is to get them to find ways to look around. And there are so many things that you could use in nature to just make you feel healthy and take some of those stresses away.”

On the day that the group went out, students were tasked to look for signs of spring. At the time, winter had just ended so many ended up finding fragments of new life. The students photographed numerous photos of flowers, ferns, geese, bugs, and on one occasion, a wasp's nest. The weather was perfect for a nice stroll and they were able to

capture pink, purple, and white flowers everywhere they looked.

“The trees in front of the building were absolutely stunning,” Healy commented.

Discovering small signs like robins high up in tree branches was exactly how the characters experienced it in the novel. Many of the



Tree photographed by a student in Christine Healy and Sara Orris' class.

close-up photos the students took were full of detail. For example, a few photos were taken between the leaves of a gorgeous white flower.

The newly budding plants and trees were making their mark in early spring, and the students were able to experience it with them.

Every photo gave students the belief that spring fosters hope. Healy and Orris worked with Alison Nork and James Clifford to arrange this activity. They hope everyone can stop and see the beauty of nature and enjoy its benefits.

See page 12 for additional photos of this project.

String, Orchestra, Band, and Choir End Year with Annual Concert

by Nina Carmeli '23

The annual spring concert held by the Amity Music Department looked remarkably different in comparison to an ordinary year. The band, choir, and orchestra teachers worked tirelessly with the administration in order to provide student musicians with as close to a normal spring performance as possible.

Due to COVID restrictions, each ensemble held their concert on a different night so that parents were able to attend comfortably while abiding by COVID guidelines.

On May 13th, the String Orchestra per-

formed their concert in the auditorium. The Symphony, Concert, and Chamber orchestras played vastly contrasting repertoire ranging in complexity, from Mozart to a composition by one of Amity's own students, Michaela Nunez '23.

While reflecting on a memorable night, cellist Liam Tassiello '22, said, “We haven't had the opportunity to perform like this in over a year and a half, but everyone played very well and the night, overall, was extremely special.”

The string players' skillfully executed performance proved to be quite a success in the eyes of the parents and viewers at home alike.

Although the 2020-2021 school year was ridden with abnormalities, the pleasant evening

loved being with all my friends and singing with them for the first time in over a year. The weather was perfect and everyone was so happy to be together again.”

The band held a very successful performance, playing selections including Songs of Earth, Wind, Fire, and Sky; The Battle Cry of Freedom; Illuminations; and Solar Flare.

Sophia McDermott '23, a saxophone soloist in the concert, said, “It was great to finally play in a live and in-person concert again. It felt normal for the first time in a long time, and I know that people are saying that a lot these days, but it really was overall an amazing night.”

Many seniors participated in their last performance at Amity this past week, putting a bittersweet ending to their high school music career.

Camilla Bautista '21, concertmistress of the orchestra, reflected, “I was really happy that we managed to have a concert



Amity String Orchestra at the annual concert in the Brady Center.

was filled with joy and smiles under the students' and parents' masks. Serio said, “I will never forget it. It was one of the best concerts, I know I say it every year, but this concert was definitely one for the books.”

The choir and band concert occurred outside on May 19th in the back parking as aerosol production was involved in their performances. Calista Mack '23, an alto singer in the Amity Choir, said, “It was honestly amazing. I

this year, especially since it was my last one.

“I appreciated Mrs. Serio's goodbye to the seniors, and overall, the concert was a fun experience,” she added.

All the seniors graduating will be missed, but their passion for music will continue with them wherever they go.

Ultimately, both nights were a thrilling success and presented students, parents, and other viewers with passionate music the Amity community has been missing for a long time.

Athletes of the Month

Juliette Zito '21 and Jack Coughlin '22

by Ben Martin '21

The sports season this spring has been quite impressive for Amity as a whole. All of the spring sports teams have made the SCC and state tournaments. As the year comes to a close, it is important to highlight a couple of the standout athletes from girls softball and boys lacrosse.

Softball center fielder Juliette Zito '21 has been one of the main players for the softball team. Zito first stepped on a softball field in the third grade, and since then, she has fallen in love with the game.

"I love the game," said Zito. "Whenever I step on the field, nothing else matters."

Blocking out distractions is a big part of succeeding in any sport, especially in high-pressure situations.

In addition to blocking out distractions,

supporting your teammates is something that will help any team succeed in the sporting world. "I try to stay super supportive and positive in the dugout," Zito commented.

Teammate Jenna Zamkov '21 agrees that Zito is supportive of her teammates. She said, "[Zito] is always the one to bring the team up when we need it." Zamkov also went on to say that Zito is very aggressive on the bases and at the plate.

In conjunction with bringing up the team morale, Zito has been helping the Spartans out on the field. That performance on the field has shown through her .468 batting average while batting 2nd in the Spartan order.

"She's been doing well at the plate, getting on base and driving in runs, and supporting us in the outfield with great catches," said



Photo contributed by Jack Coughlin '22
Jack Coughlin '22 at a lacrosse match

Amity softball pitcher Kelly Pritchard '21.

As the postseason arrives, Amity softball has a record of 15-3. That record has awarded them the second seed in the SCC tournament, and they are a top ten seed in the class LL state tournament. Make sure to come out to watch Zito in her final season at Amity in a playoff atmosphere.

An instrumental part of the lacrosse team's success has been the addition of Orange native Jack Coughlin '22, our other athlete of the month. Coughlin went to elementary school and middle school with many of the current Amity lacrosse players. He got his start playing lacrosse at the age of three.

Since then, he has helped Saint Joseph High School in Trumbull capture two state championships. According to Coughlin, his friends got him into playing lacrosse and the big reason for returning to Amity was to reunite with said friends.

"I wanted to come back and play with my brother and hometown friends," explained Coughlin.

Since Coughlin has returned to Amity, he has been tearing it up on the field. He has 55 goals and 27 assists while guiding the Spartans to a perfect season. Coughlin achieved these goals through hard work and working hard

was something he was able to do a lot with the lack of a spring sports season in 2020.

"Since there was no season last year, I was really excited to play," said Coughlin. All off-season, I trained with my coaches and teammates."

And that hard work has translated into skill for Coughlin on the field this season. "Going against him in practice helps everyone get better," said Amity lacrosse captain Michael Carangelo '21.

"When you are playing someone with the skill level as high as Jack's, day in and day out, you improve tenfold."

Coughlin went on to credit the team's chemistry as another big reason for success. Coughlin's teammates are very in support of him and his play on the field. One of those

teammates is Justin Miller '21.

When asked about Coughlin's season, Miller stated, "One word to describe Jack Coughlin's season would be phenomenal. The impact he has on this team is huge. He pushes us every single day to get better."

In addition to his impact on the field, Coughlin has helped the team off the field.

"He's a true leader and keeps the guys in check," said Carangelo. "His leadership and determination shines through with his play."

Coughlin will be playing lacrosse at his dream school next year, the United States Na-



Photo by Dave Phillips/Hearst Connecticut Media
Juliette Zito '21 at a softball game

val Academy, despite only being a junior in high school. As we enter the SCC and state tournaments, keep your eye out for Jack Coughlin and the Amity boys lacrosse team.



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Amity Baseball Slides into Playoffs

Athletes “Fortunate” and “Grateful” to Have a Season

by Ryan Lima '22

Just one year ago, the Amity Boys Base-

ball team was out of play due to COVID-19. The announcement of the season’s cancellation left players disappointed but nonetheless eager to get back onto the field. Their wishes came true with the confirmation of the season’s return earlier this year.

However, some aspects of their game would be quite different.

Jack Ranani '21, a captain on the baseball team, described some changes that the baseball team experienced in its first season back from the pandemic.

“We have a bunch of COVID mitigation measures in place this year which definitely changes some things about our season,” Ranani said.

“But what is most different, especially for the seniors, is the appreciation that we even have a season. The seniors last season completely missed out and we are fortunate and grateful to even have the opportunity to play at all,” he added.

Regardless of the challenges the team faced, they showed how eager they were to get back onto the mound, with a 12-1 win in the season opener. The team would wipe their next three opponents, outsourcing them 43-1 to jump to a 4-0 start.

Unfortunately, the team’s hot streak would end abruptly after a loss to Daniel Hand. But resilience prevailed as the team bounced back in a close game against North Haven, in what



Photo contributed by Jacob Crow '21
Jacob Crow '21 during a baseball game

would be the first win of a five-game win streak. While the team has now hit a rough

patch, going 3-3 in their last 6 games, their win percentage remains at 75%, and a clinched spot in the SCC tournament and a likely clinch for the state tournament.

With the regular season now on the back burner and the playoffs in sight, this will be the last opportunity for some players to bring home a championship for Amity.

Jacob Crow '21, a captain on the baseball team, said it would be great to bring the state championship home this year.

“It would be huge to win one because the program hasn’t won in five years. Individually, it would be great as well as it is the goal of any athlete to win a championship and to do it in the final season of my baseball career would be all the more special,” Crow said.

Similarly, Julian Stevens '21, another captain on the baseball team, spoke on the significance of being able to bring a state championship to the team in its final season.

“It would mean so much to me. After being a part of a community, turned into a family, for four years, you want to share the most impactful moments with them,” he remarked.

With the next couple of games being the last ever for some players in their high school careers, these athletes will going all in to bring the championship back to Amity.

Girls Lacrosse Dominates the Spring Season

by Amir Jarad '22

The Amity Girls lacrosse team has

taken over the SCCs with their 13-1 record. They have been on a 13-game win streak and have shown no signs of slowing down. This is one of the best seasons that Amity Girls Lacrosse has ever seen.

All eyes are glued on this team during the playoffs as they carry high expectations into the postseason. Captain Natalie Huber '21 spoke on what made this season so successful.

“Compared to former seasons, I feel this team has a real chemistry on the field and we are able to recognize and capitalize

off of everyone’s strengths,” she remarked.

Fellow captain Lauren Ronai '21 produced a similar response when asked to reflect on the team’s success this year.

“Our girls this year are not just a team; we are a family. We spend so much time together and at the end of the day we never have to doubt that we will always be there for one another!” she said.

The team this season is more than just a sum of its parts, they are a family that builds off of each other’s strengths and picks up for each other’s weaknesses. Captain Meghan Smith '21 says that the companionship of the team has been an important factor in their prosperity this year.

“Everyone just wants what’s best for each other and for the team over any personal goals,” she added, “which is amazing and what has gotten us so far this year.”

Morgan Rahn '21, another captain on the team, spoke on the growth the team has experienced in the past few seasons, saying, “We have a new coach who has totally changed the dynamic of the team. It’s really awesome to see the growth we’ve made these last few years.”

A variety of different factors have played into the team’s success. A culmination of hard work, selflessness, and companionship has led this team to the point where they are at today. Now, they just hope to bring the title home to Amity.

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SIGNS OF SPRING

Students from Christine Healy and Sara Orris’s IGP English Class have been reading “The Secret Garden.” In celebration of “Earth Day” and the welcoming of spring, the class participated in various activities in conjunction with this novel. On Monday, April 19, the class took a Nature Walk around Amity’s school grounds looking for signs of spring and new life. With cell phones in hand, students found numerous signs of spring, including flowers, ferns, geese, bugs, and even a wasp nest. The photos were absolutely beautiful and postcard worthy. The day was perfect, the weather was lovely and the pinks, purples, and creamy flowers of the trees were stunning. It was a great experience. In addition, the class will be starting flowers and vegetables from seed in a mini greenhouse and transplanting seedlings into pots for home as summer approaches. Some may even end up in the school’s community garden. These activities have brought students back to the beauty of mindfulness and the enjoyment of nature, which can be very healing during these stressful times. Students have expressed their enjoyment of these activities, as well as how hope can have a healing effect on people’s lives. This is exactly how it was for the characters in “The Secret Garden.” All we need to do is look around us, see the beauty of nature, and enjoy its benefits. *(contributed by Christine Healy)*

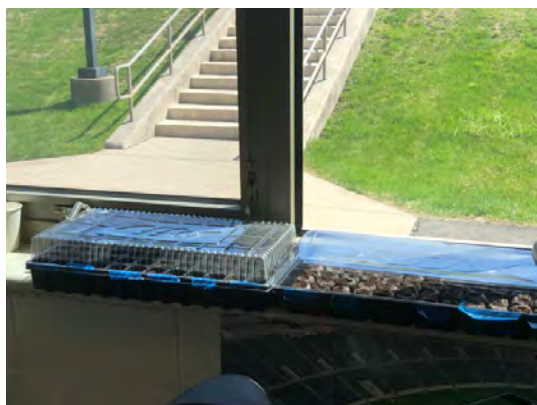


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Cafe Atlantique: An Underrated Brunch

by Megan Wu '22

Nestled in downtown Milford, Cafe Atlantique is an underrated spot that is a wonderful place for brunch. Set in a homey building, the inconspicuous exterior hides a cute cafe that boasts delicious coffee and food.

Everytime my friends invite me to eat, I will immediately suggest Cafe Atlantique, which is well-known for their hot drinks and expertly crafted paninis. The cafe is very close to the Milford train station, which means convenient parking is always available (parallel parking has never been my forte!), and it is a great location for grabbing a quick bite before exploring downtown Milford.

Once I walk through the green doors, the aroma of rich coffee beans and pastries immediately hits my nose, and my mouth starts to water with anticipation. It’s a small and welcoming space that is filled with wooden furniture, handwritten chalkboard signs,

and greenery.

As I walk up to the counter, the sound of gentle jazz music rolls through the restaurant and sets the vibe: cozy, casual, and cheerful.

Without fail, my order will always be a small latte and their chicken pesto panini; the combination is just so satisfying! Besides paninis, they also serve salads, sweet and savory crepes, soups, and pastries.

Although I’ve never tried them, my friend can attest to their sweet crepes: the ingredients complement each other marvelously, and the crepe itself is thin and cooked well.

There are also plenty of vegetarian options; the workers are always happy to remove an ingredient or include any add-ons (sometimes I’ll ask for mozzarella cheese on my panini!). My total comes out to an affordable \$14, which I think is perfectly reasonable for the quality and size of the food.

After I place my order, the friendly worker informs

me that I can grab a seat and my meal will be delivered to me shortly. The intimate cafe does not have an abundance of seating, but this would only pose an issue if you go at noon on a weekend; usually, it’s very spacious with minimal customers. My friend and I decide on a booth facing the window and chat amicably as we wait, basking in the warm sunlight.

It only takes about a minute for the waiter to deliver our drinks, and as I take a sip from my latte, I smile at the goldilock temperature: not too hot and not too cold. The coffee is nutty and dark, which is perfectly complemented by the milk frothed to perfection.

Our food comes out after only a little bit of waiting, and I am delighted to see my beloved chicken panini, which is served with a bean salad on a clear plate.

My friend and I take our first bites simultaneously, and relish in our appetizing sandwiches: the chicken is cooked flawlessly, the pesto

is bursting with flavor, the bread is toasted just right, and the tomato slices balance everything, bringing together the cohesive and mouth watering panini. The bread never gets soggy, and each bite is always tasty and flavorful.

In between mouthfuls of the sandwich, I work on the bean salad, which tastes as good as a bean salad can be. It’s made with red beans, chickpeas, and pinto beans, and is tossed in a delectable dressing topped with cilantro. It doesn’t take long for me to finish the generously portioned meal, and by the time I get to my last bite, I’m stuffed.

After we’re both done, my friend and I sit for a little longer, just enjoying each other’s company and waiting for the food to digest a bit. At this point, the only other customers have left, so we take full advantage of the serene restaurant and some much needed vitamin D.

As we walk out of the cafe, we say goodbye to the

waiter and thank him for his service. During the quick walk back to the parking lot, my friend then thanks me for introducing her to this underrated brunch spot. I beam at her and we make plans to come back.

After all, how could anyone resist another wonderful visit to Cafe Atlantique?

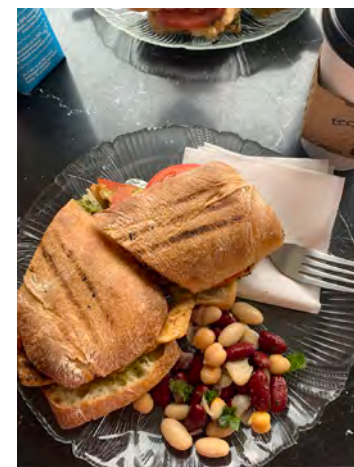


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The chicken pesto panini and bean salad from Cafe Atlantique is one of their many appetizing sandwiches.