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## HIGH POINT HIGHLIGHTS - AN INSIDE LOOK

April 28, 2003

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### STUDENT RECOGNITION:

- **LW** was the recipient of the Perseverance Award and **Jessica Keegan** was the Outstanding Achievement Award recipient at the Berkeley College 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Awards program.
- **Katrina Gersie** was accepted into the Governors' School of the Arts.
- **Robert Grau** was recognized by CEL Universal Playground through the Lawrence School for his participation in the Harlem Wizard's Universal Playground fundraiser held at High Point.
- **Meghan Radimer** was recognized as a First Team All-American by the High School Christian Student/Athlete Association.
- Under the tutelage of Lance Sorchik, **Amanda Barrett** was selected as one of four Art Educators of New Jersey High School Scholarship Recipients. Amanda's work has been singled out as the "Outstanding Portfolio" and as such, she was awarded \$2,000 which was sent directly to the college she will be attending in the fall.
- Twenty-five High Point visual art students had their work selected at the Sussex County Teen Arts Festival. Top state honors went to **Amanda Barrett, Gavin Gewecke, TH** and **Alisa Hough** who were selected to exhibit at the state festival in May.
- The Academic Team was victorious over Middletown to win the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Tri-State Milford-Matamoras Rotary Championship. This is High Point's first win since 1990 and qualifies them for the National Championship. Members of the team included **Kyle Carnahan, Scott Shelton, Paul Fetzer, DC, Austin Randazzo, AH, Curtis Raye, Keith Walton** and Captain **Erin Panner**.
- **Lauren Kuchar** was chosen by the Guidance Department as High Point's recipient of the Caring Award. This award is given to one student from each high school in the county by the Sussex County School Counselor Association. A breakfast reception was held at Sussex County Community College for all the students, their parents, and their guidance counselors on March 20.
- The High Point Jazz Ensemble performed during the lunch periods on Friday, April 11. The wonderful sounds of jazz filled the cafeteria.
- **Maria Bolognini, Michelle Bolognini, Rachel Courter, Sarah Courter, Christina Defeo, Amanda Devine, Rita Elston, Jason Gentner, Rich Lines, and GM** attended the FBLA State Conference on March 25 and 26.
- **MF, Joe Marrocco, JD, BC, and JK** were approved as volunteer firemen.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- **Nancy Cooke** received certification as a Novel Certified Network Administrator.
- Curriculum Director, **Jan Mezier**, participated in the *No Child Left Behind* conference sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Education and the New Jersey Association of School Administrators. Recent legislation regarding federal and state requirements was presented by Department of Education personnel. The information will be shared with district staff at a future NCLB session this year.
- **Andrew Murray** participated in a workshop entitled *Behavior Intervention Plans and Functional Behavior Assessment* sponsored by the Sussex-Warren County Association of School Psychologists.

### STAFF RECOGNITION:

- **Melanie LiTrenta and Janice Hennings** volunteered their time to attend the Berkeley College 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Awards Program. Laurie Wesselius and Jessica Keegan were award recipients.
- **Erin Meyers** organized The Empty Bowls Project, an international effort to fight hunger based on the concept, "Think Globally, Act Locally." The students of the Art 2 and Crafts 2 and 3 classes created handmade bowls. The bowls were filled with packaged food and offered for a donation at the Spring Musical, April 11, 12 and 13.
- **Heather Strout and Erin Meyers** are organizing a Coffeehouse Celebration to mark the completion of this year's *Calliope*, High Point's literary and arts magazine. There will be a small cover charge to benefit Sussex County's Relay for Life.

### MEDIA RECOGNITION:

- The New Jersey Herald, March 26, Scholarship recipients (**Vander Groef**)
- Advertiser-News North, March 27, Straus Newspapers - Boys Basketball All Stars (**G, C, R, Sybol**)
- Advertiser-News North, March 27, High Point's **Spangenberg** is an all-around scholar athlete
- Advertiser-News North, March 27, Straus Newspapers - Girls Basketball All Stars (**B, Radimer, Heineman**)
- The New Jersey Herald, March 28, Final 2002-03 Girls Basketball Stats & Standings, All-SCIL Girls Basketball (**B, Radimer**)
- The New Jersey Herald, March 29, Lauren Boyle, 2002-03 All-Area Girls Basketball (**B, Radimer**)
- The New Jersey Herald, March 30, Tennis Preview Capsules
- The New Jersey Herald, March 31, Scholar-athletes get chance to shine
- The New Jersey Herald, March 31, Baseball Preview
- The New Jersey Herald, April 1, Golf Season Team Previews

- [The New Jersey Herald](#), April 2, Softball Season Team Previews
- [The New Jersey Herald](#), April 2, Track Team Previews
- [The New Jersey Herald](#), April 3, Golf
- [The Sunday Star-Ledger](#), April 6, The Star-Ledger 2003 Girls Basketball Honors All-West Jersey
- [Advertiser-News North](#), April 10, Sussex County College hosts the annual High School Caring Awards
- [Advertiser-News North](#), April 10, Wildcats for Daffodils
- [Advertiser-News North](#), April 10, HP student's work is outstanding
- [The New Jersey Herald](#), April 10, Two seek to represent Lafayette on High Point school board
- [The New Jersey Herald](#), April 11, High Point High School Honor Rolls
- [The New Jersey Herald](#), April 14, High Point students participate in overnight retreat
- [The New Jersey Herald](#), April 16, Election Results
- [Advertiser-News North](#), April 17, High Point students work toward better world

#### CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT (WHAT'S NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY):

- Faculty attendance for the month of March was 96.4%
- Student attendance for the month of March was 96.0%.
- **Joanne Koch** is the proud mother of a baby girl, Kiersten Taylor Koch, born on March 25.
- On April 11, Keith Hawkins addressed the student body on the topics of bullying and harassment.
- Health/Physical Education sponsored a field trip to the Second Annual Teen Summit on Wednesday, April 9, 2003.
- The Franklin Borough Elementary School and High Point Regional High School have formed a partnership to submit an application for a competitive state grant to integrate technology into Language Arts literacy skill development. The award amount of \$200,000 would be used for staff professional development, hardware and software, and to provide additional student, parent, and community access to technology in both Franklin and High Point.
- On March 25, High Point Regional hosted articulation meetings with our supervisors, ninth grade teachers, and teachers from our sending districts in Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, World Language, and Special Education.
- The second edition of the High Point Huddle convened on March 14 from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m in the Library/Media Center.
- The students of High Point, under the direction of **Theresa Riccardi**, presented the Spring Musical, *Guys and Dolls*, on April 11, 12 and 13 to a sell-out crowd. More than 100 students were involved in preparing the production as members of the cast, crew, and behind the scenes. The Senior Citizen Luncheon was held on Sunday with over 200 seniors enjoying the luncheon and matinee performance.
- **Mary Hassenplug** and **Beth Hatler's** ninth and tenth grade **English classes** welcomed teachers, support staff, and administrators (14 in all) into their classrooms to join their book discussion groups. A total of ten groups, all reading different novels, brought diverse personalities, perspectives, and experiences together in conversations about books. The unique experience offered students an opportunity to see reading as a lifelong activity that engages all kinds of people and will ideally encourage students to continue to explore the written word.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| • Board of Education Regular and Reorganization Meeting, April 28      | • AP testing, May 5 - 12                           |
| • Booster Club Meeting, April 28                                       | • Student Council Meeting, May 7                   |
| • DECA Nationals, April 25 - April 30                                  | • Supervisors' Meeting, May 7                      |
| • Chamber Singers Trip - April 26 - April 28                           | • HPEA Meeting - May 7                             |
| • Student Cabinet Meeting, April 29                                    | • Spring Concert, May 8                            |
| • Student Council Meeting, April 30                                    | • Music Department Awards Dinner, May 13           |
| • Student Council Trip, May 1                                          | • Student Council Meeting, May 14                  |
| • National Honor Society & Wantage Methodist Church Blood Drive, May 2 | • Foreign Language Honor Society Induction, May 15 |
| • Whale Watch Trip, May 2 - May 4                                      | • Inservice - ½ day for students, May 16           |
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