

HIGH POINT HIGHLIGHTS - AN INSIDE LOOK

February 23, 2004

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

- The following students will be competing for Chair positions for the NJ Model Congress on March 20: **Sarah Kuzmiak, Kyle Carnahan, Sara Tonnesen, AC, Jen Wejsa, Nicole Monahan, DD, Hayley Tamburello, Josh Guarino, Ray Thompson, Kyle Itturalde, and Fred Heismeyer.**
- The following students are Berkley College Award recipients: *Perseverance Award* - **EC** (Teachers-Dexter, Hoffman, Hennings), *Achievement Award* - **SB** (Teacher-Hennings). They will receive formal recognition at an Awards program on Sunday, March 28, at the Pines Manor Inn.
- Senior **AV** won First Place in the "Open" category at the 2004 Mt. Olive Invitational Exhibit and Competition. Her entry was an original monoprint of denim clothing, created in Crafts 3.
- **CB, Mike Marin, Gabe Eljdid, Nick Aromondo, LG, and Nick Eckert** participated in the Panasonic Design Challenge Preliminaries at the **New Jersey Institute of Technology** on January 13, 2004. The competition is regarded as one of the most difficult in the state. **CB** and **Mike Marlin** have qualified to compete in the final round which will take place in March.
- **TSA/Woodworking** students will be assisting **Mr. Wallace** by helping Cub Den 284 complete a woodworking requirement.
- At their December meeting, **FBLA** made a \$200 donation to the **University Of Dentistry Of Northwest New Jersey**. This funding, presented to Mr. Chuck Bertero, will help provide dental care for needy families in Sussex County.
- The following members of **FBLA** won awards at the **Northern Regional FBLA Competitions** at Mercer County College on Thursday, Jan. 8th:

4 th Place in Computer Concepts	Freshman	Benjamin Rose
5 th Place in Marketing	Senior	Scott Phillips
5 th Place in Visual Basic Programming	Sophomore	Jason Gentner
6 th Place in Accounting II	Sophomore	GM
- Congratulations to **Erin Whelan, AS, and George Selby** for being selected to perform with **Region Band**.
- Both of High Point's entries in the **Art Administrators of NJ 2004 Emerging Artists Exhibit** have been selected as 2 of the top 5 Merit Award Winners. Seniors **Sarah Schlesinger** and **CD** were selected to exhibit. They are both students in **Lance Sorchik's** Fine Art 4 class. The Art Administrators of NJ sponsor Emerging Artists, an annual high school art exhibit featuring selected artists from each school district. This year, thirty-seven students from 19 high schools (15 districts in 7 counties) participated. Sarah exhibited a colored pencil illustration titled "*The Final Sleepless Night*." This year's exhibit was held at the James Howe Gallery at Kean University and ran from January 12 to February 1. Young artists receiving awards of Merit or Honorable Mention will become eligible to apply for the **AANJ Achievement Award Scholarship**, receipt of which qualifies them for the **Governor's Award in Visual Arts**.
- On Thursday, January 15, the following students presented a program entitled *High Point and Peer Pressure* to Frankford eighth graders: Grade 9 – **LC**; Grade 10 – **Stephanie Hicks, Shannon Lista, and Nicole Monohan**; Grade 11 – **Joe Leanzo**; Grade 12 – **Alex Rubin, Nicole Szwartz, and Monica Vatalaro**.
- **Christina DeFeo**, one of our Business students, will be attending the Presidential Classroom in February. At the Presidential Classroom, participants observe the federal government at work, witness the development of public policy, and explore the roles of citizens, lawmakers, experts, associations, and businesses in the world's most successful democracy. Presidential Classroom takes students behind the scenes of our nation's capital for seminars and discussions featuring members of Congress, Presidential appointees, journalists, and other Washington insiders.
- On December 18th, the **Chamber Singers** were invited to perform at the Lafayette House. Members of the High Point Chamber Singers are as follows: Sopranos- **Erica Klics, RO, NL, Jackie Uchitel, Jessica Grossman, Shari Wejsa, and Caitlin O'Neill**; Altos - **Jill Baker, Julie Anderson, Gina Mobilio, JH, LC, KR, and KW**; Tenors - **CJ, David Bocchino, Christopher Wolff, Jesse Lerch, CD, KH, and PS**; Basses - **Matt Enhoffer, Ryan Geiger, Daniel Egan, Joe Oldock, James Untig, BB, and TM**; Alternates - **Kim Conlin, Stephanie Carpenter, Dan Frayko, and Joseph Webb**; Student Accompanist - **Jessica Arnold**.
- **JF**, Senior, won the *Voice of Democracy Contest* at the county level.
- **SC**, Senior, was chosen as recipient of the school's *DAR Good Citizen Award*.
- Congratulations to **Austin Randazzo** and **KH** for earning perfect scores on their **SAT's**.
- **Jessica Arnold, Ashley Holcomb, and NL** are members of the All North Region I Chorus.
- Congratulations to **Erin Whelan** for auditioning and being selected to perform with this year's All State Band and All State Orchestra.

ATHLETICS:

- The boys' and the girls' swim team have both made the states. Boys will swim against Randolph on Tuesday, February 17, and girls will swim against Vernon on Wednesday, February 18.
- The **Wrestling** team has qualified for states and will compete against Passaic Valley on Tuesday, February 17. The winner will then go on to challenge Randolph.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- **Brian Drelick** attended the **Centennial of Flight Festivities** in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, on December 17, 2003, which celebrated the 100 year anniversary of man-powered flight. He will apply what he learned to our Flight Curriculum in our **Power, Energy, and Transportation II** course.
- **Mark Wallace** attended Coriell Institute for Medical Research workshop that focused on biotechnology: gene therapy, disease treatments, stem cell research, genetically engineered food, and the political and ethical issues that surround these topics as they relates to the medical and agriculture industry.
- **Martha Eidam** attended the Sussex County Speech Language and Hearing Association meeting on January 21, 2004. The topic focused on early intervention programs in Sussex County. Martha Eidam holds a certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech Pathology awarded on the national level by the **American Speech-Language Hearing Association**.
- A full day of **inservice activities** was held for High Point staff on January 19. Training classes were held in **Affirmative Action** and **Bullying, Customer Service for Support Staff, Library Technology Research Skills, and Web Page 1 and 2. Department Workshops** were also conducted.

STAFF RECOGNITION:

- **Amy Librizzi and Karen Kozlowski** were nominated for *Who's Who in American Teachers*
- **Sal Montevago** attended a conference entitled Helping Students Prepare Adequately for the HSPA at **Rutgers University** on January 12, 2004. He was pleased to find that we are already doing most of the suggested activities. We will be incorporating the new activities presented into our curriculum. Also attending this important conference were **Mark Veltri, Jill Shrope, and Ed Blevins**.
- **James Matsakis** attended a conference entitled Strengthening the Achievement and Motivation of Disinterested and Disruptive Students, presented by the **Bureau of Education and Research**. He has been implementing many of the suggestions in his classroom and will be sharing them with other members of the math department at their February department meeting.
- **Mark Wallace** met with **William Weightman**, the One-Stop Administrator for **Sussex Warren Employment and Training** out of the **Department of Labor**. They discussed grant ideas and partnerships.
- **Jefferson High School Administrators** came to view our Media Technology program and studio to help them design a new one for their school.
- **Joe Portello's Media programs** will be the subject of **NJEA's Classroom Close-Up** series. **Ken Abbott** and **Fred Heismeyer** were here on February 4, 2004 to film the Media classes for NJN.
- **Mark Wallace** presented a program on the departments that he supervises to the **Walkill Rotary** on January 22, 2004.
- **Martha Eidam, Diane Paine, and Andrew Murray** attended the Self Assessment Technology Assistance meeting on January 20, 2004. On January 30, 2004, Martha Eidam and Diane Paine participated in the Technical Assistance Session that focused on the federal and state requirements for placement of students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment. Both of these sessions were held in Morris Plains, NJ at the **Learning Resource Center**.
- **Noah David Ripley** arrived on December 18, 2003, weighing in at 7 lbs. 20 ½ inches!! Congratulations and best wishes to **Scott** and his wife!
- **Kevin Fenlon** has been awarded his **Bronze Coaching License** from the International Coaches Association.

MEDIA RECOGNITION:

- The New Jersey Sunday Herald, February 8, 2004, Frankford Teen (**SS**) named State Ag. Ambassador.
- The New Jersey Herald, February 5, 2004, **Erika Peter of High Point** keeps the ball away from Dedra Pritchard of Jefferson.
- The New Jersey Herald, February 3, 2004, High Point Student (**Matt Enhoffer**) chosen for leadership forum.
- Advertiser-News North, January 15, 2004, High Point routed Pope John 67-7 in SCIL wrestling.
- Advertiser-News North, January 15, 2004, High Point defeated Kittatinny 39-34 in SCIL boys' hoops contest.
- Advertiser-News North, January 15, 2004, Undefeated High Point routed Kittatinny 57-29 in a girls' basketball game.
- The New Jersey Herald, January 14, 2004, No. 3 High Point Roars, **Danny Marks** won the 200 freestyle and 100 breast stroke to lead High Point to victory. **GE** and **CB** also recorded victories for the Wildcats (4-1).
- New Jersey Sunday Herald, January 4, 2004, **SCCC** awarded **Colleen Ferguson** and **JT** scholarships to play for their women's soccer team.
- The New Jersey Herald, December 29, 2003, Tournament MVP (**LB**) scores 42 points in two basketball games.
- The New Jersey Sunday Herald, December 21, 2003, Wildcats roll at PJ Invitational Swim Meet at Sussex Tech.
- The New Jersey Herald, December 19, 2003, 'Cats Eye Title Run.
- Advertiser-News North, December 18, 2003, Newest members of the High Point chapter of the National Honor Society are **Melissa Eng-Wong, Paul Fetzer, AR, Keith Walton, MZ, Julie Anderson, Kelsey Ayers, JB, Christopher Bentsen, LB, Heather Cecchini, Dana Corriere, Shari Wejsa, Joseph Havelin, Fred Heismeyer, Erika Klics, Amanda Mas, Alyssa Sheldon, Sara Tonneson, and EV.**
- The New Jersey Herald, December 17, 2003, **RF** of High Point returns for the Wildcats this season.
- The New Jersey Herald, December 16, 2003, Defense is always the name of the game at High Point and **Samantha Hensen** anchored the Wildcats this season.
- The Star Ledger – **Kevin Fenlon** was chosen as Girl's Soccer Coach of the Year.
- The New Jersey Herald, December 16, 2003, **Shannon Gill** posts the second best offensive season in High Point history with 54 points.
- The New Jersey Herald, December 16, 2003, High Point's standout midfielder **CD** played a huge role in getting the Wildcats into the state playoffs the last three seasons. He was the quickest and most-skilled performer on a Wildcat team that posted the best record in school history (14-6-1) and most wins.
- The New Jersey Herald, December 16, 2003, High Point's midfielder **Tracy Fitzpatrick** is the all-time career goal scorer at High Point with 46 goals.
- The New Jersey Sunday Herald, December 14, 2003, **Colleen Ferguson** allowed just 22 goals in 20 matches as one of the most consistent defensive performers in the SCIL over the past two seasons.

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

- Faculty Attendance rate for the month of December was 95.6%
- Student Attendance rate for the month of December was 93.2%
- Faculty Attendance rate for the month of January was 95.3 %
- Student Attendance rate for the month of January was 95.9%
- Twenty students from our Women in Engineering, CADD, and Architecture programs visited **Schoor DePalma Engineering and Consultants** in Parsippany, NJ, on December 17, 2003 to see how a Civil Engineering firm operates. **NJIT** was there to film the students for their How to Build and Engineer teleconference series.
- Congratulations to the **Technological Studies Department** for being selected by the International Technology Education Association as their **2004 Program Excellence School**. After developing a self study and portfolio and passing the review process, our school's Technology Education program was ranked exemplary among all other programs. **ITEA** recognized the tremendous amount of work and dedication that is required to design, maintain, and improve quality programs such as ours. The result of this dedication and the benefit goes to the students who will have richer lives for having participated in our programs. *"Not many endeavors are more important than helping students become technologically literate and learn more about the world around them"*. The department, including **Mark Wallace, Brian Drelick, Brian McDonald, Robert Mittuch, Dan Muller, Joe Portello, and Allen Vandergoot** will be honored at the 66th Annual ITEA Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT: (cont'd)

- The annual **Regional Boards of Education Curriculum Meeting** was held on February 2. Board representatives from Sussex-Wantage, Frankford, Lafayette and High Point, regional superintendents, and school principals were given an overview of the K-12 Media curriculum. Additional information regarding regional articulation in curriculum and professional development activities was presented by Curriculum Directors **Monica Orr**, **Barbara Cimorelli**, and **Jan Mezier**.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- On February 16 and 17, (Monday and Tuesday), school will be closed for Winter Recess.
- On February 24, Alec Martineau from The Daytop Center will accompany a group of students to speak with Mr. Karnas' and Mr. Hensal's freshmen Health classes. Substance abuse and misuse will be discussed.
- On February 27, students from grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 will be attending the county-wide Teen Summit Conference at the Selective Insurance Building in Branchville. Topics addressed will include various teen concerns.
- On March 8, Michele Giannone from Project Self Sufficiency will address Mr. Hensal's and Mr. Karnas' senior Health classes. The topic will be Power and Consent.