

HIGH POINT HIGHLIGHTS - AN INSIDE LOOK

April 26, 2004

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

- **Sara Tonnesen** was the recipient of the University of Rochester Humanities/Social Sciences Award. If she chooses to apply to the University of Rochester she will be considered for a scholarship of 6,000.00 per year (24,000.00 over four years).
- **Kyle Carnahan & Paul Fetzer** will represent **High Point** on April 28 at Youth in Government Day.
- Four students from **High Point's Engineering Design Technology III** course participated in the 14th annual Panasonic Creative Design Challenge at the Liberty Science Center on March 26. **CB, TM, LG,** and **Mike Marin** represented High Point, competing in the finals against 23 other teams from 21 schools from around the state.
- In **FBLA** news, **Kim Salokas** placed 2nd in Business Plan competition and was invited to attend the National Competitions in July. **Ben Rose** placed 3rd in Computer Concepts.
- At the **DECA State Conference** on February 26-28, the following individuals and teams placed in their respective events and qualified for the International Career Development Conference in Nashville, TN: **Sarah Courter & Kerry Geddis** - Statewide Civic Consciousness Project; **Rita Elston** – 2nd place overall, Apparel & Accessories Marketing; **Kim Salokas** – 2nd place overall, Fashion Merchandising Promotional Plan; **Stephanie Bockhorn** – 2nd place overall, Vehicles & Petroleum Marketing; **Katie Struble & NL** – 1st place overall, Travel & Tourism Marketing; **SP & Kim Salokas** – 1st place overall, Entrepreneurship Written Event. Additionally, the following High Point DECA members were finalists in their events: **Tim Becker & Dan Jenkins** – 4th place overall in Advertising Campaign; **Kerry Geddis** – 5th overall in Apparel and Accessories; **GM** – 5th overall in Food Marketing Associate Level; **SP** – 7th place in Retail Marketing Management Level. **JM** also received a trophy for 3rd place in her written test in Marketing Management. Events consisted of written tests, role-playing, solving case studies, and making formal presentations of business plans, ad campaigns, and promotional plans. Some of the business plans were 40 pages of detailed research which required hundreds of hours to complete on the part of the students and the advisors.
- Also at the **DECA State Conference**, **Gary Dutko** received the **NJ DECA Outstanding Service Award** for his commitment and professionalism and was awarded a plaque. He was nominated by his students and chosen by a committee of the State Advisor and State **DECA** officers. **Kim Salokas** received a **Northern Regional Scholarship** of \$500, and a **NJ DECA State Scholarship** of \$1500 for her accomplishments, commitment and leadership abilities. Kim's total was the highest awarded to any NJ DECA member.
- **SC** was selected as **High Point's Superintendent's Roundtable Award** recipient. Sara will be honored at a luncheon in May to be that will recognize all of the county recipients.
- **Christina DeFeo** took part in the Presidential Classroom Global Business and Public Policy Program in Washington, D.C. Christina and more than 200 other high school juniors and seniors from around the world explored the federal government at work.
- **EC** and **SB** have been selected as recipients of a Perseverance Award in a high school business program by Berkeley College. This award recognizes the accomplishments made by students during their high school years. Emily, Shannon, and other high school students were honored at Berkeley College's Business Awards Program at Pines Manor in Edison, NJ on March 28, 2004.
- **High Point's Math** classes recently celebrated "Pi Day." The activities were organized by Mathematics teacher **Jill Retz**. Student projects demonstrated an understanding of the meaning of Pi and its importance in the development of mathematics. Winners of the poster contest were **LC** and **AH**. The Pi t-shirt design contest was won by **Meg Perry**. **Jess Arnold** came in second. Awards for songs went to **Katherine Hamilton** and the rap group of **Nick Dagostino** and **Derek Scymanski**. **JB** was recognized for her poem about Pi. **Chrissy DeMaria** received an award for the most creative project, a menu for the Three Hundred Sixty Degree Diner, which sold only round food. **Holly Phillips** was given an award for memorizing 100 digits of Pi.
- **SM** has been accepted into the 2004 program of the New Jersey Governor's School of the Arts. Steven was one of only 144 scholars selected out of 1,011 applicants.
- Three students in **Mr. Hensal's** Freshman Health classes submitted entries in a contest sponsored by the Sussex County Coalition for Healthy and Safe Families to celebrate April as "Alcohol Awareness Month." **AK** submitted an essay which will be read as part of a public service announcement on WSUS. **Michael Scott's** and **LC's** posters will be featured in an April edition of the New Jersey Herald.
- **High Point's** Academic Team has made the playoffs in the state-wide tournaments for the third year in a row. The members of the team are **Kyle Carnahan** (Captain), **Paul Fetzer**, **Austin Randazzo**, **DC**, **Keith Walton**, **Melissa Eng-Wong**, **Katrina Gersie**, **Chris DiBerardino**, and **PG**. The Academic Team competes in several tournaments throughout the year at various locales around the state.

- **High Point** competed in the New Jersey Model Congress on March 11 and 12 at The College of New Jersey. High Point was well represented in leadership positions. **Kyle Carnahan** was the overall chair and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. **Hayley Tamburello** and **Sarah Kuzmiak** were Committee Chairpersons. **Kyle Iturralde, AC**, and **Josh Guarino** were selected as Party Whips. **Austin Randazzo** was selected as Most Outstanding Delegate.
- Five student leaders from **High Point's** Technology Student Association participated in the annual State Leadership Conference at The College of New Jersey. Students attending included High Point Chapter President **VH**, Vice President **LG**, Secretary **SL**, reporter **Fred Heismeyer**, and Sergeant-at-Arms **TM**. Chapter treasurer **MZ** could not attend due to a prior obligation. Congratulations to the following students on their awards: **DM** and **PS** – State Champions, Flight Endurance; **LR** and **AG** – State Champions, Manufacturing Prototype; **Katie Weiss**, **Laura Jean Gasperino** and **Nicole Finnigan** – State Champions, Engineering Design; **MG** and **MR** – 2nd Place, Agriculture and Biotechnical Design; **BC** and **Neil Kornutick** – 2nd Place, Flight Endurance; **Kurt Kohle** – 2nd Place, Cyberspace Pursuit; **Keith Veenhuizen** – 3rd Place, Dragster Design.
- Sophomore **Brittany Healey** has been accepted as a Rotary exchange student to study in a French school during the 2004-05 academic year. Brittany is currently taking French II and Italian I at **High Point**.
- **High Point** hosted 18 Austrian students and two of their teachers on April 1. The Austrian students shadowed our French III and IV students to experience a typical day at High Point. **Melanie Litrenta's** International Business class joined with **Karen Kozlowski's** French IV class to discuss the European Union and cultural differences with the Austrian students and their teachers.

ATHLETICS:

- The **Easter 5K** took place on Saturday, April 10. The winner in the Men's Division was **Mike Slinsky**; **Laurie Gordon** won in the Women's Division. High Point alumni **Seth Holland**, **Rob Rohel**, and **David Lawlor** placed 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, respectively. The event had over 70 participants and was a great fundraiser for the Wrestling team. Special thanks to the following people for their help: **Lance Sorchik**, **Dave Ruppert**, **Tom Ryan**, **Seamus Campbell**, **Carol Corter**, **Greer Zeitts**, **Scott Grey**, and **Jon Tallamy**
- Congratulations to the Girls' Basketball team on the following accomplishments: New Jersey Herald All-Area: **LB** - 1st Team, second consecutive year; **Aimee Stormes** and **Erika Peter** - Honorable Mention.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- **Martha Eidam**, a member of Sussex County Speech Language & Hearing Association, attended a lecture on Asperger's Syndrome on April 1.
- The next faculty **Inservice** will be held on May 7. This is a half-day for students, and full day for faculty.

STAFF RECOGNITION:

- Congratulations to **Erik Carlson** for being selected as 2003-2004 New Jersey Herald Girls' Swimming Coach of the Year.
- **Brian Drelick** has been selected as the recipient of the New Jersey High School Teacher Excellence Award by the Technology Educators Association of New Jersey. He will receive a plaque at the May conference and will be entered to win the ITEA Teacher Excellence Award next year.

MEDIA RECOGNITION:

- The New Jersey Herald, April 19, 2004, High Point is thanked for inviting the senior citizens to brunch and a play on Sunday, April 4
- The New Jersey Herald, April 19, 2004, High Point Track Team delivers daffodils to hospital patients
- The Advertiser-News North, April 15, 2004, Wildcat boosters grateful for support
- The Advertiser-News North, April 15, 2004, High Point wins first Boys' Tennis match of the season

MEDIA RECOGNITION: (cont'd)

- The Advertiser-News North, April 15, 2004, High Point students take on Panasonic engineering challenge
- The Advertiser-News North, April 8, 2004, High Point student **Sarah Schlesinger** wins Governor's Award for art
- The Advertiser-News North, April 8, 2004, Honoring scholar-athletes
- The Advertiser-News North, April 8, 2004, High Point students enjoy most successful TSA conference
- The Advertiser-News North, April 8, 2004, High Point FLBA members advance
- The Advertiser-News North, April 8, 2004, High Point defeats Sussex Tech at Black Bear Golf Club
- The Star-Ledger, April 7, 2004, High Point goes high-tech
- The New Jersey Herald, April 2, 2004, High Point Regional High School creates "wish list" for upcoming referendum
- The New Jersey Herald, March 31, 2004, High Point's **LB's** combination of talent and leadership helps Wildcats win first ever SCIL Tournament title.
- The New Jersey Herald, March 29, 2004, High Point students join in annual State Leadership Conference
- The New Jersey Herald, March 26, 2004, Erik Carlson High Point Swimming Coach of the Year
- The Advertiser-News North, March 18, 2004, High Point students excited about Geographical Information Systems
- The New Jersey Herald, March 15, 2004, High Point student spends week in DC

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

- **Faculty Attendance** rate for the month of March was 97.5%
- **Student Attendance** rate for the month of March was 96.1%
- **Quality Education New Jersey** conducted a full day site visit in April. A seven person team will prepare a feedback report to verify and clarify information that was submitted in our mini-application to QENJ.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **The National Honor Society** will be conducting its annual Blood Drive on April 30 at High Point. A guest speaker from The Valerie Center (a part of the Valerie Fund) of Morristown Memorial Hospital, our local children's cancer center, will address the group.
- Gibbs College will visit **High Point's Business Department** in May.
- High Point Regional is a finalist for a New Jersey Department of Education **Best Practice Award**. Our program, Documentation and Evaluation of the Design Process (a methodology to assess project-based learning), will receive a final evaluation and site visit in April by the NJDOE, prior to our selection as a winner.
- High Point students will be taking the Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery (**ASVAB**) test in April. The primary purpose of this test is to help school counselors and students discover where a student's basic aptitude lies.
- The **Advanced Placement** exams will be held the first and second weeks in May.