
	<h1 style="font-family: cursive;">Academy of Science and Technology</h1> <h2>NEWCLIPPINGS</h2> <p>Dr. Susan Caffery, Headmaster Volume 14 Issue 19 January 22, 2021</p>
Upcoming Events	<p>From the Headmaster</p>
<p>Jan 15-22 SCI TECH Science Fair Judging</p>	<p>An early Science Fair means we are waiting for the results of judging. It is exciting as our students anticipate advancement to the Science and Engineering Fair of Houston.</p> <p>Susan M. Caffery, Ed.D. LPC</p> <hr/> <p>Academy Student Wins 2020 Congressional Application Challenge</p> <p>Sophomore Jack Pittenger was recently recognized by Congressman Kevin Brady for winning the 2020 Congressional Application Challenge. This competition is hosted by members of the U.S. House of Representatives hosting district-wide competition for middle school and high school students, Students may use any programming Language (C, C++, JavaScript, Python, Ruby, etc.) and any platform. More information can be found at https://www.congressionalappchallenge.us/students/rules/. https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1a_8En2pYt-2iInLU7vbjEQSRkWF06nQV</p>
<p>Jan 26 AST Interviews</p>	
<p>Feb 8 PAST Board Meeting</p>	<p>Course Selection</p> <p>Students in grades 9-11 will participate in course selection. I have placed an instructional PowerPoint in the Academy General Canvas Course to help students as they select courses for next year. Students must be enrolled in at least three Academy classes each year.</p>
<p>Feb 16 DLS</p>	<p>SCI://TECH</p> <p>This week kicked-off SCI://TECH Exposition! The Technical Writing Competition and Science Fair are currently being judged virtually this year. Grand Award Judging will take place Tuesday, January 26 with video conferences. On February 9 at 6 pm there will be a Live Grand Award Ceremony. Senior High Science Bowl will take place January 29, 201. Many of our students will advance to the Science and Engineering Fair of Houston. They are no doubt already working on materials to submit to that fair.</p>
<p>Mar 2 DLS</p>	
<p>Mar 5 TX SEF Projects Due</p>	
<p>Mar 8 PAST Board Meeting</p>	
<p>Mar 23 DLS</p>	
<p>Apr 6 STAAR English I</p>	<p>Spring Distinguished Lecture Series</p> <p>Currently, three lecture spots are filled in our Spring Lecture Series. The lecture information is as follows:</p>

Apr 8 STAAR English II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb 16 Chirag Parghi, M.D. <i>The Journey to Becoming a Physician: The Life of a Radiologist.</i>
Apr 30 TWCP Prom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar 2 Joseph Petrosino, Ph.D. <i>The Human Microbiome: Discoveries from an Underappreciated Organ for Use in Detecting and Treating Disease.</i> • Mar 23 Gora Krilov, Ph.D. <i>Computers and Chemistry: A New Era in Drug Discovery.</i>
May 3 PAST General Meeting; Dessert Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 20 Cynthia J. Jenks, Ph.D. M.Phil. <i>Using Chemistry to Reclaim the Hidden Value of Trash</i> <p>Go to the Academy General Canvas Course for the Zoom links to each lecture and for Exploration forms.</p> <p>Summer Enrichment/Research Programs for Students</p> <p>Many colleges and universities are posting their summer programs for students. Many of the programs will count for an internship for our students if they meet the following criteria:</p>
May 16 AST Senior Gala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs- not courses. • Last 2-3 weeks or more
May 24 TWCP Grad	<p>Some programs utilized include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Youth Leadership Programs in Medicine, Engineering, and Computer Science • Rice University Aerospace & Aviation Academy https://www.envisionexperience.com/explore-our-programs/aerospace-and-aviation-academy • Envision Summer Programs https://www.envisionexperience.com/program-catalog • University of Rochester Summer Programs https://enrollment.rochester.edu/precollege/intensive-studies/ • University of Texas at Austin Summer High School Research Academy (online) https://cns.utexas.edu/tides/k-12/high-school-summer-research-academy
	<p>CISD Is Looking for Substitute Teachers.</p> <p>Are you looking for an opportunity to help our schools? Conroe ISD is now hiring bus drivers and substitutes for paraprofessionals and teachers at all levels! Please visit http://tiny.conroeisd.net/cjR4r for more information and to complete an online application.</p>
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Thank you for all you contribute as a volunteer and as a financial donor! PAST's annual grant made to AST is used to fund lab and classroom equipment and various educational events and we could not do this without your support. **To join PAST please go to <http://web.pastforthefuture.org/get-involved/>.**

AST Senior Gala

Update for Senior Parents

- Please Join the **Senior Gala Remind!** This is the easiest way for the gala committee to keep you up to date on important announcements. To Join text 81010 with @astgala in the message or go to rmd.at/astgala.

- Senior Baby photos needed! We will need baby photos for a fun baby photo guessing game for the students leading up to the event as well as photos you may have of your students throughout their time at the Academy (competitions, events, etc.) that will be included in a slide show at the event. In January, you will receive upload instructions from the Gala committee.

We are looking for volunteers to help us with our 2021 Senior Gala! We will need many help to put on this amazing event to celebrate the accomplishments and successes of our Seniors! You do not need to be a student parent to volunteer. To learn more, please visit our sign up genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4ba9aa2aa75-senior>

Senior Gala Chairs - email questions to astseniorbanquet@gmail.com

Nishma Shah, Melissa Jurik, Celeste Puza, Yamel Banales

Lecture Opportunity with Education for Tomorrow Alliance

EfTA has created a Distinguished Speaker Series for students to engage with leaders in various fields. **Interested students must register prior to the event and receive a code to join the lectures ([wwwlefta-us.org](http://www.lefta-us.org)). The spring series will be posted in January 2021.**

PAST News

Teacher Appreciation

The **Teacher Appreciation Committee** provides a nice lunch for our AST teachers and staff once a month. The lunches will be a bit different this year since we will not be able to enter the building, but we still want to provide them with a nice lunch. We have our dates set for the next several months, but we need team leaders and helpers for each month.

Team leaders will help coordinate, collect funds and make sure the lunches are delivered to the school. Helpers are needed to contribute funds and help the team leader as needed. We would love to have you help out, so if you are interested, please sign up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D45AEAE29AA8-astteacher1>

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Pittenger at cathyag93@aol.com or Patricia Daniels at patricia.daniels7@hotmail.com.

Thank you for helping us show our appreciation to all the PAST teachers and staff!

Loyalty Programs

After August 1st: Enroll your Kroger card online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. P.A.S.T's number is 81773.

Shop Amazon at <http://smile.amazon.com> and choose "Parents of the Academy of Science and Technology" or ID# 76-0317025 as your charity.

Thank you for your support!

AST Planners

Plan for Success! You may purchase an Academy Planner for \$10 in School Cash.

College Testing

Please check College Board and ACT for any updates to testing.

SAT

Test Date	Subject Tests	Registration Deadline	Late Registration

Mar 13, 2021	No	Feb 12, 2021	Feb 23, 2021
May 8, 2021	Yes	Apr 8, 2021	April 20, 2021
June 5, 2021	Yes	May 6, 2021	May 18, 2021

ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
February 6, 2021	January 8	Jan 9-15
April 17, 2021	March 12	March 13-26
June 12, 2021	May 7	May 8-21
July 17, 2001	June 18	June 19-25

In order to receive SMS/text messages from Conroe ISD, or your child's campus about timely issues including rainy day dismissal or campus updates, text "Y" to 67587.

