

# Cedar Cliff Special Interest News

Mrs. Kamps, Teacher  
March 2019

## **Students Compete in National History Day Competition Messiah College**



**Congratulations to Jackson Green who won second place for his research paper. He advances to the State Competition held in May!**

Mrs. Kamps's Special Interest students prepared for and participated the National History Day competition held at Messiah College on Saturday, March 2. These students spent hours researching their topics to prepare individualized projects centered on this year's theme *Triumph and Tragedy*.

Pictured above left to right: Emma Kurtz-Olin created a website on the Battle at Qala-i-Janghi Fortress. Sean McCurdy created an exhibit on South Africa's Apartheid. Jackson Green presented a research paper on The Sykes-Picot Agreement, and Jonah Schiffgens-Smith created a video documentary on Great Britain's Crystal Palace. Mrs. Kamps's students worked on their assignments as Independent Study projects and enrichment projects out of flex.

## **Academic Worldquest Elizabethtown College Cedar Cliff Takes 2<sup>nd</sup> Place!**

**Congratulations to Cedar Cliff's Team Finland Second Place!**



**Congratulations to second place winners: Fiona Hilt, Kate Gannon, Thussenthan Walter-Angelo, and Addison Clouser, pictured above with Dr. Joyce Davis, President and CEO of the World Affairs Council of Harrisburg.**

On Saturday, March 16, Mrs. Kamps's Special Interest students tested their knowledge and preparation in world affairs by competing against other area high school teams in the Academic Worldquest competition at Elizabethtown College.

Special Interest students formed two teams to prepare for and participate in the competition. Topics this year included: Global Refugee Crisis, Space Policy, Country in Focus Qatar, Bridging Divide to Build Peace, WTO, How To Deal with North Korea, Japan, and NATO.

Pictured below from left to right: Team New Zealand: Karina Chima, Rachel Lyden, Ella Miller, Brendan Moore. Team Finland: Kate Gannon, Fiona Hilt, Thussenthan Walter-Angelo, and Addison Clouser.



## Academic Worldquest Teams ready for competition



Team Finland: Kate Gannon, Fiona Hilt, Addison Clouser, and Thussenthan Walter-Angelo

Team New Zealand: Brendan Moore, Karina Chima, Rachel Lyden, and Ella Miller

## Special Interest Independent Study Class

Special Interest students in grades 9-12 have the opportunity to take the Special Interest Independent Study elective class 88600 for a grade and credit. The class meets for a semester, and students may take the class multiple times during their four years of high school. This course is a wonderful outlet for personalized learning, for students develop self-selected projects which focus on their strengths and interests. Mrs. Kamps guides students in selecting challenging projects and in creating individualized rubrics and timelines as well as providing feedback and grading.

Here are a few examples of student projects from first and second semesters.

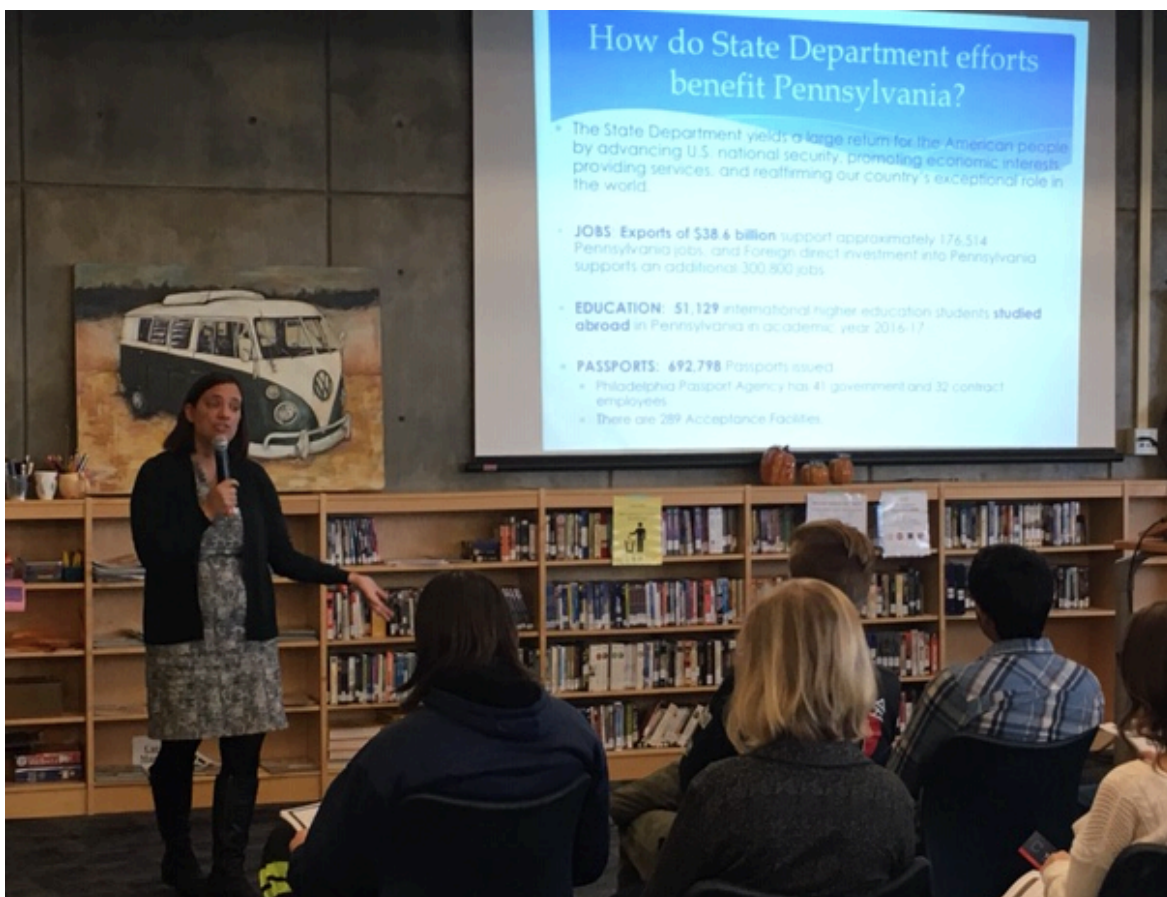
**Fall Semester:** Students have taken advantage of online learning through MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses). Zyler Woof completed a course *Analyzing the Universe* through Rutgers University via coursera.org. Lacey Gold completed Fundamentals of *Music Theory* through University of Edinburgh via coursera.org. Kate Gannon prepared an audio essay for the Voice of Democracy competition. Rhiannon Loza and Ella Miller focused on art enrichment and creation for submission to Scholastic Art. Karina Chima researched bioprinting and presented findings to the class through google slides. Madison Black focused on creative writing. Alex Arensdorf worked on computer programming and lego mindstorms. Maggie Killmeyer focused on music business and production. Students also participated in group philosophical discussions focusing on Pascal's *Pensees* and Claude Bernard's *An Introduction to the Study of Experimental Medicine*.

**Spring Semester:** Anna Arensdorf is preparing for the spring stock market game simulation, Fiona Hilt prepared for World Quest subjects NATO and North Korea, Max Haas is taking *Think Again* course through Duke University via coursera.org, Jack Baker is taking Java computer programming course through UDEMY.com Master class, Jackson Clay is taking *Introduction to American Law* through the University of Pennsylvania via coursera.org, Izzie O'Shell is taking the course *Our Earth's Future* through the American Museum of Natural History via coursera.org. Students also examined Plato's *The Republic Book II The Ring of Gyges*.

## Roya Ellis, Division Chief in the Bureau of Consular Affairs, Visits Cedar Cliff



On November 28, 2018, Mrs. Kamps welcomed Roya Ellis (pictured left with Mrs. Kamps), to Cedar Cliff. Ms. Ellis spoke to students about benefits, branches, and career paths within the State Department. Ms. Ellis has worked in India and Turkmenistan and in the U.S. Embassy in Kabul. During the presentation, students interacted and asked questions in a discussion format.



## Students Participate in the fall 3-2-1 Competition

On Friday, December 7, 2018, Special Interest students competed in the nationwide online academic competition, the 3-2-1 Competition. The students worked as a team to answer 240 questions ranging from music, art, math, and science, to current events and literature. Students achieved the best score to date scoring 332 points out of 480 with 69.2% answers correct.

Cedar Cliff ranked 5/20 of the schools competing in Pennsylvania and 45/174 of the schools competing in the nation.



Pictured above from left to right, back to front: Garrett Helvy, Nathan Stain, Sean McCurdy, Ella Miller, Percy Baucum, Emma Kurtz-Olin, Izzie Shell, Jonah Schiffgens- Smith, Anastasia Jimenez, Eli Domanski-Ferris, Madison Black, Corrine Firestons, Brendan Moore, Maria Rahmouni, Zoe Koutsokostas, Zyler Woof, Kate Gannon, Lacey Gold, Maggie Killmeyer, Thussenthan Walter- Angelo (student selected captain), and Rachel Lyden (student selected assistant captain)

## PA Stock Market Game

Mrs. Kamps's Special Interest students had the opportunity to participate in the 16-week enrichment session of the Stock Market Game simulation this fall and winter. Students started the simulation with "\$100,000.00" to invest in the market. Students learned about the ups and downs of the market as well as trading strategies during their Special Interest Independent Study class time and enrichment time out of flexes. Nine Special Interest teams competed against 115 teams in our region.

**Congratulations Lily Berrier and Katie Addams (pictured below)**  
**They finished the simulation in 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of 115 teams!**  
**Their ending equity was \$105,629.39.**



**Congratulations to Sean McCurdy, Cameron Lobel, and Rania Mazouz who placed 10<sup>th</sup> out of 115 teams**  
**with an ending equity of \$103,431.26!**



## Congratulations VFW Voice of Democracy Winners



Congratulations to Karina Chima 10th grade and Kate Gannon 9th grade (pictured above). Karina won second place and \$150.00, and Kate took third place and \$100.00 in the Voice of Democracy competition. Each student wrote and recorded a five-minute audio essay on the theme "My Vote Matters" sponsored locally by the New Cumberland VFW. Both Karina and Kate developed and recorded their essays for Mrs. Kamps's Special Interest Independent Study course. The students were recognized on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at an awards banquet in Hummelstown. Kate Gannon and Mrs. Kamps attended the banquet.

Kate is pictured below with representatives from the VFW.



## Congratulations to Senior Emily Guk

Emily's artwork *Sleep* won a regional Gold Key award  
And was selected to be on display at the Harrisburg State Museum  
*Sleep* advanced to the national level of judging for Scholastic Art!



Pictured above: Emily Guk and her artwork *Sleep*

## Scholastic Art and Writing Awards

Congratulations to the following students who entered scholastic art and writing through Mrs. Kamps. These students completed their work as enrichment projects and Independent Study projects for Special Interest and were recognized with awards at the regional level:

Student	Award	Category	Title
Madison Black 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Silver Key	Flash Fiction	Flight Path
Emma Kurtz-Olin 9 <sup>th</sup> grade	Silver Key	Novel Writing	Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit...
Maria Rahmouni 10 <sup>th</sup> grade	Honorable Mention	Poetry	Hands
Maria Rahmouni 10 <sup>th</sup> grade	Honorable Mention	Poetry	Gone
Maria Rahmouni 10 <sup>th</sup> grade	Gold Key	Poetry	Human
Jonah Schiffgens-Smith 9 <sup>th</sup> grade	Honorable Mention	Personal essay	The Case of the Bird Bandit
Emily Guk 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Gold Key	Drawing/Illustration	Sleep
Rhiannon Loza 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Silver Key	Drawing/Illustration	17 Mirrored
Rhiannon Loza 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Silver Key	Drawing/Illustration	Basement Dreaming
Rhiannon Loza 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Honorable Mention	Editorial Cartoon	Dedicated for a Reason
Rhiannon Loza 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Silver Key	Drawing/Illustration	Hideaway

# **Congratulations**

## **National Scholastic Writing Silver Key Winner**

### **Maria Rahmouni!**

Nearly 340,000 pieces of art and writing, which won regional awards across the country were submitted to the 2019 Scholastic Awards for national judging. As recognized in the national awards letter, Maria Rahmouni's poem *Human* "was selected by some of the foremost leaders in the visual and literary arts for excellence in originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision." Receiving a national award places Maria in the top 1% of all submissions!

"Since 1923, the Awards have celebrated teen artists and writers from across the country. Maria is now a part of that legacy, joining the ranks of celebrated alumni like writers Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Joyce Carol Oates and filmmaker Ken Burns."

Maria entered her poetry through Special Interest, while she was in the Independent Study class with Mrs. Kamps. Maria is pictured below along with her national award-winning poem, *Human*.



#### **Human by Maria Rahmouni**

In order to be human,  
We must first accept that others are human as well.  
So, let me bleed your blood.

Let it bounce off the freshly fallen snow until they see we  
are equal.  
Let our Red coat the town in acceptance.  
Let our contrast become love.

Because / am your family.  
See, Michael Brown? He was my brother.  
Charleena Lyles? My sister.  
Their spilled blood came from my heart.

Let us hold each other steady until the guns stop shaking  
our core.  
Let the White House flag turn ROY G. BIV.  
Let my neighbor's hijab preach Black Lives Matter.  
Let the little black boy from Ferguson stop hiding from  
the police.  
See Michael Brown was his brother, too.

Our throats are not their footrests.  
We will scream our story until our voice is all they can  
hear.  
We will run laps around their prejudice until our strength  
is enough to break it down.  
Their preconception is chilling  
But our love runs 98.6  
And the ice doesn't stand a chance.

# Summer Programs

Attention students: looking for something to do this summer?  
Check out the following programs!

Messiah College: Young Filmmakers' Workshop held June 23-28, 2019 for students in grades 10-12.

Apply online by June 1.

[www.messiah.edu/filmmakersworkshop](http://www.messiah.edu/filmmakersworkshop)

Messiah College: Young Writers' Workshop held June 23-28, 2019 for students in grades 9-12.

Apply online by June 1.

[www.messiah.edu/writersworkshop](http://www.messiah.edu/writersworkshop)

Indiana University of Pennsylvania: Summer Honors Program at the Cook Honors College  
July 7-20, 2019.

Application deadline May 1.

[www.iup.edu/summerhonors](http://www.iup.edu/summerhonors)

Saint Francis University: STEM Summer Academies for students entering grades 11 and 12 in fall 2019 Earn 2 College Credits.

Register online by April 22.

[www.francis.edu/STEM](http://www.francis.edu/STEM)

Penn State Health HMC Pulse Program, Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, held in the fall of 2019 topics Hematology and Oncology. Held Mondays from 4-6:30 PM

Application due May 31, 2019.

<https://sites.psu.edu/hmcpulse/>

Temple University High School Programs <https://www.temple.edu/summer/highschool>

Millersville University Summer Science Training Program Workshops

from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM July 8-12 for 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders; July 15-19 for 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders;

Tuition \$250.00

Registration due Friday, May 29, 2019

<https://www.millersville.edu/sstp/index.php>