

# Cedar Cliff Special Interest News

Teacher- Mrs. Kamps

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## Special Interest Students Attend Creative Writing Day at Susquehanna University



On November 9, 2015 eleven Special Interest students and eight students from English classes had the opportunity to experience college life for the day at Susquehanna University. Mrs. Kamps and Mrs. Bowerman accompanied the students.

Students listened to opening readings from published authors and Susquehanna University students. *Emily Race* states, "The student's reading of the essay on his grandfather was my favorite piece because of its childlike tone, yet mature ideas."

Students also attended workshops to learn about different styles of writing. *Allison Dalby* comments on her poetry workshop experience, "There were about 20 to 30 people in the group. We looked at students'

writings and then broke up into groups of five and went to the art gallery where we wrote poems from paintings."

*Nada Rahmouni* sums up the experience, "I liked the interactive, left-of center style in teaching the college writing workshop. If you are even a little bit interested in writing, I would say the creative writing workshop is worth attending. It exposes you to different styles and dimensions of writing in an interactive way."

Susquehanna University offers a Summer Writers Workshop Program for high school students from June 26- July 2, 2016. For more information go to: [www.susqu.edu/writers](http://www.susqu.edu/writers). Applications and portfolios are due May 1.

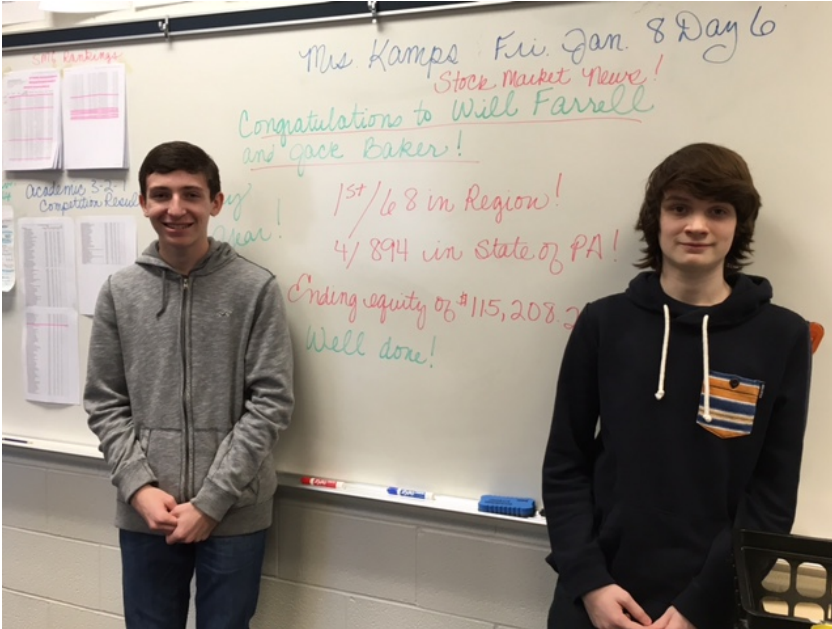
## Students Enter Scholastic Writing Competition

This fall Special Interest students prepared creative writing pieces for the Scholastic Writing competition. Some students worked on their writing during Special Interest Independent Study classes; others worked on pieces during flex periods and at home. The following students entered the following categories:

Student	Category
Tess Beinhaur 12	Poetry, Personal Essay, Writing Portfolio, Flash Fiction, Short Story
Madison Black 9	Flash Fiction
Anastasia Bowersox 12	Science Fiction

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Maura Fleming 11	Personal Essay, Flash Fiction, Poetry
Hannah Flick 10	Short Story
Lenora Pierce 11	Personal Essay
Patrick Yohe 11	Poetry
Molly Young 9	Short Story
Emily Race 11	Personal Essay
Nada Rahmouni 11	Poetry, Personal Essay

## Cedar Cliff Freshmen Take First Place in the PA Stock Market Game!



Congratulations to *Jack Baker* and *Will Farrell* (pictured left) for winning first place out of 68 teams in the 10-week regional PA Stock Market Game. They placed 4th out of 894 teams competing in the state! Will and Jack participated in the simulation during their flex periods through Special Interest.

Their winning investment was AVXL making a 42% return and \$15,540.00. AVXL is a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company.

In total, ten teams comprised of 24 Special Interest students competed in the simulation. Other companies that performed well included: Panera, Coach, Hawaiian Holdings, and Starbucks.

## Course Selection Time Special Interest Independent Study

### Special Interest Independent Study Course 888600

With course selection approaching, Special Interest students are reminded that they may take the Special Interest Independent Study elective course for a grade and .5 credit.

The course is available to 9-12 grade students in the Special Interest program. Students meet every day for class for a semester. They have the opportunity to devote more time to projects of interest and fulfill GIEP goals. Students work with Mrs. Kamps in developing rubrics and guidelines. It's an excellent way to spend time completing online coursera courses, researching careers, and preparing entries for Scholastic writing, Science Olympiad, or History Day.

If you're interested, list the course number on your course selection guide. If you don't have space for Independent Study, you may always participate through your flex periods.



Pictured above: First period Special Interest Independent Study students enjoying Panera Bagels- their reward for winning the lateral thinking puzzle competition among the first semester Special Interest Independent Study classes.