

# The ANHS Link

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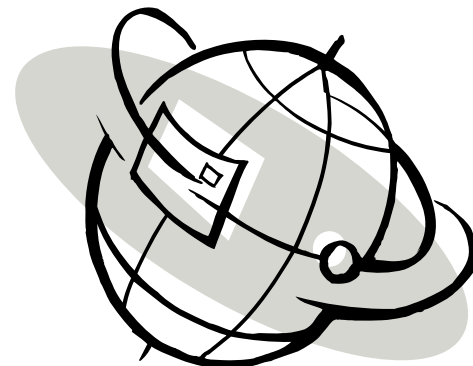
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## Birth of *the ANHS Link*

This is the very first edition of Allied National High School's newsletter, *The ANHS Link*. It has been created to be used as a tool for communication. Our hopes are that it will create a sense of community among the many constituents that will read it.

*The ANHS Link* will offer opportunities for its readers to participate in activities, and stay informed about all that is happening at Allied National High School.

As an online school, it is imperative that we build a community and stay in regular contact with one another. This will ensure that we are all aware of the happenings at our school, and it will help us all feel like we are part of a larger group, even when we are sitting alone in front of our computer



screen. Not being able to meet face to face is an inherent challenge of distance education; and having a newsletter as a forum will help us to conquer this challenge.

Accomplishing the goal of having meaningful communication, will also come with the privilege of being part of an active learning community with members across the

nation, as well as internationally.

We invite all that receive this first edition to embrace this newsletter as an opportunity to be an initial member of our online learning community. Participating is easy; read our newsletter, enjoy what you read, and take advantage of the opportunities it presents!

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## The Dean Scene

Many of you may already know me, but for those of you that do not; my name is Mrs. Jacquelyn Sanborn, and I am the Dean of Instruction and WASC Site Coordinator at Allied National High

School. The Director, James Rieger, and I will be participating in each newsletter to take advantage of the opportunity to communicate with our faculty, students, and

parents. I truly enjoy working with each and every one of you. My virtual door is always open and I am always willing to make time in my day to speak to you. I can be reached at 800.968.4034

## Student Spotlight Robert McGhee was interviewed by Jacquelyn Sanborn

Robert McGhee - Senior

What state do you live in?  
"Minnesota"

Why did you decide to attend Allied National High School?  
"Public school was challenging socially, and the flexible scheduling at Allied is great."

What is your favorite subject?  
"History is my favorite. I like the facts and it's easy to memorize."

What are your plans for after high school?  
"Attending college, I am keeping my options open, and currently looking for scholarships."

What do you want to do for a living?  
"Be a pharmacist, and I would like to work with the Veterans of America if possible."

Do you have any hobbies?  
"Paint ball. I like that I can do it all year long."

What is your favorite book?  
"*Inside Delta Force* by Erik Haney"

Do you have a favorite travel destination?  
"Kansas City. The people were extremely nice."



"Education is not the answer to the question. Education is the means to the answer to all questions."  
-- William Allin

## Instructor Spotlight James Nutz was interviewed by Jacquelyn Sanborn

James Nutz  
Science Instructor

Years of teaching experience:  
"20 plus"

What state do you live in?  
"California"

Why did you choose to teach at Allied National High School?  
"Although I teach in a public high school as well, I prefer alternate education."

What was your major in

college?  
"I studied Zoology in college which included a lot of math and sciences of all types."

What was your favorite trip and why?  
"I have been in every state in the nation, but my cruise to Alaska was truly memorable."

Do you have any hobbies? What are they?  
"I have 7 grandchildren. Is that a hobby?"

Do you have any pets? "I

don't claim any pets, but my wife has 2 cats."



## What's New in Education?

Sam Dillon. "Arne Duncan-Obama's Choice for Secretary of Education". *New York Times*. 15 December.

"Arne Duncan, the Chicago schools superintendent known for taking tough steps to improve schools while maintaining respectful relations with teachers and their unions, is President-elect Barack Obama's choice as secretary of education, Democratic officials said

Monday. Mr. Duncan, a 44-year-old Harvard graduate, has raised achievement in the nation's third-largest school district and often faced the ticklish challenge of shuttering failing schools and replacing ineffective teachers, usually with improved results.

He represents a compromise choice in the debate that has divided Democrats in recent months over the proper course for policy after the Bush years."

## WASC World

WASC stands for Western Association of Schools and Colleges. They are an accrediting body, and they accredit our school.

Do you know what accreditation is? WASC defines accreditation as a "Voluntary dual-purpose process that schools (1) must be worthy of the trust placed in them to provide high-quality learning opportunities and (2) clearly

demonstrate continual self-improvement."

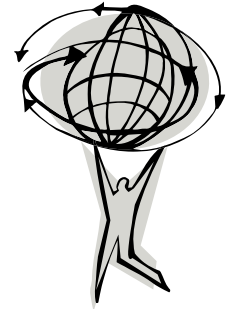
As part of the ongoing accreditation process we have online monthly meetings to discuss topics associated with the accreditation process such as school mission, expected school wide learning results, and how to improve student learning. Parents, students, faculty, and administration can

participate each month.

We are always looking for new members to offer a fresh perspective and help us improve our school.

If you would like to learn more about our monthly online Committee of the Whole WASC meeting please email the Dean and WASC Site Coordinator at:

[isanborn@alliedhighschool.com](mailto:isanborn@alliedhighschool.com)



## FYI...

Many of our students call in to our student services department to ask questions. We would like to share some of their questions and the answers to those questions with you for your information.

**Q: Why can't I see the text boxes on quizzes, exams, or discussion boards?**

**A:** Windows Vista users

may have trouble with the text boxes. Here's an easy fix:

- 1) Go to "Welcome Page"
- 2) Click "Tools"
- 3) Click "Personal Information"
- 4) Click "Set visual text box editor options"
- 5) Mark "Unavailable"

**Q: Can I get my quiz reset?**

**A:** All students can have a

quiz reset for one of two reasons:

- 1) You have taken it once and would like to get a higher score on a second attempt
- 2) You were taking the quiz and accidentally navigated away from or closed the quiz window causing it to lock.

## College Prep

Are you a junior or senior? Are you a parent of a junior or senior? If so, then college preparation may be a top priority for you in the coming months. One of the first steps that will need to be taken is registering for and taking the SAT's. If you have not

already done so, we have some information that will help you begin the process. The SAT is offered at various testing locations to ensure there is one available to you locally. On the next page is a chart of registration dates. It is important to

register on time because you will be asked to pay a late registration fee if you miss the deadline. For more information on the SAT test sites and registration please visit the College Board website at: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

*"I cannot teach anybody anything; I can only make them think."  
-- Socrates*

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## U.S. Registration Deadlines

2008-09 Test Dates	Test	Regular Registration Deadline (postmark/submit by)
October 4, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	September 9, 2008
November 1, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	September 26, 2008
December 6, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	November 5, 2008
January 24, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	December 26, 2008
March 14, 2009	SAT only	February 10, 2009
May 2, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	March 31, 2009
June 6, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	May 5, 2009

SAT U.S. Registration Deadlines.07 January 2009

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/calenefees.html>

## Core Values

Each edition of *The ANHS Link* will have a "Core Values" article. We invite our students to send us an essay on their core values for extra credit. The essay needs to be between 175 and 200 words in order to fit our template. Essays can be sent to the Dean at [jsanborn@alliedhighschool.com](mailto:jsanborn@alliedhighschool.com). The extra credit can be applied to a final exam in a class of your choice.

For our first edition; we would like to share one of our school's core values with you.

Allied National High

School has high expectations for our students. Academic integrity is a core value that we have gone to great lengths to impart to our students. Our faculty helps to uphold this core value by checking student work for plagiarism. Plagiarism is especially a challenge within the field of distance education due to the access to the internet while completing assignments. Therefore, we have made upholding academic integrity a top priority.

Allied National High School wants our students to be prepared for college, vocational school, and/or their career by having a high standard for academic integrity. We also want them to develop an understanding of the real world consequences they can face if they do not internalize academic integrity as a personal value. We believe our emphasis on this core value has been successful and prepares our students for their future.