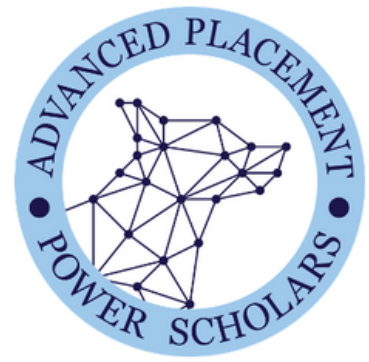


# Scholar Holler

Clarksburg High School  
January 2025



## Upcoming Events

**January 28th**  
**First semester ends**



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**Guest speaker College Admissions during advisory**



**February 5th and 6th**  
**9th grade field trip to the US Capitol**  
(students will go one of the dates, not both)



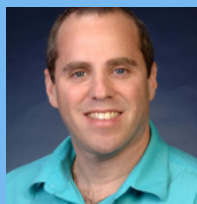
**Amanda Glanzer**  
**Community Theater**



**Rescheduled from November 15th**  
**Guest speaker Annie Mullin Public Health**



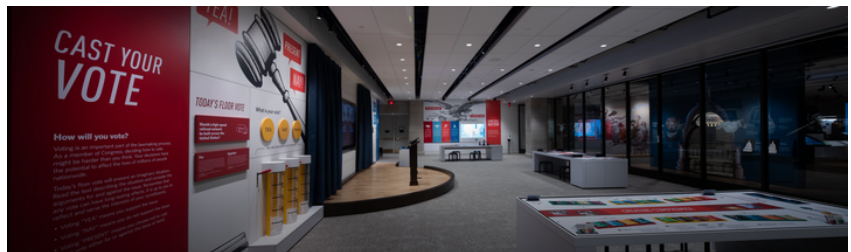
**February Date TBD**  
**Craig Schlenoff**  
**Robotics for NIST**



## Coordinator Clements's Comments

Happy New Year! It seems hard to believe that we have almost completed our first semester of this school year. I wanted to offer a few reminders about requirements and updates to the APPS program. First, APPS students need to maintain a 3.5 unweighted GPA. When the semester ends I will be checking the GPAs of all students. If you are struggling, I will meet with you to discuss support solutions. You also need to commit to attending at least 2 APPS events per semester. These can be guest speakers or field trips. Lastly, students in the class of 2026 and beyond were supposed to take an APPS research class during their senior year. Unfortunately, we don't have enough resources to offer that class. Seniors will still be responsible for creating their Showcase but do not have to take a research class in addition to that presentation.

The freshman have a chance to visit The United States Capitol at the beginning of February. There they will engage in a simulation about how a bill becomes a law and take a tour of the Capitol. Please be on the lookout for an email with more information regarding this field trip.



We will have a guest speaker on January 28th from Richmond University admissions office. I am hopeful that she will share information with our students about making the most of your time in highschool to create the best chances of acceptance into a college or university of your choice. She will be speaking to us virtually during advisory. I imagine this would be a great opportunity to our students who have not yet applied to college.

# January Students of the Month

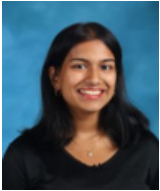
Students of the month are nominated by their teachers for their hard work in class.



Anjali Barron

"Anjali is the absolute sweetest. She is determined and works hard to achieve her goals."

**Class of 2025**



Hannah Thomas

"Hanna is smart, kind, and personable. She shows a depth of maturity and understanding for her age."

**Class of 2026**

Amaya Bonilla

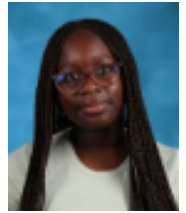
"She works hard to maintain her grades and keeps a smile despite the challenges of the APPS workload. She is a leader among her classmates and strives to bring herself and her peers success."



**Class of 2027**

Jennifer Letsou

"Jenni is a dedicated student who goes out of her way to do her absolute best. She consistently contributes to class discussions with insightful ideas. She is kind and shows leadership in English."



**Class of 2028**

## Alumni Spotlight



Matthew Kiviat graduated from Clarksburg in 2023. He attends Cornell University where he studies Political Science. He was recently chosen as the news editor for the Cornell Daily Sun. While Matt was a student here he served as a Senate Page in the United State Senate. He will reprise this role this summer by serving again as a Senate Page. It's amazing to see what he continues to accomplish in college!



## Faculty Spotlight



It was high time to highlight the amazing Mr. Orifici in the APPS newsletter. Mr. O is our beloved instrumental music teacher. He has been at Clarksburg since the school opened in 2006. He works tirelessly to promote music and the arts. He has performed with students in China, Orlando, and numerous NYC Thanksgiving Day parades. He is truly an inspiration to staff and students alike.

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