## AAST NEWSLETTER

March 27th - March 31st, 2023

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Break April 3-7

Cyberpatriot Competition April 15

Spring Gala April 28, 8:00pm

Senior Awards May 18, 5:30pm

> Senior Day May 22

Senior Ceremony May 23, 7:00pm

US History EOC May 23



#### **AAST Holds Spring Teddy Bear Clinic**















On March 30, over 200 kindergarteners from Ocean Bay Elementary and Myrtle Beach Early Childhood visited AAST for the spring Teddy Bear Clinic! The Pre-Medicine major partnered with local organizations to teach the kindergartners how to treat their teddy bears with kindness and maintain the best health and safety practices. Thank you to those who helped make this wonderful event possible!

## **AAST ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### AAST @ the HCS Tech Fair

AAST students participated in the HCS Tech Fair on March 29th! Spectators and judges were impressed with their displays. Stay tuned here for results when they're announced!











#### **AAST Spring Gala Information**



Click the image above to find the Spring Gala cost, policies and procedures, and elibigility requirements!

Next SIC Meeting Date:

April 18, 2023 10:00am



Don't forget: Schools will be closed from April 3 to April 7! Have a great Spring Break!

#### BOOK SPOTLIGHT: STONE BLIND BY NATALIE HAYNES



AAST on the Web!
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They will fear you and flee you and call you a monster. The only mortal in a family of gods, Medusa is the youngest of the Gorgon sisters. Unlike her siblings, Medusa grows older, experiences change, feels weakness. Her mortal lifespan gives her an urgency that her family will never know.

When the sea god Poseidon assaults Medusa in Athene's temple, the goddess is enraged. Furious by the violation of her sacred space, Athene takes revenge—on the young woman. Punished for Poseidon's actions, Medusa is forever transformed. Writhing snakes replace her hair and her gaze will turn any living creature to stone. Cursed with the power to destroy all she loves with one look, Medusa condemns herself to a life of solitude.

Until Perseus embarks upon a fateful quest to fetch the head of a Gorgon . . .



#### **Technology Student Association (TSA) Competition Results**

AAST student members of the Technology Student Association (TSA) competed at the state conference on March 26th through March 28th at the DoubleTree Resort at Springmaid. TSA state officers and AAST students Kayleena Nguyen (Reporter) and Tori Tartisel-Ogden (Vice-President) were responsible for helping organize and run the state conference throughout the three-day event. The competition results are as follows:

**ANIMATRONICS (2nd Place)**: Ethan Jeon, Michael Rosol, Carlos Suarez, Isai Rojo-Veyna

AUDIO PODCASTING (1st Place): Tristan Blackmon

CHILDREN'S STORIES (2nd Place): Brianna Arrowood, Summer Wetzel

CODING (2nd Place): Liam Hoegle, Hayden Uy

**DIGITAL VIDEO PRODUCTION (2nd Place):** Tristan Blackmon, Brianna Holmes, Takoda Nevitt, Kayleena Nguyen, Amber Sanders, Tori Tartisel-Ogden

ESSAYS ON TECHNOLOGY (2nd Place): Gabrielle Hanson

FLIGHT ENDURANCE (2nd Place): Aiyanna Green

ON DEMAND VIDEO (2nd Place): Tristan Blackmon, Takoda Nevitt,

Kayleena Nguyen, Amber Sanders, Tori Tartisel-Ogden

PHOTOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGY (2nd Place): Amber Sanders
PREPARED PRESENTATION (3rd Place): Aiyanna Green

SENIOR SOLAR SPRINT (1st Place): Cameron Bell, Aiyanna Green, Dylan

Leonard, Brayden Liesveld

VIDEO GAME DESIGN (1st Place): Tristan Blackmon, Georgina Brough,

Liam Hoegle Kevin Snyder-Mounts

VIDEO GAME DESIGN (2nd Place): Sunni Tukhtasinov



#### **AAST Aluminum Assault FIRST Robotics Results**

AAST's robotics team, Aluminum Assault, competed in their second competition of the season in the newly formed Peachtree District of FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) in Hartsville, SC. Aluminum Assault advanced to the playoffs again at this week's meet where they captained Alliance 8 and finished in the top 12. The team also received the Creativity Award for the second meet in a row, with these kind words: The Creativity Award sponsored by Rockwell Automation celebrates creativity that enhances strategy of play and was intentionally designed and not discovered. In the FRC joust, this black knight robot used its diamond-plated armor to guard itself from its opponents. Their unique figure eight chain drive with dual motors protected them from burning out too soon. They really assaulted all the other robots in this category. This solid showing is very likely to mean a trip District Championships over Spring Break! Follow the teams on Instagram @aast\_robotics for updates!













#### **AAST @ the CHS Career Fair**

Pre-Med juniors and seniors were able to attend Conway High School's career fair. They met with healthcare industry professionals who gave them insight into various medical specialties including pharmacy, neurosurgery, and maternal care. They also met with colleges and universities that have educational programs in medical careers. Additionally, three area hospitals had job applications that our students can apply to during and after their high school career. They really learned a lot!





# SIDEWALK CHALK DAY



To see the winning artwork, follow @HCSAAST or @aastartmajor on Facebook and Instagram!











#### **Sidewalk Chalk 2023 Judging Results**

1st place (tie): Cosmic Chicks - Keegan Brown and Xara Saldarriaga

Burt and Zurt - Lakelyn Phillips and Zaria Robey

**2nd place**: Not Slim but Shady - Lesslie Olvera-Hernandez and

Star Feschuk

**3rd place (tie)**: Wind and Anchor - Lindsay Beam and Mikayla Jenkins

Shark and Minnow - Ally Colquetet and Jackson Brookshire

#### **Honorable Mention**

Double Trouble - Hannah Harrison and Hailee Robinson Birds of a Feather - Emma Moseley and Audrey Minzler Pina-Cool-Lads - Haiden Staiger and Anastasia Bruorton

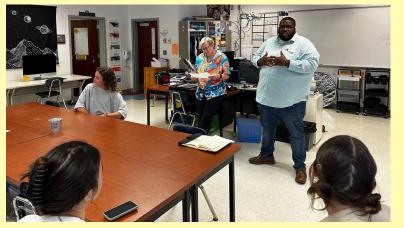


#### **AAST Beta Club Talent Show**



Congratulations to the winners of the AAST Beta Club Talent Show! In first place we had Israel Waldner with his closeup magic skills. Second place went to Edan Ovadia and Roni Butbul with their nine-year-old selves Hanukkah Talent show reenactment. Third place went to TARJA, a school band made up of Tip Taylor, Audrey Minzler, Raven Richman, Joathan Le, and Anthony Natale.

#### **Guest Speaker: Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce**



A representative from the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce spoke with Web and Digital Communications students about a future t-shirt design collaboration, as well as possible internships.

#### **Guest Speaker: Liz Bright, Sharing Hope of SC**



Liz Bright from Sharing Hope of SC Organ donor program visited on Friday to talk to Biomed, Pre-Med and Anatomy and Physiology students about the process of organ donation and why it is important. They also explained how they keep the organs alive until they have a match.

#### **Read Across SC Poster Contest**



Congratulations to our junior Web and Digital
Communications for their accomplishments in the Read
Across South Carolina poster competition.
Congratulation to Soup, Julia, and Madison with their
honorable mentions and congratulations to Jazlyn for
her first place award. Outstanding!

#### AAST Student of the Month: Aerospace Engineering Major, Philip Rauhutt



Congratulations to our AAST Student of the Month, Aerospace Engineering major Philipp Rauhut! Philipp is a student who excels in academics and service. This semester he has helped the AP Physics class with additional support to prepare for the AP exam. He provided tutoring for students who needed one-on-one practice with course content. Philipp did all of this in the koi spirit of teamwork and collaboration. AAST is proud to recognize him as the AAST Student of the Month.