

MCPS Staff

Nicholas Saadipour, a classroom teacher and team leader, has worked to create a more diverse, multicultural and accepting community at Quince Orchard High School. Mr. Saadipour took over the theater program at Quince Orchard. He soon noticed the lack of diversity in the program and used time outside of the school day to offer workshops for students who did not have the opportunity to be trained privately. He organized theater students to promote theater and invited students who were not involved in the school community to join. He implemented a program to tackle the underrepresented minority male teachers in MCPS. Two years ago, he formed a club for men of color who were interested in becoming teachers or going into social work. As this program took off, the Minority Scholars Program (MSP), a student-driven initiative aimed at reducing the achievement gap by expanding the number of African American and Latino students in honors and Advanced Placement courses, came to the school. Mr. Saadipour merged the two clubs and now sponsors the MSP.