

# THE EAGLE EYE

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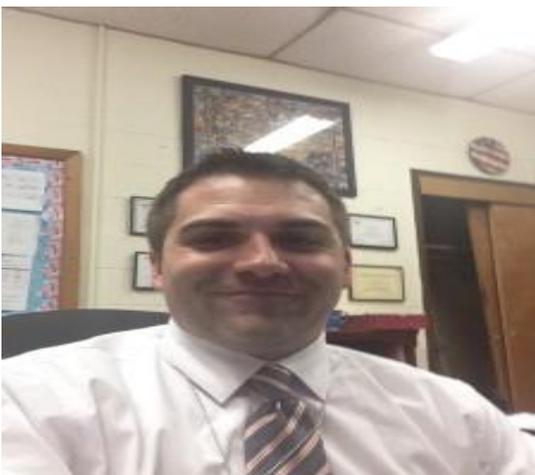


This is the inaugural issue of *The Eagle Eye*, a semesterly newsletter from American History. Thanks for taking a few minutes with us. Our goal is to engage parents with the people, programs and events that make American History High School and Middle School one of the gems of the Newark School System. We want you to be proud of our school, learn about our culture and consider becoming an active participant in your child's experience here. Enjoy the articles, and please pass along any comments or questions you have the newsletter editor, Health/Physical Education Teacher Michael Ponce. You can email Mr. Ponce at [Mponce@nps.k12.nj.us](mailto:Mponce@nps.k12.nj.us)

### AHHS Mission Statement

American History High School is an Institute of Social Justice and Democracy committed to ensuring all students gain social and academic skills needed to attend and graduate from an institution of higher learning. The shared efforts of students, parents, and staff will result in the development of life-long learners and productive citizens in the global community.

### Principal's Letter



To the Eagle Community:

I am pleased to be writing to you in our first newsletter this year. I am excited to report on the many great things happening at American History High School. As 2017 begins, our school community is immensely proud of all that we have already accomplished this academic year. The many achievements of our students and staff are truly inspiring, and we look forward to building on that progress in the months ahead. With Quarter One behind us and Quarter Two coming to a close, we have systems and processes in place to help our students identify and achieve important goals for the 2016-2017 academic year.

I am also proud to announce that American History High School continues to be one of Newark's top-choice destinations for students. This year, we welcomed over one hundred new students into our Freshmen class – the Class of 2020! We are an attractive choice among Newark High Schools, especially for students who are looking for a smaller, caring learning environment.

Our results continue to speak for themselves. First, 98-percent of the Class of 2016 who began the year in September 2015 graduated last year. Better still, 100 percent of the students who graduated last year were accepted into 2- and 4-year college programs.

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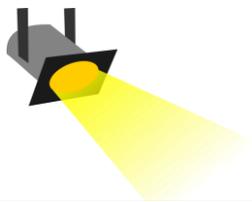
This is a great example of Eagle Pride and our students continuing to display a dedication to academic excellence and personal integrity at American History.

Especially important is the fact that our students continue to outperform Newark public and charter schools on PARCC assessments. Last year, our students had one of the highest growth rates among all Newark High Schools on the English Language Arts PARCC assessment and made great strides on the Math PARCC assessment. PARCC assessments provide an important measure of how well we are educating our students. PARCC scores are central to the ongoing success of American History High School. We are close to achieving 100 percent PARCC participation – another example of our leadership among high schools in Newark.

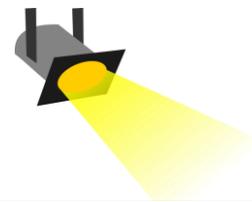
My job as Principal at AHHS is very rewarding. Working in the Newark Public Schools, the district has set very high standards for 2016-2017 performance – both our performance as a high school and the performance of every individual student. We are already making progress. I look forward to continuing to celebrate American History as a school that espouses excellence and embraces opportunity for all. And I especially look forward to the sharing the future successes of our Eagle Family.

Sincerely,

Bryan Olkowski  
Principal



**Student Spotlight**  
**Clifford Kyei**



Clifford aspires to become a high school chemistry teacher. He is a poet and a writer. Clifford also plays soccer, volleyball, dances, acts, and sings in his church and school choirs. Clifford additionally enjoys photography and photo and video editing. He is an alumnus of the All Stars Project, Development School for Youth.



Clifford, was recently honored and asked to attend an event sponsored by the Newark All Stars Project at the White House in Washington, DC. Clifford was asked to attend this event due to his outstanding character, academic achievement, and amazing leadership qualities. Clifford is also currently the president of New Jersey's Future Educator's Association (NJFEA).

**Clifford proudly displays American History's three C's: Courage, Consciousness, and Commitment.**