

Cedar Cliff Special Interest News

Mrs. Kamps, Teacher
March 2018

Mrs. Kamps's Special Interest students have been very active. Congratulations to Maria Rahmouni, 9th grade and Madison Black, 11th grade! Maria and Madison were finalists for their pieces *Human* and *One World* in the International Poetry and Storytelling Festival sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Harrisburg. In honor of Martin Luther King Day, students wrote on a topic related to peace, social justice, and appreciation of diversity. On Monday, January 15th, Madison and Maria attended a banquet honoring the finalists. That evening Maria won best delivery when reading her poem *Human*!



On Monday, February 5th the Special Interest Academic Worldquest team members attended a presentation by Ambassador Dennis Jett at the Frederickson Library, sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Harrisburg. The presentation is part of *The Great Decisions 2018 Series*. Ambassador Jett spoke about *The Waning of Pax Americana*. Students interacted with the Ambassador and were able to view a documentary on the topic. The team members are preparing for the Academic Worldquest competition, which will be held in March at Elizabethtown College focusing on international issues and world affairs.



Pictured above: Anthony Perez, Fiona Hilt, Maria Rahmouni, Oussama Rahmouni, Rachel Lyden, Ella Miller, Patrick Wiestling, and Jacob Miller.

On Thursday, January 25th Mrs. Kamps's Special Interest students were honored with first, second, and third places at the Voice of Democracy Awards banquet at the James A. Danner VFW Post 537 in Etters. Congratulations to Erik Homovich 12th grade- first place \$750.00 award, Ella Miller 11th grade- second place- \$500.00, and Karina Chima 9th grade- third place \$250.00 award. Through the Cedar Cliff gifted program, these students wrote and recorded five-minute audio essays addressing the theme, *American History Our Hope for the Future*. Erik's speech advanced to win third place at the District Level. We're very proud of their hard work and accomplishments!



*Pictured above: Karina Chima, Ella Miller, Mrs. Kamps, and Erik Homovich
Pictured below: Dr. Stoltz with West Shore winners including Cedar Cliff students*



Scholastic Art and Writing Winners 2018

The results are in for the 2018 South Central Pennsylvania Scholastic Art and Writing Awards! Over 2,500 entries from more than 70 area schools were submitted.

Congratulations to the following Cedar Cliff students who won awards! All of these students entered the competition through Mrs. Kamps and the Special Interest program. Gold and Silver Key winners are invited to the awards ceremony on March 10.

Emily Guk- Silver Key for her entry in the Science Fiction/Fantasy category, and Two Gold Keys for her entries in both Drawing and Illustration, as well as Photography

Rhiannon Loza- Gold Key and American Visions Nominee for her entry in the Editorial Cartoon category

Maria Rahmouni- Gold Key for her entry in the Poetry category

Madison Black- Two Honorable Mentions for her entries in Flash Fiction and Personal Essay

Lindsay Garbacik- Two Honorable Mentions for her entries in Personal, as well as Critical, Essay

Fiona Hilt- Two Honorable Mentions for her entries in Poetry and Flash Fiction

Erik Homovich- Honorable Mention for his entry in Humor.

Students who won gold awards will advance to the national level for judging. As an additional honor, Emily Guk and Rhiannon Loza's art pieces have been selected to be on display at the Harrisburg State Museum from March 10 until May 6! Visit the museum to see some amazing art work!



Pictured above: Rhiannon Loza's Gold Key winning Editorial Cartoon *The Education Factory*.

Today by Emily Guk
Scholastic Art Gold Key Winner for Drawing and Illustration



Curiosity by Emily Guk
Scholastic Art Gold Key Winner for Photography
Lacey Gold, 11th grade Special Interest student, is the subject of the photo

Familiar Faces, Cedar Cliff Special Interest Graduates Return Home

During winter break, we were pleased to welcome back former Special Interest students to speak with current Special Interest students about college and majors.



Avery Peiffer, 2017 Cedar Cliff Valedictorian, returned to Cedar Cliff to speak with Special Interest students about Pittsburgh University and majoring in engineering. Pictured from left to right: Eli Domanski-Ferris, Maria Rahmouni, Avery Peiffer, and Madison Black.



2015 Cedar Cliff graduates
Pictured left: Molly Young, Nicole Rupnik, Mrs. Kamps, and Kira Pushart.

Molly is a junior attending Vassar College double majoring in chemistry and mathematics. Nicole is a junior attending Bucknell University and plans to apply to veterinarian school. Kira is a junior attending Lebanon Valley College majoring in physical therapy.

Pictured right: Maura Fleming, center, a 2017 Cedar Cliff graduate, attends Duquesne University majoring in pharmacy. She spoke with Madison Black and Lindsay Garbacik about college applications and majors.



Emily Race, 2017 CC graduate and University of Miami student, visited a Special Interest flex period over her break to speak with Katie Addams, Brendan Moore, Zylar Woof, and Hunter Anderson. Emily is majoring in biomedical engineering.



Musical Mystery BreakOut created by seniors Max Clark and Jacob Miller

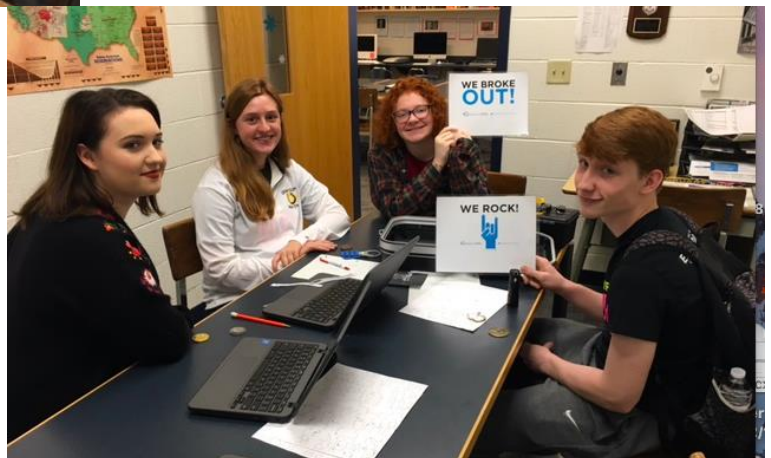


As a Special Interest Independent Study project, senior students Max Clark and Jacob Miller collaborated to create an original musical breakout activity. Max and Jacob (standing in the picture above) worked with a group of student volunteers who had fun completing a test run.



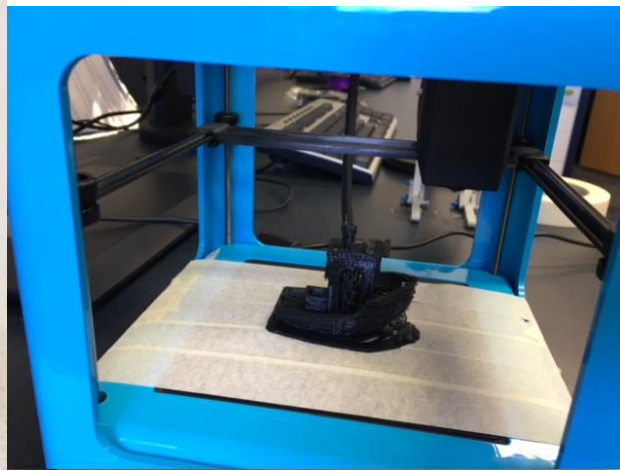
Third period Special Interest students, Eli Domanski-Ferris, Maria Rahmouni, and Haven Smith took on the challenge and broke out of the finalized Musical Mystery in 24 minutes!

Fifth block Special Interest Independent Study students, Hannah Flick, Caroline Kaiser, Madison Black, and Lamont Mahoney also took on the Musical Mystery Challenge and broke out in 33 minutes!



M 3D Printer Projects

Senior Erik Homovich has been busy getting the M 3D printer up and running in the Special Interest room. Students working on the Governor's Challenge donated the printer to the library and then to the Special Interest room. This winter Erik was able to start on projects.



Pictured left and above: objects created using the 3D printer.

Special Interest Students Participate in the Fall 321 Competition



Students participated in this online academic competition as one team. Garrett Helvy and Oussama Rahmouni alternated as captain of the team. Cedar Cliff ranked 95/167 teams competing. We will compete again in the spring.

Special Interest student competitors pictured below: Ella Miller, Rachel Lyden, Patrick Wiestling, Trevor Flick, Corinne Firestone, Anthony Perez, Thussenthan Walter-Angelo, Jacob Miller, Brendan Moore, Eli Domanski-Ferris, Erik Homovich, Caroline Moore, Max Clark, Garrett Helvy, Maria Rahmouni, Zylar Woof, Lily Berrier, Madison Black, and Oussama Rahmouni (front)

