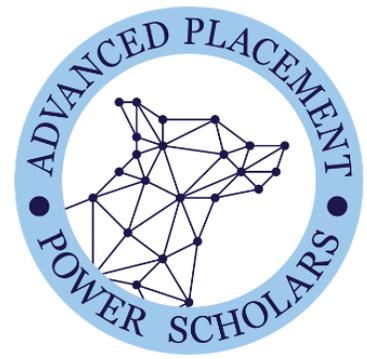


# Scholar Holler

Clarksburg High School  
January 2026



## Upcoming Events



**Guest Speakers**  
**Mark Berge and Ken Lee**  
**Astra Zeneca**



**Guest Speaker**  
**3GDC**  
**Holocaust**



**10<sup>th</sup> grade**  
**field trip**  
**to AFI**

**Don't forget that no late work can be submitted the week before the end of the marking period.**

**Any late work you have for a class must be submitted prior to January 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Spring Break 2027 trip to France and Switzerland informational meeting will be on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm via zoom.**

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## Coordinator Clements's Comments

Welcome back from winter break! I hope everyone had time to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends. As we return for the second half of the semester, this is a great opportunity to reset, refocus, and finish strong.

The weeks ahead move quickly, and every class, assignment, and discussion matters. Your effort, engagement, and participation play a critical role in your overall success. As we approach the end of the semester, grades and class participation will be carefully analyzed, and this information helps us ensure that every student is on track.

Please know that support is available. I will be reaching out to students who may be struggling academically or with participation so we can work together to address challenges early and identify strategies for improvement. Asking for help and staying engaged are important steps toward success.

I encourage all students to stay organized, attend class consistently, participate actively, and take advantage of available resources. Let's make this final stretch a strong one and end the semester with focus, determination, and pride in your progress.



**Photos from our last guest speaker, State's Attorney Diane Feinstein**

# Student Spotlights

**In lieu of student of the month, we have some very special student achievements to highlight this month.**

APPS students Jonathan Chang and Anderson Orsega have been accepted to the United States Naval Academy. This remarkable accomplishment reflects years of academic excellence, leadership, dedication to service, and perseverance.

Admission to the Naval Academy is highly competitive, and Jonathan and Anderson stood out through their commitment to rigorous coursework, strong character, and involvement both in and out of the classroom. Their acceptance is a testament to their hard work and determination, as well as the support of their families, teachers, and mentors.

We congratulate Jonathan and Anderson on this outstanding achievement and wish them continued success as they prepare to serve and lead in the next chapter of their journeys.



Aaron Silveira has been selected as a Sandra Lee Heyman Foundation STEM Fellow, a prestigious honor that recognizes outstanding students with a strong commitment to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. This competitive fellowship supports students who demonstrate academic excellence, intellectual curiosity, and a passion for innovation and problem-solving in STEM fields. Aaron's selection reflects his dedication to rigorous coursework, leadership, and enthusiasm for using STEM knowledge to make a meaningful impact.



Kendra Ndongo has been named a Posse Scholar and has earned the Posse Scholarship to the University of Rochester. This highly competitive and prestigious award recognizes students who demonstrate exceptional leadership, academic excellence, and a strong commitment to community.

As a Posse Scholar, Kendra was selected through a rigorous nomination and interview process designed to identify students with the potential to thrive in collaborative, intellectually challenging environments. Her selection reflects her outstanding character, initiative, and dedication both inside and outside the classroom.

We congratulate Kendra on this remarkable achievement and wish her continued success as she begins this exciting next chapter at the University of Rochester.



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