

The ANHS Link

ANHS Success: College and Career Readiness

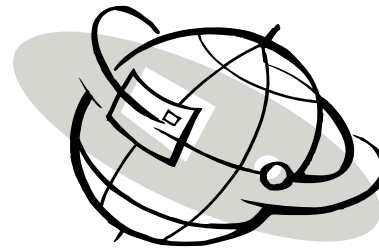
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College and Career readiness is the focus of many K-12 initiatives nationwide, due largely to the support and encouragement offered by President Obama and U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.

The theory behind the movement is students should not only earn a high school diploma, they should be prepared to join the global economy as productive members that can compete internationally.

Allied National High School is at the forefront of this important movement. We have added an additional



diploma track, which gives our students the opportunity to study college preparatory curriculum or career preparatory curriculum.

Allied National High School also offers a dual enrollment program with Allied American University and Allied Business Schools. Through this program, students can take college courses or vocational courses during their

senior year, and earn both high school and post-secondary credit.

Students that participate in this program will have a competitive edge compared to their peers because they will already have credit for these courses listed on their transcript, which provides evidence that they are prepared for the next step in their postsecondary education or career.

The Director's Chair: Accreditation

Allied National High School is accredited regionally by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Schools. (WASC) through June 30, 2013.

The Accrediting Commission of the Distance Education and Training Council also accredits ANHS nationally. The DETC reaccreditation onsite visit will occur March 23 – 24

of this year. The current DETC accreditation is institutional and includes all divisions of Allied Business Schools, Inc.

The scope of this accreditation includes Allied National High School (secondary), Allied Business Schools (postsecondary vocational) and Allied American University (postsecondary degree-granting).

Allied National High School is also regionally accredited through AdvanceEd. The North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA-CASI) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS-CASI) are regional accreditation divisions of AdvancED.

Student Spotlight- *John Sessions*

Grade: 12

Where do you live in?

Izmir, Turkey

Why did you decide to attend Allied National High School? Personal reasons (Living overseas)

What is your favorite part of school? Learning something new everyday.

What are your plans for after high school?

Hopefully moving on to more education somewhere in the world.

What do you want to do for a living? I believe I am a very hands-on

person and can accomplish a lot of things with this ability. Let's see what the future brings.

Do you have any hobbies? My hobbies are kite surfing and researching. I love learning new things.

Do you have any pets? I had many pets in the past, but now living in an overpopulated city of 7 million I decided pets were too much responsibility.

What is your favorite book? I would have to say my favorite book

would have to be White Fang from Jack London.

What was your favorite trip? My favorite trip would have to be visiting Turkey. I liked it so much, I haven't been back yet. I hope to visit many more places in the near future.

“The sky is the limit. You never have the same experience twice.”

~ Frank McCourt



Staff Spotlight- James Rieger

How many years have you worked at Allied?

I have been the Director of Allied National High School since April 2005.

What do you enjoy about working at Allied?

I enjoy working with parents and students to ensure educational success in our program. I also enjoy working with innovative educational technologies to develop new strategies for curriculum development.

What advice do you have for ANHS students

and parents?

The advice I have for parents and students is to plan a study schedule to ensure that you meet your educational goals. I also believe that it is critical to maintain open and regular communication with the school as well as between parents and students so that everyone is aware of the student's progress in each course at all times.

Do you have any hobbies?

I enjoy composing, recording, and performing all types of music. I was a

music major in college and still perform occasionally in a band.

Do you have any pets?

My wife and I have two Yorkshire Terriers.

What is your favorite book?

Childhood's End by Arthur C. Clarke.



Just for Fun! : Brain Teasers, Riddles, and Puzzles

Riddle #1:

A blind beggar had a brother who died. What relation was the blind beggar to the brother who died? The answer is not brother.

Riddle #2:

What do you have to give before you can keep it?

Riddle #3:

A man was taking a walk, and it started to rain. The man didn't have an umbrella and he wasn't wearing a hat. His clothes got soaked, yet not a single hair on his head got wet. How could this happen?

ESLR's: Critical Thinking Skills

ANHS has high expectations for its students. We expect that by the time our students graduate they will be effective critical thinkers.

Students will establish, practice and refine their critical thinking skills through a variety of methods including reading, writing, word problems, interpreting maps, and analysis of charts and graphs.

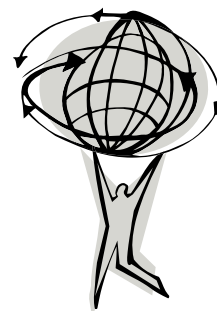
ANHS prepares students to be come effective critical thinkers who...

- Solve real-life challenges with efficient problem-solving skills
- Use a variety of methods to examine, define, and assess ideas
- Apply problem-solving skills to achieve a

personal or academic goal

- Solve problems through the effective use of pertinent technology

Students will utilize their critical thinking skills in many practical applications after graduation. Examples include post-secondary studies, drawing conclusions from documents, problem solving, personal finances, and project management.



“A man's errors are his portals of discovery.”

~ James Joyce

College Prep: Spring Action Plans

Juniors:

Start visiting local colleges: large, small, public and private. Get a feel for what works for you. Develop an initial list of 15-20 colleges that interest you. You can narrow it down later.

Plan Ahead for the Summer & Senior Year

Review your senior year class schedule with your school. Challenge yourself with advanced classes.

Plan summer activities such as volunteering, getting an interesting job or internship, or signing up for special summer learning programs.

Seniors:

Review Acceptance Letters. You should get acceptance letters and financial aid offers by mid-April.

Compare awards from different colleges. Talk to financial aid officers at your college if you have questions about the award offered.

If you haven't already, visit your final college before accepting.

You must tell every college of your acceptance or rejection of offers of admission or financial aid by May 1. Send a deposit to the college you choose.

Are you on a waiting list at some of your schools of choice? If you will enroll if accepted, tell the admission officer your intent and ask how to strengthen your application. Need financial aid? Ask if funds will be available if you're accepted.

If you need help achieving any of these action items the Student Services and Administration teams at ANHS are here to help you. You can email the Dean of Instruction at jsanborn@alliedhighschool.com or call us at 800.968.4034.

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Home inspection plays a major role in today's real estate process.

A home inspector is a person who performs a physical inspection of a home and provides an objective viewpoint on the condition of the property at the time of the inspection.

They evaluate a home's systems, components and structure. They also identify any existing or potential problems, and make recommendations to correct the problems. They then compile findings into an accurate and informative report.

Due to a growing population and greater housing need, individuals are expected to buy more houses and require the services of home inspectors over the next decade. Employment of home inspectors is projected to grow as levels of real estate activity increase in markets across the country. This activity will result in a greater need for qualified inspectors to provide a fair and accurate evaluation of the condition of a home prior to purchase. Median annual wages of home inspectors was \$50,180 in May 2008.

Appraisers play an essential role in the real estate markets and even help to drive industry price trends.

An appraiser is a person who provides an analysis, opinion or conclusion about the nature, quality or value of identified real property.

They evaluate the property and surrounding neighborhood. They also obtain land values from county sources and sales information about nearby properties. Then they estimate building replacement costs using building valuation manuals and professional cost estimators, and prepare a written description of the property and make an estimate of its value.

Real estate appraisal provides you with the opportunity to set your own hours work out in the field and experience long-term career success. You also need to pass a state exam before you can become an appraiser.

Due to a growing population over the next decade, the real estate industry is projected to provide additional

employment opportunities, as more people require housing. With a thriving economy, individuals will be more likely to buy a new house or re-finance their existing house.

Employment of real estate appraisers is expected to grow as levels of real estate activity increase in markets across the country. This activity will result in a greater need for licensed appraisers to provide accurate and reliable property valuations. Median annual wages of appraisers of real estate was \$47,370 in May 2008.

Many schools offer courses to help you prepare for one of these careers. Allied Business Schools offers both a home inspection and real estate appraisal courses. The home inspection and appraisal program includes a professional membership to an industry association. In addition, if you don't pass your state exams for these courses, Allied Business Schools will give you a full refund plus 10% (excluding shipping).

Just for Fun! Answers

Riddle #1:

She is his sister.

Riddle #2:

Your word.

Riddle #3:

He is bald.