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## Massive Storm Leaves Substantial Damage in Bethany

by Caroline Chen '21

On Tuesday, May 15, 2018, a destructive storm with four tornadoes hit Connecticut. One tornado with

a wind speed of 110 miles per hour touched down in Bethany. Additionally, 80 mile-per-hour wind gusts caused substantial damage. With such destruction, the Amity Regional School Dis-



**Destruction on Fairwood Road in Bethany.**  
Photo contributed by Emily Paolozzi '21

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## OBOA: The Beginnings of an Important Conversation

by Madison Tom '19

After a long year of deliberation, the 2018 summer reading title was finally revealed on Friday, June 1st to Amity students and staff. The One Book One Amity (OBOA) committee, together with a panel of presenters, unveiled All American Boys to the expectant eyes of the crowd.

The novel, which focuses on police brutality and racism in America, reflects the current state of affairs in the wake of the deaths of Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, and many more people of color. Just like with the pre-

vious OBOA novels, the committee hopes to create a discussion among students. The choice of All American Boys was meant to focus Amity's attention towards issues of racism.

Unlike previous years, Friday's reveal included a panel of speakers who shared their personal encounters with racism to show that our own community has discriminatory tendencies. Sharing these stories made the novel seem less foreign and proved that racism is still prevalent in our society.

Math teacher Joycelyn Romero, a speaker on the panel, said, "Ultimately, [the novel] will provide an oppor-

tunity to start a conversation within this community that is long overdue."

This book will be the springboard for reducing racial ignorance. The OBOA committee is giving everyone the opportunity to educate themselves on current affairs and, ultimately, how these can affect students of Amity.

Danielle Grosso '19 shared that the panel itself "made a lot of people aware of things they might not have been exposed to." Many of our teachers, quite literally, transform our interests and aspirations, and it's important to show our gratitude." The

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## High School Hosts STEAM Day for Fifth Graders

by Neha Sudhir '19

Although the school year is winding down, the hallways of Amity Regional High School were abuzz with excitement for the third annual STEAM day. The event allows fifth graders from the five elementary schools in the district to come up to the high school and learn about science, technology, engineering, the arts, and math.

This is one of the biggest interdisciplinary undertakings the school extends to expand the minds of young students. After weeks of preparation, Amity students and teachers were excited to show young students the opportunities they will have in STEAM fields in the future.

Although this was only the third time that Amity had hosted STEAM day, it was

clear that the event had improved from the past.

Ulada Dubovik '18, a member of the Science Research Program, explained, "STEAM day began as a way to engage young children with science, and the preparation was lengthy and seemingly unwarranted. But

together, knowing that at the end, all of the effort comes together to inspire the coming generation."

As part of Science Research, Dubovik was one of the students who worked on preparing for the event for the past three years. Each year's event builds on the



**Pulley system manned by Science Research students.**

Photo by Ningxin Luo '20

by now, the kinks have been worked out and all the science research classes work

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## Amity Winds Down with Spring Fest

by Lani Beaudette '19

The school year is almost over, but Amity held its second annual Spring Fest this past week for some last fun events, providing students with a chance to relax before finals. Chaired by Tara Mohseni '19 and Katie Barretta '20 through Student Government, the event intended to show students a range of available clubs and sports at Amity. Due to the event, Amity split the lunch waves into two 46-minute periods in which students had the opportunity to go outside and participate in a variety of activities.

Students, who were pleased by the lunchtime extension, used the time to eat donuts on a string, kick soccer balls, play kan jam, and participate in numerous other activities.

Billy McKeon '19 said, "It was really awesome to see friends I don't normally see during the school day and to reconnect with them [by] playing games."

Spring Fest, a fairly new event for Amity, made a serious jump in the number of games and activities compared to its debut last year, where there were 13 games and activities. In comparison,

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and activities this year. Clubs and sports teams such as field hockey, ultimate frisbee, strategy of cards, JSA, and each class council organized and managed a variety of games for students to participate in. The main driveway by the front entrance was filled with movement throughout the event.

Katie Barretta '20, one of the chairs of Spring Fest added, "Spring Fest was an awesome event with lots of fun activities

and great amount of involvement among various clubs and sports teams!"

One of the crowd-pleasing activities included a dunk tank

from Taylor Rental that was filled with a donation of 500 gallons of water from Hines

Each ball that hit the target ensured that a teacher would be submerged into the cold tank of water, and the students cheered loudly.

English teacher Mr. Gaipa noted, "It was really cold but my passion for student engagement in Spring Fest kept me warm while I was submerged."

With Spring Fest on its way to become a large and highly anticipated school event, it can be something to look forward to in the

years to come. Together, as a school, it gives students an opportunity to show off their clubs and bring students together through fun activities.



**Amity Creative Theater setup at Spring Fest.**

*Photo contributed by Talya Braverman '20*

Pool Water. Students were ecstatic to dunk teachers and administrators such as Ms. Kimball, Mrs. Mahon, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Rothbart, Mr. Moustapha, and Mr. Gaipa.

# Amity Hosts Annual Mr. Spartan Event

by Niha Irshad '19

Amity Regional High School hosted its annual Mr.

Spartan pageant for high school senior guys interested in exhibiting their talents for a good cause at the end of May. Audience members

paid a \$5 admission fee for which all proceeds went to the Ronald McDonald House in New Haven.

This year's winner, Ben Kemp '18 [left], strikes a pose while showing off his outfit.

**Left: Ben Kemp '18 performing.**

*Photo contributed by Alaina Dwyer '18*



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successes of previous years. For example, last year, the black box was used to demonstrate the arts through dance and other fun activities. This year, there were even more hands-on activities. In particular, some of the fifth graders really enjoyed the new virtual reality headsets.

For the first-year Science Research students, this was the first time that they were involved in the event.

Alicia Gopal '21 remarked, "For me, STEAM Day was fun because it took five broad fields of study that may be boring to a lot of people and showed them the real, exciting, hands on versions of what someone might read in a text book. It's good to see that my peers and I, just a few years older, can inspire and change the lives of 5th graders with just a few hours of new ideas."

Arnav Paliwal '21 said that he "had a lot of fun teaching 5th graders about science. It



**Science Research students at the pulleys.**

*Photo by Ningxin Luo '20*

was exciting to be inspiring the next generation of engineers and scientists."

Even students who had organized STEAM day in the past shared a sense of awe over its ongoing success.

Keri Tenerowicz '19 who was also involved last year noted that, "as someone who has always wanted to be an engineer, I wish I had had an opportunity to participate in the event when I was in fifth grade. The exposure to all the different

technology and science is really amazing."

This sentiment was shared by Jonathan Fischman '21, who said, "I thought that it was a very fun, educational experience for the fifth graders that participated, and I was glad to be a part of it."

All in all, the 2018 STEAM Day was a rousing success for Amity, and the students are excited to make it even better next year.

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speakers prefaced the novel with their individual stories in order to accomplish this exact goal. The speakers' local examples of racism served to open the audience's eyes and provide them with the chance to reflect upon their own behavior and relationships with people of color in the school.

By exposing students to these stories, the presenters began the conversation. An action as simple as talking about racism put the idea in the students' minds, pushing them to think about what they have seen or heard in their daily lives that might have gone overlooked.

Making the decision

was not easy, but it was a conscious choice made by the OBOA committee.

Olivia Gross '20, a member on the committee, stated that they "picked a book that challenges students to actually think of what is happening in the real world. We hope that the Amity community will think differently about racism in our school and world after reading the novel."

Choosing All American Boys for the OBOA novel this year will create a student body and a school community that are informed about the reality faced by students of color in Amity as well as throughout the nation. It will create a discussion that cannot be ignored.

district had a cancellation on Wednesday, and Bethany students were excused from multiple days of school.

Aliya Dworkin '21, a Bethany resident, stated, "We had a lot of trees down around our house and one across our driveway. Luckily, we didn't have any on the house. The power was out until Thursday night. After the storm, my neighborhood was a disaster zone. There were power lines everywhere, and you had to swerve down the road because of all the trees lying in the road." As stated by Dworkin, the large gusts

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of wind uprooted numerous trees.

Another Bethany resident, Emily Paolozzi '21, had a similar experience: "During the storm, it was really windy, and it was raining almost sideways... it was all gray."

When asked what safety precautions she took, Paolozzi said, "I don't have a basement, so I just went downstairs and got in a room where there were no windows. I didn't know at the time when it was happening [or that] the aftermath was going to be as bad as it was...it just looked like really heavy rain, but [afterwards] I saw what it

actually did."

Paolozzi also lives near Clover Nook Farm, a family-owned farm that was directly in the tornado's path.

She said, "The old barn on the farm near my house got leveled. The new [barn] is okay, but the old one I remember seeing when I was a little kid. It's been there forever, and now it's just gone."

In contrast, most of Woodbridge and Orange experienced minor damage.

Jack Ranani '21, a Woodbridge resident said, "I didn't have school, but other than that, the lights just flickered, and everything was okay."



# Amity Helped Me to Find My Passion

by Patrick Burland '18

Amity Regional High School is one of the best schools in our state and even the entire country, and I am incredibly fortunate to have had the opportunity to be a part of this community. Looking back at my time here, I'm very grateful for the educational opportunities and people I have met.

One of the things that we should be most proud of here at Amity is the unparalleled effort, dedication, and energy put into our school by our teachers and admin-

istration. Not every school has a principal, superintendent, and teachers who can say that they walk into work doing what they love.

It is because of this that so many of our students are leaving Amity with a bright future. I hope that no one forgets many of the slogans that we have heard over the past three years: Find Your Passion, Make It Happen, and Go The Distance.

I feel that the first one is most important. It ties into a quotation often attributed to Confucius that reads, "Do what you love and you'll never work a day in your

life." While I have not been the best student in any number of subjects, the courses pertaining to my passion for government and politics were not the hassle that math or science was.

I realize that emphasizing "classes you like are easy" may seem obvious. Still, it is important to find what you like. The most important advice that I can offer is to not take classes that look good on a resume, are at a higher level, or boost your GPA. If you follow that advice, you will only do what you love and are passionate about.

# Spring Fest: A Success, But Improvement May Be Necessary

by David Sugarmann '20

It's that time of year again. The sun is out, winter is gone, and the flowers are blooming.

Spring Fest is a great event that includes many activities for all interests. With everyone outside and having fun, it is a very enjoyable experience. I saw hundreds of students enjoying themselves and hanging out with their friends.

While overall, I think the event was very successful this year, I do think that

there are some areas that could be improved.

I thought the highlight of Spring Fest was the dunk tank. In the first lunch wave, our principal Mrs. Mahon was getting dunked by students. Many gathered around the booth, as it was clearly the main attraction of Spring Fest. But, it got even better. In the second lunch wave, students were allowed to go into the dunk tank, increasing the fun.

While I thought the dunk tank was a great idea, I am skeptical about it having a big role in the com-

ing years. Since so many people gathered around the dunk tank, I noticed there were barely any people at some of the other booths.

For next year, I believe that the student body should try to find a compromise. By this, I mean that there should be a balance between the dunk tank and getting people to explore the other booths.

Student government, which plans Spring Fest, will have a year to figure this out. I am confident that next year's Spring Fest will be even better.

# Let's Get the Downtown We Deserve

by Ian Glassman '21

The end of the school year brings the annual "summer mindset" mentality that we start to embrace before remembering finals week is right around the corner. Preparing for finals is quite a laborious task, especially when sitting alone, all hunched over in bed.

So, why not study out in public? Well, the problem is that the only local public study space is the Woodbridge Town Library. I am not discrediting the town library at all, but having access to a new, quiet, and lively environment would be beneficial to high school students and the Woodbridge community.

The most practical options would be either a coffee or ice cream shop in the

old firehouse, or a small plaza in the front section of the cornfields. The fact that the firehouse has no other use makes the perfect opportunity to add something to the town. Who doesn't like a nice serving of ice cream?

The plaza, although a bit less practical, would add another after-school study spot for Amity students to walk to, presumably fitting a small parking lot with a few stores and even a cafe. Placing it in the front half of the cornfields would avoid conflict with the privately-owned gardens in the back.

Some may be concerned that building a plaza on the cornfields would cut their morning walk in half. However, the back half is still extensive, and adding a plaza would create a place to grab a coffee after

a walk.

The town and community would not only benefit socially but also economically, opening up the opportunity for local businesses to grow and jobs to become available to Amity students.

Much of the worry over creating public spaces in Woodbridge is that it would ruin the "rural essence" of the town. However, the town itself is large, so the scenery would still remain throughout the rest of the town and would only be complemented by the center. Others resent change and feel that the plan is radical.

Regardless, implementing a town center would give the town a stronger sense of community and help the Woodbridge residents and Amity students thrive.

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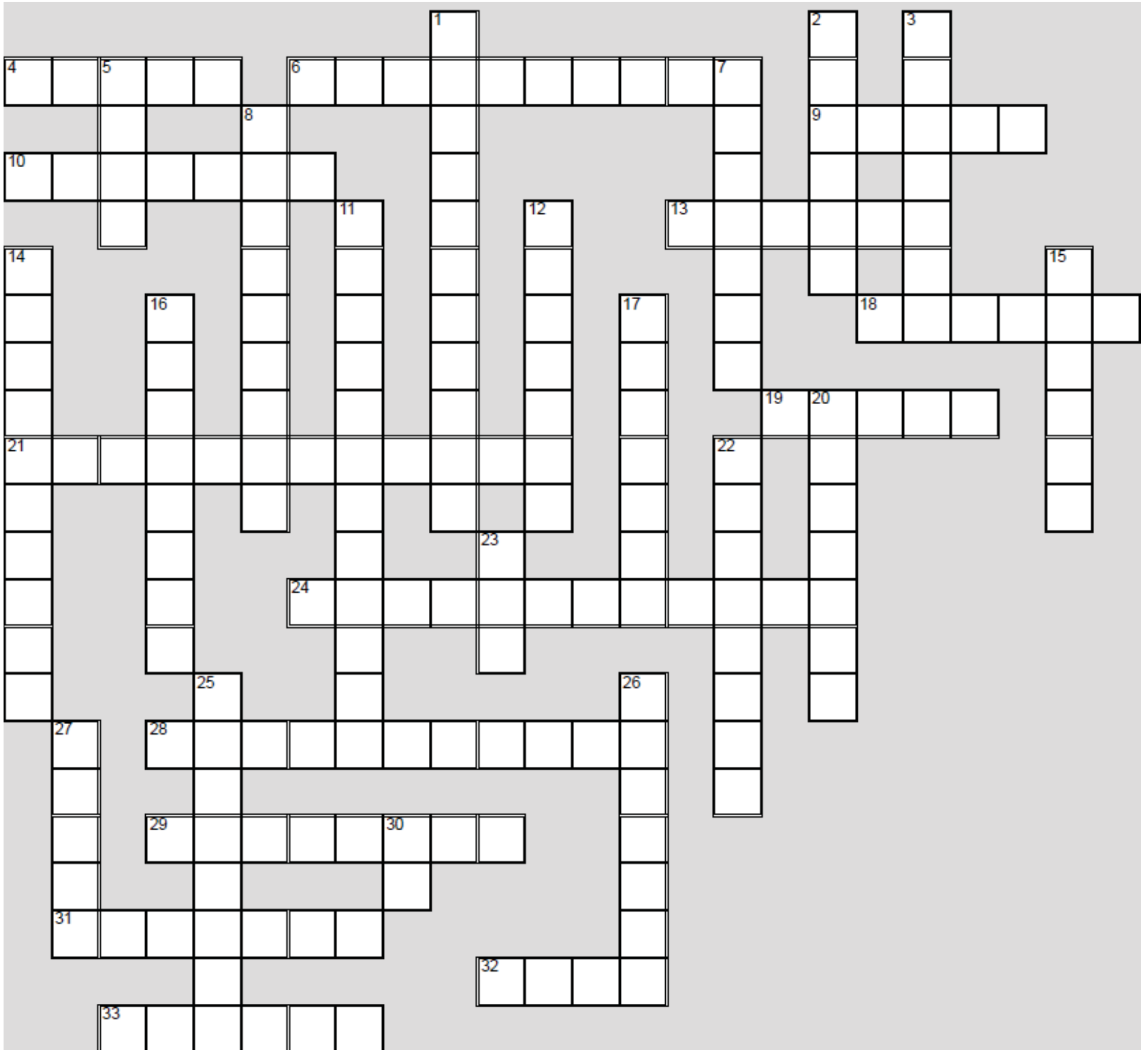
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# Crossword Puzzle



## Across:

4. UCONN Mascot
6. Processing financial information
9. English teacher who calls himself "The Famous Mr. \_\_\_\_\_"
10. Volcano that has erupted
13. Amity yearbook
18. #23
19. Iron Man
21. Ability to use both hands
24. Graduation ceremony
28. Girls' golf coach
29. Creator of the character "A"
31. Funnel-shaped cloud
32. "You're gonna need a bigger boat."
33. Duchess of Sussex

## Down:

1. Educational technology platform
2. CNN Founder
3. Spanish painter that began the Cubist Movement
5. 2018 Star Wars film
7. 2014 Men's World Cup Winner
8. The Volunteer State
11. A word that imitates the natural sound of something
12. "Run \_\_\_\_\_, run!"
14. Cosmo and Wand
15. Calls people "old sport"
16. New Haven newspaper
17. Hype clothing brand
20. Blue Bird Logo
22. National pastime
23. Iconic candy company in Orange
25. Leader of a state
26. Cheese chip brand
27. Something that has great size is \_\_\_\_\_
30. Fiorina was the CEO of this company

**If you correctly complete this crossword puzzle, email a picture to [amitytridentnewspaper@gmail.com](mailto:amitytridentnewspaper@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.**

**This month's crossword puzzle was created by Ryan Anastasio '20. Thanks to Ryan for making this incredibly difficult puzzle and good luck to all of our readers! (Most previous crosswords were created by Sophie Baum '18.)**



# Be Mindful in the Mindfulness Center

by Marissa Proto '18

Around you is an immense array of greens. Some of the leaves on the trees have a delicate, light hue while some leaves are a deep, dark, true forest green. The air is cool, but comfortable. Sun filters through the trees, making a moving dappled pattern on the ground before you.

As you open your eyes, you see a taunting light mimic the patterns of the guided imagery you just heard. You are not in a forest at all, but surrounded by white walls, lit with a morning glow. Soothing signs with sentiments of relaxation of peace are placed around the room, giving it more color.

There are three inviting chairs, two cushioned and plush, one slightly reclined. This is not simply a place to lounge and admire dream catchers and quirky gadgets, though; this, like all the other rooms at Amity High School, is a place for learning. Welcome to the Mindfulness Room.

Here, mental health and stability take precedence over all. "It's a way of taking yourself out of life for a little bit and think about sights and sounds and smells, and it's just a way to give yourself a little vacation from things and settle yourself down a little bit," says school psychologist Leslie Fazzini, a driving force in the creation of this room.

It is encouraged that more people educate themselves on their mind, their habits, and their weaknesses. By reflecting on these various factors, people can also determine their mental health. Mental health can be a determining factor in success.

"It's like building a house," Fazzini says "You know you need all the right tools to be able to complete that. And so when you are anxious, the more tools you have that you can work with to make you feel better, the more likely that you'll be able to work through that. So this is just another tool."

Some of these tools taught to students using the mindfulness room include techniques such as guided imagery, progressive muscle relaxation, breathing exercises, and much more. All of this makes for a more impactful experience.

Senior Nicole Koshes reflects, "It was surprisingly very relaxing and calming. It's definitely a good room to go to when you're feeling stressed."

The effect on Koshes was positive. "When I left, I felt a lot better, I was more relaxed and not as stressed about my classes," she says.

Deborah Hull, a coun-

selor at the school addresses her experience with bringing students into the room. "The students that I have brought in there have been able to calm down - kind of think things through a little bit and come up with alternatives for things that are upsetting or stressful," she says.

Senior Carrie Kaufman attributes this positive effect to the fact that the room is "fairly private and it's dark in there and sometimes when I'm anxious lights do not help."

Despite its calming atmosphere, the presence of an adult is required which Kaufman believes may be a deterrent for some students. She says when she's just trying to take a step out of the school environment, another person sitting there generally takes away from the process.

Pondering this, she suggests, "Make it a safe room so you don't have to have adults in there if that's an issue."

The room just opened in January. Its fairly recent opening is also the reason why many students are not aware of its presence but equally importantly, its purpose. Fazzini notes that these things take time.

"I had no idea it existed. But now that I know, I will definitely use it if I'm ever overly anxious," says senior Talia Mayerson.

Other students feel similarly, and have also expressed that they don't like when people know they're in guidance. But the counseling department already has one aspect of this issue addressed.

There is a sign-in sheet for the room which only records initials, the initials of the counselor, the time, and the activity completed. This gives increased privacy to everyone who uses the room, adults included.

"Adults get stressed out as well," Fazzini says.

She mentions that the room is certainly open to faculty and staff. She has seen teachers grading papers there or simply using the room to ease into their day. Whatever the reason, whoever the person, "I rarely find someone that doesn't come in here and feel better when they leave. I feel better when I leave."

You are growing tired from your journey. Your body feels pleasantly tired and heavy. You can look up to see the blue sky. Small white clouds float gently across the sky. Watch them drift slowly by. Shapes ever changing. Enjoy this peaceful place. As you reawaken, keep with you the feeling of calm, peace, and relaxation.

You have learned about the forest, and now you can always go back.

# How Has Amity Shaped You?

An interview with seniors Erin Barillier, Samantha Fleischman, and Ananya Kachru

by Tracy Lu '20 and Ariba Chaudhry '20

It is the time of year where the Amity seniors are preparing to embark on their future beyond high school. The four years of high school are crucial in shaping and developing a student's interests, and as such, Amity has played a large role in molding future paths of its students.

Erin Barillier, Ananya Kachru, and Samantha Fleischman are members of the senior class of 2018. Amity has helped guide them in finding interests and shape their goals for the future.

Barillier, who has an interest in physics and linguistics says, "The classes I took showed me what those fields are actually like. I could speak to my teachers with experience in those fields and actually learn what that work is like."

Kachru, a highly involved student, states, "I discovered my interests in education policy and debating through my extracurricular involvement at Amity." She is extremely thankful for the advisors and mentors that have guided her along the way.

Fleischman said that the op-

portunities at Amity have helped her interest grow in marine biology. Through the Bermuda trip and doing an independent study, Fleischman has been able to further explore this field. "Staying true to our past school mottos, Amity will help you find your passion and make it happen no matter what you're interested in," she says.

High school is not solely based on academics, and as such, these four years can foster the development of strong friendships as individuals grow and mature. Barillier says, "I've watched my friends all grow and become amazing people. Every time I got too stressed or scared about tests or college or anything else, they would be there to help me out. I am very thankful to have known them all and spent so much time together."

Understanding that cost is a huge factor in choosing colleges, Barillier says "My biggest piece of wisdom I learned from my college process is to take the stated price of a school with a grain of salt."

She emphasizes that the financial aid officers she has spoken to were all willing to help and listened to her needs. "I don't want a ticket price to stop someone from apply-

ing to the college they want to," Barillier says.

Kachru says that her biggest piece of advice is relax and "stay confident throughout the process and be excited about it, too." Furthermore, she suggests students to "Trust yourself, trust your advisors, and trust the process. Surrounding yourself with trust will help a lot."

Despite understanding and experiencing the stress behind applying to colleges, Kachru says, "I promise the process can be really, really fun at times... it's all about a positive outlook."

On a happy note, Fleischman who is headed to Yale University, says, "Everything happens for a reason and it will all work out in the end."

Barillier will be attending Washington University in St Louis to study physics or linguistics. Inspired by her high school teachers, she hopes to get a PhD and become a professor so she can also spread her passion to students.

Kachru, who will also be attending Yale University, plans to study "policy-making, especially in regards to education policy!"

All three graduates are extremely excited to further explore areas that piqued her interest in high school.

# Amity Student Attends Intel ISEF

by Kayla Morgan '20

For one week in May, students from over 75 different countries, regions, and territories gather at the annual Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF). One of the most prestigious science fairs in the world, the projects that students present range from projects regarding artificial intelligence to projects focused on finding low-cost approaches to synthesizing materials for creating electrodes.

This year, the fair was held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and one of Amity's own, sophomore Sophia Wang, had the pleasure of attending. In Pittsburgh, Wang presented her project "Detecting Sinkholes Through the Usage of Sensor Networks."

On her first day, there was a pin exchange ceremony where Wang was able to collect pins and tokens from people of many different countries and states.

On the second day, she set up her poster where she had the opportunity to interact with fellow students in her category of Earth and Environmental Sciences.

Wang said, "There were several people that I know will be my friends for life. We're all bonded in our passion for our research."

On the third day, Wang went to the Intel Quad where there were many different activities set up like virtual reality sets and various drum sets and instruments that were meant to allow the students to de-stress. In addition to these activities, the young scientists got to hear talks from Nobel Prize Laureates and previous ISEF finalists who went on to become executives at

They consisted of two special awards from the US Air Force and the Society for Experimental Mechanics and placing third in her category of Earth and Environmental Sciences. These prizes totaled to \$2,750, which Sophia says "will go to furthering her project."

The best experience that Sophia had during that week was when she met Sally Jewell, the Secretary of the Interior under the Obama Administration, who had sought her out for her work in the Geosciences.

Wang recounts, "It was the coolest experience because for the first time, I felt like there was someone other than myself who found my research interesting! It was super encouraging!"

Deborah Day, the

teacher that heads the science research program at Amity, also traveled to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to judge at ISEF in the category of Materials Science.

She discussed the ISEF experience and said, "This is the first year that Amity has had a student qualify for Intel ISEF."

This summer Wang plans to advance her project by working with a business in China to work with sensor manufacturers and make a manufacturable product. She also hopes to apply Artificial Intelligence to her project to allow more accurate sinkhole detections.



Sophia Wang '20 talking with Sally Jewell at Public Viewing Day. Photo contributed by Sophia Wang

their own companies.

The fourth day was when everyone presented their projects which Sophia recalls as being "quite stressful." She further commented that "there were literally thousands of projects of such high quality and everyone just felt out of their element, which is terrifying, but at the same time, is so inspiring."

For Wang, her research impressed the judges and she received various contacts of professionals that were willing to help her advance her project. At the award ceremony, she won three prizes.



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## SORTED BY NAME

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**Yusuf Ahmad** Lewis University  
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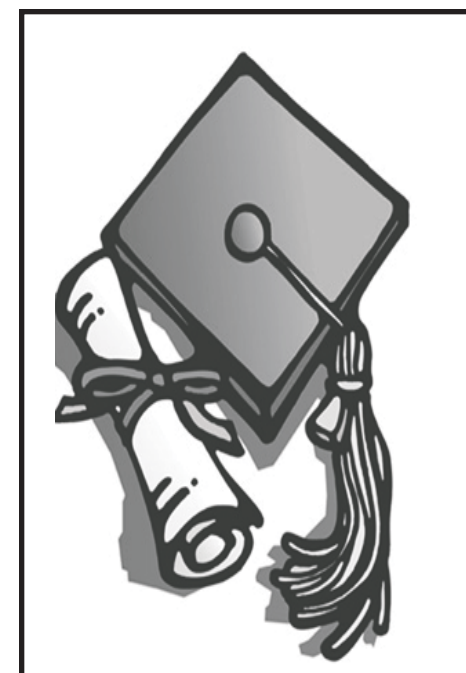
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# Wasabi: A Hidden Gem

by Bella Crassili '18

Located in a tiny plaza on the Boston Post Road in Orange, Wasabi, a Japanese Restaurant and Sushi Bar, is a gem nestled in the center of town. Being easily overlooked because of its location, this restaurant is the perfect example of the phrase "Don't judge a book by its cover!"

When you walk into Wasabi, you are immediately greeted by a friendly face. Only taking seconds to be seated, guests can always expect great compassion from the staff as well as a warm towelette to start off every meal.

The soothing instrumental music that plays throughout the restaurant, along with the natural look of the furniture and wallpaper evokes the feeling of serenity. With an intimate seating arrangement that is parallel to the Sushi bar, if ever bored, guests can simply glance over and observe the sushi chefs in action.

With a combination of sushi and Japanese cuisine, this is the perfect place

for a family of mixed sushi admirers and skeptics. It doesn't matter if you're a fan of the raw fish specialty or not, Wasabi offers a variety of cooked entrees as well. The menu includes a range of appetizers, hand rolls, special rolls, main entrees, and desserts. Nevertheless, whether you order two dragon rolls, or a chicken teriyaki dinner, each meal is always garnished with a beautiful purple and white flower. Meant as a decorative piece, the flower gives a vibrant pop of color to every dish.

Whenever I go to Wasabi I always make it a point to start off my meal with a delicious bowl of miso soup and a hot cup of herbal tea. After successfully easing my appetite, I then proceed to nibble on a serving of edamame while my three hand rolls are being skillfully made.

However, when the server sets down my plate of spicy crab, Boston, and avocado rolls, I know it's game time. Dipping each piece into the soy sauce and then masterfully eating it in one bite, I feel as if I'm in

heaven.

Watching my friend's cooked meal come out from the kitchen makes my mouth water. On top of a pile of white rice and vegetables, the angus steak teriyaki is coated in a dark brown glaze, topped with white sesame seeds for an added bit of crunch. With the aroma floating from across the table, it's hard to not want to take a bit of the delicious course.

When all is said and done, the prices at Wasabi are generally affordable considering the precision that goes into preparing sushi. The hand rolls range from \$4 to \$10 and the special rolls are \$10 to \$14. The kitchen entrees on the other hand are a great deal. All falling under \$20, the entrees' large serving sizes make sure that you don't leave hungry.

As you can probably tell, this Japanese hidden gem is one of my favorite restaurants in Orange. Whether it's for a special event or family dinner, it's the perfect place to expand your palette and have a fantastic meal.

# One Book One Amity Revealed!

by Sydney Reiner '20

The anticipated 2018 One Book One Amity choice was revealed on June 1st! Students gathered in the Brady Center, throughout lunch periods to listen to the presentation prepared and led by the One Book One Amity Committee to finally discover the book they would be reading this summer.

The presentation began with a short video produced by student filmmakers, Bridget Barnsley '18, Dan Gomez '18, and Grayson Barrett '18, which included emotional shots of a boy being arrested for a wrongful accusation.

Olivia Gross '20 of the OBOA Committee, said, "The video was really good because it captured the essence of the book in that it showed unfairness and sadness, and it really represented what we as a committee want to express with this book to the Amity community."

The video concluded with the announcement of this year's book, All American Boys by Brendan Kiely and Jason Reynolds, a very relevant and impactful story of race, police brutality, and equality.

Alicia Myung '20, said, "I'm incredibly interested in the book and I hope that it will spark conversations within the Amity

community that will help others understand the harm of racism."

The book was carefully picked and well respected.

The New York Times is quoted as saying, "All American Boys" represents one voice — even better, two voices — in a national conversation that must continue beyond its pages."

After the reveal, students and a teacher stood up in front of the audience and shared their own stories of prejudice and personal encounters with inequality. The distressing stories made students realize that racism and inequality are very much alive in the world, as well as at their own high school.

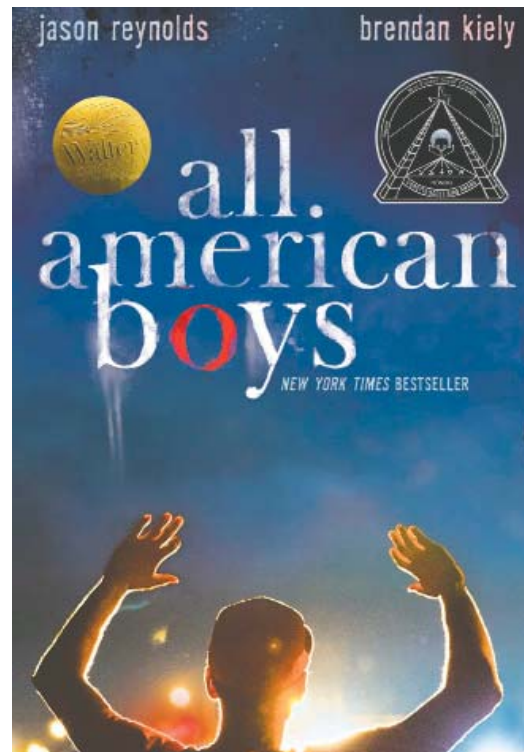
After months of deliberation and planning, the One Book One Amity Committee, led by Julie Chevan, the English Department Chair, decided on All American Boys, since they believed it would "start a conversation" and it aligned with "our school's core beliefs and values," as said in the presentation.

Aoi Tischer '20 said "I think learning about this topic is essential in today's times. This book seems powerful and a great decision to be OBOA's 2018 selection."

The Amity community is excited to read this book and see what important conversations it starts.



The exterior of Wasabi and a sushi plate from the restaurant  
Photo from yelp.com



The cover of this year's OBOA book, All American Boys.  
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# Elaina Ferraro Named Art Award Winner

by Allison Su '21

At the Art Slam on May 17th, Elaina Ferraro '19 became the winner of Amity's Annual Art Award.

The artwork was judged by Amity faculty on May 9th and 10th. There were many different types of artwork,

including 2D artwork, digital artwork, and 3D artwork.

The purpose of the award is for Amity to select a work to be professionally matted and framed as an addition to the school's collection. The participating artists were also monetarily compensated for their work.

Ferraro, this year's win-

ner, is a digital art class student. Her student teacher encouraged her to submit a piece for the annual award, so she made a work of art completely from scratch using Adobe Illustrator. She wanted to represent the voice of women around the world who fight for equality.

Ferraro stated that she

was inspired from reading Madonna's Speech, saying, "I wanted to incorporate it into a piece of art to expand on her views and show her feelings and mood."

Ferraro has always been a strong women's rights activist, so she chose to make a work of art on this topic.

When she won, Ferraro

said, "It feels good [to win]. I didn't know much about this award, but it's nice to get recognized for something you worked so hard on and were so proud about."

Now, her artwork will be put in the library's permanent collection, and she will receive \$100 for her outstanding work.

## Top Art Events in CT You Won't Want to Miss This Summer!

### International Festival of Arts and Ideas

Date: June 9-23

Location: All over the city of New Haven, including the Yale Campus and the New Haven Green

Description: Festival of all of the arts: music, theatre, inspiring speakers, dancing

### Connecticut Summerfest 2018

Date: June 14, 20

Location: The Hart School, West Hartford

Description: A contemporary music festival

offering opportunities for artists to advance their skills with seminars, lessons, rehearsals, and recording sessions, as well as a free concert.

### Orange Summer Craft Festival

Date: June 23

Location: Church of the Good, Orange CT

Description: Local artists showcasing and selling their arts and crafts products

### Westport Fine Arts Festival

Date: July 14, 15

Location: Westport CT, Downtown

Description: Over 140 juried artists exhibiting original works in photography, printmaking, painting, watercolor, sculpture, drawing, mixed media, glass works and much more.

### Watertown 2018 Summer Block Party

Date: August 18

Location: Main Street, Watertown CT

Description: An event full of live entertainment, local artisans, and food and desserts.



Above: International Festival of Arts and Ideas in New Haven

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Left: The scene from a recent Westport Fine Arts Festival

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# SCC Upset Leaves Amity on Top in the CIAC Quarter-Finals

by Jared Beltz '19

As the Amity Baseball Team heads into their semi-final game in the CIAC Class LL State Championships this Tuesday, they have encountered one specific moment in particular that has led them to this moment.

Building up since their days on the playground, the Spartans put their Rock-Paper-Scissors skills together to decide the fate of their SCC quarterfinals game.

On May 23rd, the Indians advanced to the semi-finals of the SCC's after defeating the Spartans in an intense, 11 round Rock-Paper-Scissors following a rain delay. John Lumpinski 19 achieved a 1-0 lead only to lose in the next two rounds.

Soon Amity was back up on top. Lumpinski achieved a 3-2

lead over North Haven and later Alex Perry '18 tied it up at 3-3.

North Haven brought a new player out of the bullpen to counter Perry's attacks, and the game was tied once again, only to have Perry caught out of the blue by North Haven's scissors move.

The result of this match was a 5-4 loss for Amity after the Rock-Paper-Scissors points were converted. However, they showed true grit during what was called the most intense game of Rock-Paper-Scissors in history (not really but close to it). While losing this SCC quarterfinals game, the Spartans were not a force to be reckoned with in the beginning of the CIAC state tournament.

Amity began their slow rise to the semi-finals when they won the first round match against Ludlowe, 2-1 on May 29th. This small margin of victory was to be

underestimated throughout the next two rounds.

The Spartans moved on to clobber Newington, 12-2 on May 30th, and South Windsor, the number 2 seed in the state, 7-1 on June 2nd. By displaying true grit in their depressing Rock-Paper-Scissors loss, Amity became a force to be reckoned with in the CIAC states.

The Spartans take on Ridgefield this Tuesday, June 5th. We wish nothing but the best of luck to the baseball team as they head into the semi-final round.

No matter the result, their over-the-top excitement and jubilation over a game of Rock-Paper-Scissors will never be forgotten.

Even though a game of Fortnite would have proven to be a more impressive feat, Rock-Paper-Scissors will still reign supreme in the end.

# Boys Tennis Ends Successful Season

by Nick Ricciardi '20

This current school year is coming to a close and so are the seasons for many of Amity's talented athletes, such as those on the Boys Tennis Team. With a final record of 16 and 3 (including the SCC playoff matches), the team has clearly had yet another solid year of playing.

Under strong leadership from seniors Marco Delsanto, Henry Molot, and Zack Brocklehurst, the underclassmen experienced some impressive growth throughout the entire season.

Early on, the varsity team beat Fairfield Prep in the SCC in a close 4-3 match. This early win against a tough team showed everyone that the Amity Boys could really step up to the plate when needed, even in close matches.

Following this early win, the rest of the season was made up of many close

matches or near blowouts in which Amity ended up pulling through and defeating their opponents.

The only three losses came at the hands and rackets of Daniel Hand High School, a longtime Amity sports rival. Two of these three losses occurred during the regular season, with a score of 7-0 favoring Hand both times, and the last loss occurring during the SCC championship in which Amity lost 7-0 to Hand once again.

However their work did not go without a fight, as making it to the SCC championship is no easy task. Amity brought the heat in the earlier rounds, soon making their way to the quarterfinals with a crushing 7-0 win against Branford, leading them into the SCC semi-finals against Guilford.

Without breaking a sweat, the boys made their way to Guilford, defeating the Indians 4-3 in the SCC semifinals.

Freshman Brett Gloria topped off semi-finals by winning the final match, advancing the boys to their hard-fought but unsuccessful win against Hand.

This season yet again highlighted the individual talent and supportive teamwork of the Amity Spartans.

With a crop of good underclassmen to grow and cultivate, the future looks bright for the Amity boys tennis team.

**Left: Amity and North Haven in their intense competition of Rock-Paper-Scissors**

*Photo from Game-time CT.*



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**Above: Senior Zack Brocklehurst rallying during practice.**

*Photo by Nitya Bhattarai '18.*



# Amity Player Profile: Richard Papa

by Eli Lee '19

Every season is an opportunity for players to improve and showcase the talent they possess. It is a chance to be considered the most valuable athlete in the school.

In previous years, Amity boasted power athletes like Colin Kuchachik and Aaron Rattley. While these students have since graduated and moved on,

someone else now stands out: a specialist in the 110 meter hurdles, with an official time that ranks 4th all time in Amity's history, and part of Amity's class of 2019.

Richard Papa is the student who has earned his spot as the top hurdler in the school.

In this short season that is only a fraction of his 3 year campaign as a major player for Amity's track and field team, Papa has achieved what many could

not. He qualified for the SCC East Outdoor Track and Field Sectional, SCC Outdoor Track and Field Championship, and the CIAC State Class L Championship, feats that cannot easily be achieved.

Peaking at the right time, Papa attained his personal record of 15.12 seconds at the SCC Championship this spring, earning him second place. This qualified him for the CIAC State Class L Championship in which he finished

with 15.16 seconds, placing him 3rd among all hurdlers in the state.

His personal records make him a top tier athlete in our school and across the entire state. If his improvement continues at this pace, he is on track to become one of the top hurdlers in Amity's history.

With his best official time of 15.12 seconds, he has beaten Kuchachik's time of 15.22 seconds and comes close behind Rattley's 14.75 seconds.

Under the mentorship of the Amity Track and Field coach Pope and the support from his fellow track athletes, Papa says, "I have been able to accomplish great things this season with the help from my teammates and coaches. I am forever grateful for them and eager for what's to come."

He looks toward improving in his events as his junior year comes to an end and with his senior year just around the corner.



Left: Richard Papa competing in the 110 meter hurdles  
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## Here are some highlights...



**Lady Spartans face North Haven at powderpuff game**  
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**Amity Music and Creative Theater Dept. at Disney**  
*Photo courtesy of Avital Sutin '19*



**Amity Girls Track Team**  
*Photo courtesy of Maddy Ciskowski '19*



**Amity hosts annual STEAM Day**  
*Photo courtesy of Ningxin Luo '20*



**Amity Debate Team**  
*Photo courtesy of Mounisha Anumolu '19*



**Cheering on Girls Volleyball at State Finals**  
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**Rehearsing for Addams Family**  
*Photo courtesy of Lilli Querker '19*



**Club Day**  
*Photo courtesy of Kate Yuan '19*