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## HIGH POINT HIGHLIGHTS - AN INSIDE LOOK

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### STUDENT RECOGNITION:

- At an award ceremony on December 4, **Joseph Portello** along with members of his Media Class (**ED, Aaron McCarty, Kristina Sorensen, SC, and Chris DiBerardino**) were recognized as 2003 Project Self-Sufficiency Mosaic Award Recipients. This award recognizes the time, energy, talent, and effort devoted to producing the video for the Project 100 fund raiser.
- The American Scholastic Press Association awarded First Place with Special Merit to **Calliope**, High Point's Literacy and Arts magazine.
- On December 12, the Chamber Singers performed for the Branchville Rotary. Members of the High Point Chamber Singers are as follows: Sopranos - **Erika Klics, RO, NL, Jackie Uchitel, Jessica Grossman, Shari Wejsa, Caitlin O'Neill**; Altos - **Jill Baker, Julie Anderson, Gina Mobilio, JH, LC, KR, KW**; Tenors - **CJ, David Bocchino, Christopher Wolff, Jesse Lerch, CD, KH, PS**; Basses - **Matt Enhoffer, Ryan Geiger, Daniel Egan, Joe Oldock, James Untig, BB, TM**; Alternates: **Kim Conlin, Stephanie Carpenter, Dan Frayko, and Joseph Webb**; Student Accompanist - **Jessica Arnold**.
- **CD** and **Sarah Schlesinger** were awarded \$12,000 scholarships to Maryland Institute College of Art as New Jersey Distinguished Artist Award recipients at Vernon Township High School's First Annual Invitational Art Competition. **James Yodice** won the first place ribbon in the Crafts category.
- The following students were named as Outstanding Students of the First Marking Period for the 2003-2004 school year:

Business Studies	<b>Christina DeFeo</b>
Engineering and Tech. Studies	<b>Nick Eckert</b>
English	<b>SH</b>
Health/Physical Education	<b>PG</b>
Home & Family Studies	<b>Shari Wejsa</b>
Industrial Studies	<b>JS</b>
Mathematics	<b>EC</b>
Music	<b>Ryan Geiger</b>
Science	<b>KH</b>
Social Studies	<b>AO</b>
Visual Art	<b>Sarah Schlesinger</b>
World Languages	<b>AA</b>

### ATHLETICS:

- **CD, James Seck, Mike Konopka, and SM** were named to the 2003 All-State Soccer Team. **C** was also named to the Senior All-State game that will be played by the best Senior soccer players in New Jersey.
- Girls' Varsity Soccer team members were recognized for the following distinctions:
  - The New Jersey Herald - First Team All-League - **Tracy Fitzpatrick** and **Colleen Ferguson**
  - The New Jersey Herald - Second Team All-League - **LB** and **JT**
  - The New Jersey Herald - Honorable Mention - **Emily Banta**
  - The Star-Ledger - First Team All-West Jersey - **Tracy Fitzpatrick** and **Colleen Ferguson**
- Football players **SV** and **Greg Bennett** were named All-SCIL First Team and **Mickey Buscio** received Honorable Mention.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- **Brian Gallagher** attended a three-day Defensive Driving Instructors' Training Course for certification in Defensive Driving.

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- **Brian Drelick, Dan Muller, and Mark Wallace** attended a conference on promoting concurrent agreements with colleges hosted by the Technology Educators Association of New Jersey.
- **Marie Walsh** attended a conference entitled Strengthening Your Geometry Program. Topics included use of manipulatives, hands-on activities, and projects to make geometry concepts more meaningful and to increase student understanding. Participants also learned methods to encourage the use of higher-level thinking skills, to improve problem-solving skills, and to use assessment techniques that provide more information about student learning.

### STAFF RECOGNITION:

- **Anne Orders** and **Sheila Ross** were recognized in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.
- **Brian Drelick** was awarded the 2003-2004 FirstEnergy Mathematics, Science & Technology Education Grant in the amount of \$500 for the submission of "Photovoltaic System Design." The money will be used to purchase solar panels for a unit of photovoltaics in our Power, Energy, and Transportation Technology course.
- Congratulations to **Marie Sullivan** and her family. Marie is the proud mother of Tanner Joseph Sullivan. All are doing well.
- **Carl Hensal** was invited to present his Master's research project at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Research Symposium in Health and Physical Education.

### MEDIA RECOGNITION:

- The New Jersey Herald, November 16, 2003, Wantage teen wins Miss New Jersey Teen USA Pageant (**Carrollo**)
- The New Jersey Herald, November 19, 2003, Boy Scout receives Eagle Scout Award (**Bolte**)
- Advertiser-News North, November 20, 2003, Football season ends for Walkkill Valley, Vernon, High Point
- New Jersey Sunday Herald, November 24, 2003, MADD makes presentation at High Point
- The New Jersey Herald, December 8, 2003, High Point students gain writing honor (**Lawlor, Gersie**)
- The New Jersey Herald, December 10, 2003, High Point's Marks wins three events at Kittatinny
- Advertiser-News North, December 11, 2003, MVPs

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

- Faculty Attendance rate for the month of November was 97.3%.
- Student Attendance rate for the month of November was 95.2%.
- On November 25, Mr. Alec Martineau from the Department of Health and Human Services in Sussex County addressed **Carl Hensal's** and **Don Karnas'** freshman health classes on the topic of Substance Abuse and Addiction. On December 10, Michele Giannone from Project Self-Sufficiency addressed the classes on Power and Consent in Relationships.
- On December 11, **Mark Wallace** accompanied 20 students from the Engineering and Technological Studies Department to the New Jersey Institute of Technology where they attended a career seminar.
- On October 28, 15 students, accompanied by Mr. Dutko, attended **DECA** workshops on leadership and chapter management at New Jersey's Chapter Leadership Training at the Parsippany Sheraton.
- On November 14 - 16, 18 students, with advisors **Melanie LiTrenta** and **Gary Dutko**, attended **DECA's** North Atlantic Regional Conference on leadership in Philadelphia. Workshops focused on communication, teamwork, goal-setting, and career and leadership development.
- On November 25, five student leaders from High Point's **Technology Student Association (TSA)** participated in the annual State Leadership Conference at The College of New Jersey.
- As part of **Melanie LiTrenta's** Computer Applications 2 Desktop Publishing unit, students produced the National Honor Society Induction programs, the Fall Sports Awards programs, and the Senior Citizen Prom programs.
- On December 3, a Star-Ledger photographer took pictures of our **Women in Engineering** program and other technology offerings in our Engineering and Technological Studies Department. Look for the program to be featured in a future publication of their new education section.
- **Mark Wallace** submitted an application to the International Technology Education Association (TSA) for consideration in the 2004 Program Excellence Award category.
- On December 4, The Art Institute of Philadelphia presented Careers in Design and Media to our Art, Media, and Technology classes.
- The Senior Citizen Prom was a success with more than 110 senior citizens attending. The feedback was excellent. A special thank you to the following faculty and their student groups:

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**Tom Costello** and **Linda Abrams (Peer Counseling)**; **Faye Paskas, Colleen Peyton,** and **Kelly Reynolds (International Club)**; **Ron Hoffman (FBLA)**; **Gary Dutko (DECA)**; **Melanie LiTrenta** (Period 4 **Computer Applications 2** class); **Diane Sorchik** (prom photos); **Lance Sorchik** (prom photos with help from the **Graphic Design class**); **Cathy Madaio** (cooking and **Interact**); **Bonnie Smith (Interact)**; **Theresa Riccardi (Chamber Singers)**; **Joe Santora (National Honor Society)**; **PRIDE Members**; **Harold Woods** and the **Band**; **Chris Bilik** (cafeteria services); **Jeff Davidowski, Andy Marancik,** and **Diane Mulford** (time and service).

- **Pat Duncan** was chosen by Flinn Scientific to participate in the chemical demonstration program entitled The Flinn Morning of Chemistry at the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) Convention.
- On November 17, **Lisa Frisbie** hosted a Meeting on Underage Drinking. Ninety-three community members, students, and presenters were in attendance. **Mickey Thomas, Ben Kozlowski, Maggie Chikazawa, Greg Perry, Chris Bilik,** and **Pam Norman** all worked behind the scenes to ensure that the program ran smoothly.
- **Don Karnas** with the help of **GM, RL,** and **Lauren Abati,** gave an after-school lecture and demonstration on the importance of staying fit to students from the Sussex Middle School.
- **French 3 and 4** students attended a concert by Eric Vincent, a French singer. The students had the unique opportunity to listen to songs that they studied in class, interview the performer, and pose for pictures with him after the performance.
- On November 18, all **Level 3 and 4 World Language** students had the opportunity to hear a presentation from Staff Sargent Jenkins, a linguist for the United States Army. He spoke to the students about the many career choices available to World Language students both in the military and in civilian life.
- **Janice Mezier** attended the New Jersey United for High School Standards meeting at Hopatcong High School. Presentations were given by Dr. Judith Weiss (Assistant Commissioner, Northern Region) and Dr. Jay Doolan (Director of Office of Academic and Professional Standards - DOE) regarding New Jersey's standards and assessment.
- The High Point Regional High School **Local Professional Development Plan** for 2004-2005 was submitted to the Sussex County Office of the Department of Education.
- On December 4, an **Eighth Grade Parents' Night** was held to present information regarding the High Point curriculum to incoming freshman parents. **Department Supervisors** gave an overview of their departments and answered parents' questions. The purpose of the evening was to assist parents and students in scheduling courses for the 2004-2005 school year.
- The curriculum directors from the three sending districts and **Janice Mezier** met to analyze student achievement in state assessments in order to identify trends in student performance. This analysis will be presented to the Regional Superintendents at their December meeting.
- On December 12, the **Habitat for Humanity** group, under the direction of **Brian McDonald,** sponsored an Activity Night. The night included pie-eating contests, karaoke, a music room for students to bring their own instruments, volleyball, ultimate frisbee, basketball, as well as a dating game and a video game tournament. All proceeds went to the Habitat for Humanity charity.
- Under the direction of **Tom Costello,** members of **Peer Counseling** and **Student Council** have formed a new pilot program: **No Freshmen Left Behind.** Eighty-five volunteer peer counselors will be trained to work with small groups of freshmen during homeroom to help them in their transition to high school.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

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- I. December 16, Curriculum/Supervisors' Meeting
- II. December 17, Staff Meeting
- III. December 23, Early Dismissal - ½ day of school
- IV. December 24 - 31, Holiday Recess
- V. January 1 - 2, New Year's Day Recess
- VI. January 5, School Reopens
- VII. January 7, Supervisors' Meeting
- VIII. January 15, PAC Meeting
- IX. January 19, Martin Luther King Day - School Closed for Students,  
Staff Inservice