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Keeping you up to date on everything AVID at PAHS!

AVID Seniors Have Received Over \$2.1 Million in Merit-Based Scholarship Offers!

As of the time of publication, our AVID seniors have been receiving NUMEROUS meritbased scholarship offers-many of them for all four years at varying colleges and universities across America! Our current total includes OVER \$2.1 MILLION in scholarships across four years!



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Paul Fraraccio, 12th Grade AVID Elective Teacher, is PAHS Teacher of the YEAR!



Congratulations to **Mr. Paul Fraraccio**, who was recently awarded Teacher of the Year for Perth Amboy High School! He is currently in his 19th year here and is wellloved and respected as an educator who goes above and beyond for his AVID students, his history students, and for every student that has crossed into his classroom! Well-deserved! He is currently in the running for district educator of the year!

AVID Senior Lisbeth De Los Santos Breaks PAHS Track Record!

AVID Senior **Lisbeth De Los Santos** is a Perth Amboy RECORD BREAKER! For the last 20 years at PAHS, the 55 meter record has been 7.54 seconds. This February, Lisbeth made history by running the 55 meter in an amazing 7.48 SECONDS! Join us in congratulating this amazing young lady on and off the track!



AVID STUDENT FOCUS!

This month, we are looking at several AVID students in 10th, 11th and 12th grade that have Hustle AND Heart!





. Evette Rivera, AVID Sophomore

"Evette is incredibly motivated in her studies. She is a part of Rutgers Upward Bound, National Honor Society and she is a Girl Scout. She is reliable, kind hearted and always has smile on

her face."- Ms. Renaud

Itzel Sanchez, AVID Junior

"Itzel is caring, thoughtful, and a very hardworking student. She is extremely self-motivated and driven. She's got a really great future and will be very successful. She's very kind, always there for a student or a teacher. When she does her work, she always goes above and beyond the expectations." -Ms. Nigrelli





Alicia Ciprian, AVID Senior

"Alicia Ciprian is the prototype of what we as educators hope for in our students. Ever since stepping foot in PAHS, Alicia has worked for EVERY single thing she has achieved. A constant source of calm and confidence, Alicia serves as an ambassador, not only for the AVID program, but for PAHS and the community as a whole. An addictive personality and genuine good will, you will not find a more dedicated student and committed friend. Teaching her has been an absolute joy, but getting to know her has been all the honor".-Mr. Fraraccio.



Carousel-Encourage Pressure-Free Participation!

This activity encourages all students to interact through reading and writing!

Write different but related questions or prompts on chart paper and post the papers around the room.Students **move around the room** either freely or in small groups and write ideas or answers on each paper. Alternately, you can have them record the ideas on sticky notes at their desks ahead of time and then post the notes on the appropriate papers.

Share and process the ideas with the whole group with a **gallery walk** (students silently move from poster to poster, reading and noting important ideas) small group to whole group presentations or some other technique.

A carousel uses wait time for planning and a degree of anonymity in answering to create a **non-threatening atmosphere** in which all students have an equal chance share their ideas.

This technique prompts student learning also be used as a formative assessment! This strategy is EASILY applicable to This strategy is easily applicable to multiple subjects and topics!





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Success doesn't come from what you do occasionally. It comes from what you do consistently. Paul Fraraccio, 12th Grade AVID Heather Renaud, 10th/11th Grade AVID Valerie Nigrelli, 10th/11th Grade AVID Tiffany Soderholm, Site Coordinator

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