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## HIGH POINT HIGHLIGHTS - AN INSIDE LOOK

March 24, 2003

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### STUDENT RECOGNITION:

- Thirty-seven Creative Writing, thirty-three Art, five Dance, and six Video students attended the Teen Arts Festival on Tuesday, March 18.
- **Keith Walton**, a current junior, received a perfect score (800) on the Verbal SAT 1 test in December.
- **Meghan Radimer** has signed a National Letter of Intent to play women's soccer at Houghton College. Meghan is a three-time all-state goalkeeper selection by the New Jersey Girls Soccer Coaches Association and was a three-time All-West Jersey pick. She also earned First-Team all-league and First-Team All-New Jersey Herald honors on three occasions.
- On Friday, February 28, 37 High Point students competed against the rest of the state for leadership roles for the overall NJ Model Congress. The following students were chosen as Committee Chairs: **ES, NR, Curtis Raye, KC** and **Sarah Kuzmiak**. **DU** was chosen as Party Leader; **Scott Shelton** was chosen as Party Whip and **Alexandra Kleinkopf** was chosen as *Overall Chair of the NJ Model Congress*.
- The following students placed at the DECA State Conference: **Jessica Solley, Kim Salokas**, and **Rich Lines** placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall with their presentation of High Point's Learn and Earn project; **Dan Jenkins** and **TB** placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall in Business & Financial Services Marketing Research; **MM** placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall in Apparel and Accessories Marketing Associate Level; **NL** and **Katie Struble** placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in Travel and Tourism Marketing; **KM**, and **Kim Salokas** qualified with their entry in the State Civic Consciousness Project; and **SP** is currently running for Northern Region Vice President and has qualified in Leadership Development Academy.
- Three art students have been selected to exhibit their work in New Jersey's most prestigious competitive high school exhibit called "Fresh Perspectives" at the Morris Museum in Morristown. Five hundred and eighty-four pieces were submitted for consideration. The judges chose pieces for this year's show and we are very proud to announce that **AD, Gavin Gewecke** and **TH** will be part of this year's exhibit. The show, sponsored by the Geraldine Dodge Foundation and the New Jersey State Council, will be held from April 15 through June 15 at the Morris Museum in Morristown.
- Nine students participated in the New Jersey State Science Olympiad on March 18.
- **Jill Baker**, a junior, is the newest student representative of the New Jersey State Board of Education. Read her success story on the NJ Department of Education website ([www.nj.gov/njded/success/issue5.htm](http://www.nj.gov/njded/success/issue5.htm)), *Success Stories*, Issue 5.
- **Maria Adelman** has received a Gold Key in the Region at Large program of *The Scholastic Writing Awards of 2003* for numerous poetry selections submitted for the contest. Her work was selected from more than 5,000 pieces submitted. **Mary Hassenplug** is serving as Maria's sponsoring teacher. Her work has now been submitted for National awards.

### ATHLETICS:

- Our Wrestling Team won the North Section 1 Group 3 State Sectional Title for the third time in a row.
- The Girls' Basketball team made it to the semi-finals of the North Section 1 Group 3 State Girls' Basketball Tournament.
- The Boys' Ski Team finished third in the entire state in the State Ski Championships.
- SCIL All-League for the winter season: Bowling - **DL**; Boys' Basketball - **BG**; Skiing Boys - **SC** and **Brad Bolte**; Skiing Girls - **DS** and **Kerri Blaine**; **LB**, a sophomore, was named All-League as well as elected to the All-Festival Team for girls' Basketball; **Meghan Radimer** was Honorable Mention in Basketball; **Tom Perry** was named All-League Wrestling, as well as qualifying for the State Wrestling Tournament in Atlantic City.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- **Ed Blevins, Kory Loyola and Kelly Reynolds** volunteered to help mentor any staff member who was interested in receiving help with the classroom module gradebook.
- **Carol Corter and Tina Palecek** attended workshops on Legal and Ethical Issues for Paraeducators and School Threat Assessment at the NJEA ESP (Educational Support Professionals) Conference in New Brunswick, February 28 thru March 2.
- Supervisors **Diane Paine** and **Dan Pecoriello** accompanied **Janice Mezier** to the Quality Education NJ Consortium meeting in Edison. Problem solving strategies were presented.
- High Point business partners at Ames Rubber, Chuck Roberts and company CEO Timothy Marvil, met with **Janice Mezier** to discuss strategies for completing a mini-Baldrige Application to Quality New Jersey. This document will represent High Point's level of achievement in implementing a plan for continuous improvement and quality initiatives in our district. Quality New Jersey will provide a feedback report based on the quality criteria and national standards outlined in the application.

## STAFF RECOGNITION:

- **Mary Hassenplug** was selected High Point's Governor's Teacher of the Year.
- **Tom Ryan** was selected High Point's Teacher of the Year.
- **Karen Kozlowski's** proposal, "French: It's More than France," has been selected to receive a Foreign Language Educators of New Jersey mini-grant in the amount of \$1,000.
- Becky Carlson, Coordinator of the Sussex County Coalition for Healthy & Safe Families, recognized **Joseph Portello** and **High Point students** for being positive role models in the community. Under the direction of **Joseph Portello** the students of the media tech department agreed to film, edit and produce a public service announcement "Different interests, common cause, to be drug-free."
- **Mark Wallace** and the Industrial Technologies Department have been awarded the " FIVE STAR EXEMPLARY TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAM AWARD" by TEANJ . The award recognizes High Point's program as one of the premier programs in the state.

## **MEDIA RECOGNITION:**

- I. The Star-Ledger, February 21, Girls and technology
- II. The New Jersey Herald, February 26, 2003, Semifinals are set - Sparta will face High Point\_\_
- III. Advertiser-News North, February 27, Wildcats claim North sectional mat crown
- IV. Advertiser-News North, February 27, A High Point
- V. Advertiser-News North, February 27, Top drawer at High Point
- VI. Advertiser-News North, February 27, Prosecution - Victim (Mock Trial)
- VII. Advertiser-News North, February 27, Cats go wild
- VIII. Advertiser-News North, February 27, HP student goes from Shakespeare to Colin Powell
- IX. The Sunday Star-Ledger, March 2, Group 3
- X. The New Jersey Herald, March 3, HP's **Bockhorn**, **Caruso** dominated SCIL JV girl keggers
- XI. The New Jersey Herald, March 4, Girls Basketball 2003 State Playoffs
- XII. The New Jersey Herald, March 4, **B's** late heroics win it for High Point
- XIII. The New Jersey Herald, March 5, Mardi Gras
- XIV. Advertiser-News North, March 6, Wildcat's **Perry** is stunned at 160 in the Districts
- XV. Advertiser-News North, March 6, High Point pair are emerging artists, featured in exhibit
- XVI. The New Jersey Sunday Herald, March 9, Wildcats claim North sectional mat crown
- XVII. The New Jersey Herald, March 10, Emerging artists
- XVIII. Advertiser-News North, March 13, HP's **Perry** makes state finals
- XIX. The New Jersey Herald, March 14, Teen Arts Festival
- XX. The New Jersey Herald, March 17, Sussex County Scholar Athlete of the Year Awards (**Spangenberg**)
- XXI. Letter to the Editor: An example of a positive role model (**Portello**)
- XXII. Advertiser-News North, March 20, Outstanding athlete recognized (**Kessler**)
- XXIII. Advertiser-News North, March 20, A specialist visits HP
- XXIV. Advertiser-News North, March 20, Perfect verbal SAT score for High Point student (**Walton**)

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

- I. Faculty attendance for the month of February was 95.4%
- II. Student attendance for the month of February was 95.6%.
- III. **NR, AM, Stephanie Bockhorn, RW, TS, and Brad Bolte** attended a substance abuse seminar and reported their findings to their health classes.
- IV. Eighty-two students participated in the Peer Counseling Retreat held on February 26 and 27.
- V. The High Point Chapter of FBLA will be involved in the Shadow Program with the Wallkill Valley Rotary on Thursday, April 10.
- VI. The Northwest Jersey Reading Council declared the week of March 3 through March 9 as the year 2003 Love of Reading Week. Some activities at High Point included the "Cat in the Hat" visit during lunch periods, PRIDE group readings in the grammar schools, Read a Book to a friend or sibling pledge, No TV Day pledge, Staff Dress Down Day and Student Crazy Hat fundraisers. Two hundred and seventy-five dollars was donated to the Sussex-Wantage Friends of the Library Fund.
- VII. Pam Wilson from Project Self-Sufficiency will speak to **Mrs. Keur's** and **Ms. O'Mara's** junior health classes on March 25 and 26. The topic will be "Power and Consent" in relationships.
- VIII. High Point Regional hosted the state Technology Educators Association of New Jersey Annual Northern meeting on Tuesday, March 18. The general meeting was followed by a tour of our facility and class activities.
- IX. **Mark Wallace**, Consumer Science/Industrial Technology Supervisor and **Janice Mezier**, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, participated in an articulation meeting with the sending district teachers and curriculum directors. The Industrial Arts and Consumer Science curriculums were compared and discussed for future revisions.
- X. The evening registration session for the Spring Adult Education program was held. Fifteen members of the community took advantage of this opportunity to register for Adult Education courses offered at High Point. Classes started the week of March 17. Seventeen different classes are being offered and over 125 members of the community have registered to attend.
- XI. The New Jersey High School Proficiency Assessment was administered to juniors the week of March 3rd. Make-ups were administered during the week of March 10.
- XII. The Adult Education School is sponsoring 12 three-hour sessions of SAT prep classes for 86 students to prepare them for the Spring exams.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- I. Student Cabinet Meeting, March 25
- II. Student Council Meeting, March 26
- III. Booster Club Meeting, March 31
- IV. Student Council Meeting, April 2
- V. Student Council Meeting, April 9
- VI. Supervisors' Meeting, April 9
- VII. HPEA Meeting, April 9
- VIII. End of Third Marking Period, April 10
- IX. Spring Musical, April 11, 12 and 13
- X. Student Council Meeting, April 16
- XI. Spring Recess - School Closed April 18 through 25
- XII. Easter 5K Race, April 19

