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## HIGH POINT HIGHLIGHTS - AN INSIDE LOOK

December 16, 2002

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### STUDENT RECOGNITION:

- Visual Arts students **TH, CD and LH** had their artwork selected for the Fall AENJ Exhibit at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. Their photography, graphic design and fine art pieces will be on display in the Victoria Theater lobby now through January.
- Sixteen students have been named Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars for the 2003-2004 year. These students place in the top 10% of their class and have a minimum combined SAT score of 1260, or are ranked first, second or third in their class as of the end of their junior year. The High Point students are: **Maria Adelmann, Amanda Barrett, Jean Marie Carroll, KD, Robert Grau, PH, Alexandra Kleinkopf, Katie Lewis, Erin Panner, Bradford Perry, NR, Daniel Ramirez, Curtis Raye, SS, Scott Shelton, and Thomas Spangenberg.**
- Congratulations to the following students who made the 2002-2003 High Point Jazz Ensemble: **WS, Katrina Gersie, Ryan Geiger, Laurie Knies, Christopher Wolff, SC and Curtis Raye** on saxophone; **Tom Spangenberg, AC, MM, Brad Bolte and JG** on trumpet; **LP, Glen Karnas, Rich Osmer and George Selby** on trombone; **Rebecca Chew** on bass; **Gavin Gewecke** on guitar; **Michele Talmadge** on piano; and **PG, JG and JS** on percussion.
- **Scott Baker, MZ, VH, BE, and LG** participated in the New Jersey State Technology Student Association Leadership Conference at The College of New Jersey on November 26, 2002. The advisors were **Brian Drelick** and **Mark Wallace.**
- The following students were recently inducted into the High Point Regional High School chapter of the National Honor Society. They were selected by a faculty committee as having displayed outstanding qualities of leadership, character, service, and academic achievement: **AA, Amanda Barrett, Maria Adelmann, Jean Marie Carroll, Rebecca Chew, KD, Robert Grau, Tiffany Heineman, Kelly Kessler, Bradford Perry, NR, Daniel Ramirez, Curtis Raye, Scott Shelton, Tom Spangenberg, Nicole Tracy, DU, Cayla VanderGroef, Jillian Baker, Amy Braun, KC, SC, Allison Dolan, Lauren Esposito, Ryan Geiger, Katrina Gersie, Shannon Gill, NG, Laurie Knies, Sarah Kuzmiak, Ashleigh Larsen, NL, AR, Katie Struble, and Christopher Wolff.**
- **Maria Adelmann** was chosen as one of three students in America to interview Secretary of State Colin Powell in Washington D.C. on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2002. **Maria** received exclusive access to Secretary Powell as the result of having a piece of her writing published in *Teen Ink* magazine. **Maria's** paper was the culmination of a writing activity she completed for **Ms. Mary Hassenplug's** 11's honors class last spring.

### ATHLETICS:

- Congratulations to the following athletes for making All League Field Hockey: **Kelly Kessler** for defense and **Jessie Carrollo** for offense.
- **Colleen Ferguson** has been selected to The Star Ledger's All West Jersey 1<sup>st</sup> Team for Varsity Girls' Soccer.
- **Tracy Fitzpatrick, Colleen Ferguson, Meghan Radimer, and LB** have been named to the All State team for 2002-2003 Girls' Varsity Soccer. In addition, **Meghan Radimer, Colleen Ferguson** and **Tracy Fitzpatrick** made The New Jersey Herald's All-Area 1<sup>st</sup> Team in soccer.
- **Jennifer Wejsa**, a freshman, made 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Area in Girls' Cross Country.
- **CD** and **SC** have been chosen All State for Boys' Varsity Soccer
- The following students have been chosen by The Star Ledger for All West Jersey in Boys' Soccer: **SC** - 1<sup>st</sup> Team; **CD** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team; **KH** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Team.
- **SC** has been chosen New Jersey Herald All Area 1<sup>st</sup> Team; **CD** has been chosen 2<sup>nd</sup> Team. Honorable Mention recipients were **KH, Ryan Pelt and SM.**

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- All members of the World Language Department were trained in the use of Power Point by **Kevin Perry**.
- **Marti Eidam**, member of the Sussex and Warren Counties Speech, Language and Hearing Associations, attended workshops on “Innovative Approaches to Assessment and Treatment of Fluency Disorders” and “In Class Collaborative Speech/Language Programs.” Both workshops addressed current theories, pertinent issues, available resources and development and implementation of programs. **Marti** is also a member of the American Speech/Language and Hearing Association which requires continuous education units in order to maintain national accreditation.
- **Dorothy Saski**, mathematics supervisor, and mathematics teachers, **Linda Abrams, Justine Riegel, Kirstin Sabo and Marie Walsh**, attended workshops on the Interactive Mathematics Program (IMP) on November 16.
- **Denise Wilson** and **Mimi Fenlon** attended a one day in-service run by the Department of Education concerning the Alternate Proficiency Assessment. This includes building a portfolio of work demonstrating proficiency of state standards in math and Language Arts.
- **Sandy Sullivan** attended the workshop on “Transition and Supported Employment” at Kean University in October which consisted of students from two high schools presenting a program designed to educate their peers, teachers and parents about their learning disabilities. Two additional workshops **Sandy** participated in were “Developing a Community Partnership” and “Job Development 101.”
- **Jill Shrope** attended a workshop entitled “Democracy in Action” at the New Jersey State House in Trenton.
- **Mary Hassenplug** and **Beth Hatler** attended the NCTE National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.
- **Shelia Ross, Sarah Bechtold** and **Bonnie Smith** completed the Level I 4MAT Training program.

#### STAFF RECOGNITION:

- **Joy Carter** and **Tom Costello** incorporated “Baldrige in the Classroom” into the academic Biology and Consumer Science classes.
- **Bonnie Puzio** attended an AP Biology Workshop.
- Congratulations to **Chris** and **Rachel Kappelmeier** on the birth of their new baby girl, Lauren Anne.
- **Gary Dutko** has been chosen as the New Jersey Herald’s Girls’ Cross Country Coach of the Year.
- **Kevin Fenlon** was recognized at the New Jersey State Teacher of the Year Luncheon on December 2 sponsored by the New Jersey State Department of Education.
- **Ed Blevins** developed and implemented a four-week Science and Technology based summer program. Approximately 90 students were in attendance. **Ed** also helped teach an electrical demonstrations class on October 15 at the New Jersey Science Teachers’ Convention. He taught other teachers how to perform several simple electrical demonstrations that are appropriate for a variety of grade levels. The group also explored hands on ways to bring the study of simple and complex circuits into the classroom.
- **Diane Mulford** attended a computer course taught through the Adult School at High Point.
- **Mark Wallace** participated in a Perkins Focus group meeting at the DOE. The Perkins process for New Jersey was discussed and suggestions were made on how to improve the program.
- **Brian Drelick** was nominated for the Radio Shack National Teacher Award which honors new outstanding technology education teachers.
- **Mary Hassenplug, Marilyn Pucillo** and **Sheila Ross** incorporated “Baldrige in the Classroom” during the second marking period.

## MEDIA RECOGNITION:

- Advertiser-News North, November 14, 2002, Top-seeded Wildcats caged by Golden Knights
- The New Jersey Herald, November 15, 2002, High Point field hockey rolls on\_\_\_\_\_
- The New Jersey Sunday Herald, November 17, 2002, Wildcats capture fifth sectional crown
- The New Jersey Herald, November 18, 2002, High Point curriculum now includes Islam unit
- The New Jersey Herald, November 20, 2002, In The Service - **Pfc. Brian Shaw**
- The New Jersey Herald, November 20, 2002, Wildcats seek trip to Group 3 state final clash
- The New Jersey Herald, November 21, 2002, ON TO STATE FINALS\_\_\_\_\_
- The New Jersey Herald, November 21, 2002, Rotary fets HP Interact members
- Advertiser-News North, November 21, 2002, Teens collect coats
- The New Jersey Sunday Herald, November 24, 2002, High Point faces defending state champs
- The New Jersey Herald, November 25, 2002, High Point skipped
- The New Jersey Herald, November 25, 2002, Pumpkins raise money for March of Dimes
- The Star Ledger, November 25, 2002, High Point falls
- Advertiser-News North, November 28, 2002, Great Pumpkins!
- The New Jersey Herald, December 2, 2002, WWII vet visits High Point
- Advertiser-News North, December 5, 2002, Cheerleading not just for kicks anymore
- Advertiser-News North, December 5, 2002, HP students inducted into honor society
- The New Jersey Herald, December 9, 2002, High Point students celebrate LaSemaine du francais
- The New Jersey Herald, December 10, 2002, 2002 All-Area Boys Soccer - **SC, CD, KH, Ryan Pelt, SM**
- The New Jersey Herald, December 10, 2002, High Point High School holds senior prom

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

- Several science classes hosted Rita Oldham, daughter of **Deborah Oldham**, as a special guest speaker to talk about her prosthesis and her ability to do her everyday normal tasks.
- The Foundations of Science classes (**Tim Merrill, Art Mina and Stacy Zaremba**) used the High Point Weather station to complete a major weather project. This site helped them gain daily weather data and predict the weekend weather.
- The chemistry teachers helped celebrate "Mole" day on October 23 (Avogadro's Number) with many special activities throughout the day.
- The Mathematics Department is planning a new program for the 2003-2004 school year. The Interactive Mathematics Program (IMP) is a four year standards based curriculum that replaces the traditional academic sequence (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus). It is based on problem solving and requires students to conduct experiments, look for patterns, make and test conjectures and make generalizations. IMP has been designated as an exemplary mathematics program by the U.S. Department of Education. We will be offering IMP I for freshmen in the 2003-2004 school year.
- On Thursday, November 21, the cafeteria staff served their delicious annual Thanksgiving turkey dinner to the High Point staff. This year it was served in the traditional "home style" fashion with designated people carving the turkeys during each lunch period.
- The French classes of **Karen Kozlowski** participated in an on-site field trip during National French Week. The students gathered in the auditorium to see the French film *Cyrano de Bergerac*. During the intermission, students were treated to a simulated French breakfast in the cafeteria.
- A select group of Marching Band students attended a performance of "The Christmas Spectacular" on November 26 at Radio City Music Hall. After the performance, the group went on a tour of the facility and learned some of the history along with some behind the scenes "magic" associated with such a lavish production.
- Several special education classes of **Joan Smith and Jeanne Heinke** went to the Sussex County Day Center on October 25. This visit was in conjunction with Make A Difference Day. The students and teachers coordinated a school- wide drive to collect pet food and pet care items for

- the center's companion pets. The students delivered these items and spent the morning socializing and doing activities with the adults. Adults and students alike found the day to be productive and it gave the multiple disabled students a wonderful opportunity to give to others.
- The students in **Mimi Fenlon's** Language Arts classes had the opportunity to not only listen to the classic *Charlotte's Web* but they took on roles as writers, set designers and actors by making character masks and acting out each scene. As each part of the plot unfolded the students summarized the events by writing their own dialogue. Teacher's assistants **Deborah Hicks** and **Deborah Oldham** supervised the set construction, designed special props and filmed the play. The culmination of the story was a fully staged play with a live audience.
  - The Senior Citizens' Prom held on December 8 was a big hit. **Ed Blevins** received tremendous positive feedback from many who attended the event saying it was a highlight of their holiday season.
  - Fifteen students attended the Schoor DePalmar field trip on December 6. The "Women in Engineering", "Advanced CAD" and "Architecture" students met with company officials to learn about Civil Engineering. High Point Regional High School's Board of Education member, Hap Rowan, gave the students a tour of the major aspects of a civil engineering firm which included surveying, engineering, CAD operations and project development.
  - Tiffanie DeMaria, older sister of **Christine DeMaria** who is a student in the "Women in Engineering" program, will be a guest lecturer to the class. She will be discussing the decisions that led her to become an engineering student and what is required of her to obtain her degree.
  - Eight colleges have given presentations on careers to the Business, Industrial Technology, and Home and Family studies programs. They have focused on what to expect after high school, the interview process and higher education.
  - **Brian Drelick's** "Power, Energy, and Transportation" classes were among the few schools in New Jersey selected to participate in a program called "Savings Through Energy Management" (STEM). This program allows students to recognize energy problems in the school and to identify appropriate and cost effective solutions to the problems.
  - On December 12, the "Women in Engineering" class, along with eight advanced math students, will be attending the NJIT career day. The purpose of the program is to introduce the students to the engineering field.
  - **Jill Shrope** and **Ed Blevins** aligned the Math 10 Special Education Curriculum with the Integrated Math II mainstream curriculum.
  - A grant was awarded for enrollment in the Girls' E-Mentoring in Science, Engineering and Technology.
  - Students in the Work Study program and in "Women in Engineering" and "Advanced Accounting" classes will be taking the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery exam on December 17. This is a vocational assessment exam given by guidance.
  - High Point Supervisors and the Curriculum Director, **Jan Mezier**, met with Monica Orr, Frankford/Lafayette Curriculum Director and Barbara Cimorelli, Sussex-Wantage Curriculum Director, on November 18 to discuss the honors selection and notification process. This is to ensure that parents are notified in an effective manner of their child's status in the honors program.
  - Student attendance for the month of November was 96.2%.
  - Faculty attendance for the month of November was 97.5%.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Holiday Open House - December 19
- Holiday Recess - December 23-January 1