

HIGH POINT HIGHLIGHTS - AN INSIDE LOOK

March 29, 2004

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

- The Algebra II Honors class, led by **Nicole Monohan**, recently conducted a spring food drive. They collected over 60 bags of food to be donated to Harvest Home, with soup cans going to the "Warm and Fuzzy" project.
- **Katrina Gersie** received a Gold Key in the Regional at Large program of *The Scholastic Writing Awards of 2004* in three categories: poetry, memoir, and overall writing portfolio. The selection process is extremely competitive. Her work was selected from more than 5,000 pieces submitted.
- Fine Art 4 senior **Sarah Schlesinger** has been chosen to receive the Art Administrator's of NJ Achievement Award and the Governor's Award for Visual Art Excellence 2004. Sarah began her quest for the awards by winning a top Merit Award at the Emerging Artists Exhibit in February. Award winners were then invited to apply for the Achievement Award by submitting a portfolio of 10 slides and writing about each work and the creative process as it evolved for the student. On March 8th, High Point was notified that she had been selected. Sarah makes the fourth dual awards recipient in seven years for High Point: **Laura Reiner** (1997), **Chloe D'Ancona** (2000), **Amanda Barrett** (2003).
- The **New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCP)**, through funding provided by PricewaterhouseCoopers, is hosting a Scholars Institute for ten high school accounting students, from only twelve High Schools in NJ. **High Point's Accounting Program** under the tutelage of teacher **Janice Hennings** has been accepted to this program.
- **RW** has been named Wallkill Valley Rotary's Student of the Month for January.
- Our Music Department held its annual District Band Concert on Friday, February 27.
- The Geometry classes of **Ms. Walsh** and **Ms. Retz** recently created geometry valentines. Their assignment was to use at least five geometric terms to express a valentine sentiment. The overall winners were as follows: first place, **Jennifer Wejsa**; second place, **AH**; third place, **Josie Dykstra**. For originality in use of mathematical terms, the winners were as follows: first place, **Alyssa Synol**; second place, **Kristyn Dombroski**. For best design the winner was **Hayley Tamburello**. **DD** won a special award for writing her valentine in the format of a geometric proof and **Elias Vandenakker** won a special award for creating an animated valentine on DVD.
- Congratulations to **Keith Walton** on his Full Appointment to the Coast Guard Academy.
- **Kristen Brady, Katrina Gersie, Caitrin Lawlor, Liz Malmstrom, and Monica Vatalano** had pieces of poetry and prose selected for display and critique at this year's Teen Arts Festival.

ATHLETICS:

- Please congratulate **Chris Dexter and the Girls' Basketball team** for having a record-breaking season. They won 21 games as well as the **SCIL Girls' Basketball Festival**.
- **SV** is the Wrestling District Champion in the heavyweight division.
- **DL** has made All SCIL in Bowling. **Jason Palladino** earned an Honorable Mention.
- Congratulations to the following students for achieving First Team All-League: Swimming – **Nicole Ferlo, LT, Danny Marks** (Honorable Mentions: **Dana Corriere, TP**). Girls' Basketball – **LB Aimee Stormes**; Skiing – **Kerri Blaine, Brad Bolte** (Honorable Mention: **Casey Kayser**); Bowling – **DL** (Honorable Mention: **Jason Palladino**).
- Congratulations to **David Zabriskie** for placing 6th in the New Jersey State Wrestling Tournament.
- The **Girls' Basketball Team** qualified for the State Tournament and was ranked #2 in North Section 1, Group 3.
- Congratulations to the **Boys' Swim Team** for beating Randolph High School at their state meet. They advanced to the second round where they competed against Livingston at Newark Academy.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- **Don Karnas** and **Carl Hensal** will attend the Third Annual Driver's Education Conference on May 7th.

STAFF RECOGNITION:

- **Gary Dutko** received the **New Jersey DECA Outstanding Service Award** for his professionalism, dedication, and commitment to New Jersey DECA. He was nominated by his students and chosen by a committee of the State Advisor and State DECA officers. For his efforts, he received a plaque and recognition at the NJ DECA State Conference.
- **Mary Hassenplug** is the recipient of the prestigious **Fulbright Award**. As the Fulbright Memorial Fund Scholar, Mary will be spending three weeks in Japan next October. She will have the opportunity to study both cultural and educational systems. This is a tremendous and well deserved honor.
- The National Council of Teachers of English has commended High Point Regional High School's **English Department** for excellence in its instructional program, as revealed by its evident contribution to the high quality of writing of its one or more students honored with NCTE Achievement Awards in writing.
- Junior **EV** has been accepted to Brown University's Summer Enrichment program. She will be enrolled in two seven-week college level courses: *Comparative American and British Literature* and *Neuroscience*.
- **Amy Librizzi** has been selected as the Governor's Teacher Award recipient from High Point.
- We are very proud to announce that the **High Point Teacher of the Year** nominee for the 2004-05 school year is **Karen Kozlowski**.
- TEANJ has invited **Mark Wallace** to participate in a panel discussion followed by a workshop presentation based on his experience implementing the Women in Engineering program. TEANJ is assisting the Gender Equity Advisory Committee of the NJDOE in planning a conference on the topic of gender equity in Technology Education.
- Business Studies teacher **Ron Hoffman** and Supervisor, **Mark Wallace**, attended a New Jersey Business Technology Education Conference hosted by Selective Insurance Company. The meeting involved Business teachers and the Human Relations Department at Selective. The theme of the conference was What Employers are Looking for Regarding Employability Skills when Hiring Individuals."
- Congratulations to the following High Point Teachers for being selected to **Who's Who In American Teachers 2003 – 2004**: **Debbie Anderson, Brian Drelick, Gary Dutko, Kevin Fenlon, Lisa Frisbie, Christine Henry, Mike Hingston, Ron Hoffman, Lisa Hodgins, Chris Kappelmeier, Karen Kozlowski, Donna Lembo, Amy Librizzi, Steven Monat, Anne Odgers, Marilyn Pucillo, Sheila Ross, Dave Ruppert, Heather Strout, Jackie Sutton, Mickey Thomas, and Harold Woods.**
- **Chris Dexter** has been chosen as Mugs Media Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year.

MEDIA RECOGNITION:

- **High Point** was featured on Skylands (Channel 8) news. They spent 2 hours filming a segment on the Women in Engineering program and the Student Resource Officer program (**Paul Derin and Bob Sunda**). Our two stories were part of the 30 minute news show that is produced each week.
- The New Jersey Sunday Herald, March 21, 2004, **High Point** students get energized.
- The New Jersey Herald, March 12, 2004, local wrestler **David Zabriskie** of **High Point** competes in state individual tournament in Atlantic City.
- The New Jersey Herald, March 5, 2004, **High Point's KB** moves the basketball forward against Northern Highland. Wildcats advance to the section semifinals.
- Advertiser-News North, March 4, 2004, **High Point** Girls win SCIL basketball festival.
- Advertiser-News North, March 4, 2004, Geometry class has a heart.
- The New Jersey Herald, February 27, 2004, Wantage hears school building plan.
- The New Jersey Herald, February 26, 2004, Wildcats nip Braves in 20Ts.
- The New Jersey Sunday Herald, February 22, 2004, **Wildcats** and Falcons play in the SCIL tournament.
- The New Jersey Sunday Herald, February 22, 2004, Wallkill Valley meets **High Point**.
- The New Jersey Herald, Thursday, February 19, 2004, **Nicole Ferlo** of **High Point** swims to a first-place finish in 200 freestyle.
- The New Jersey Herald, Thursday, February 19, 2004, Vernon holds off **High Point**.
- The New Jersey Sunday Herald, February 8, 2004, Frankford Teen (**SS**) named State Agricultural Ambassador.

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

- Faculty Attendance rate for the month of February was 95.4%.
- Student Attendance rate for the month of February was 95.0%.
- **Brian Drelick**, Technology Education teacher, was recently presented with a \$500 grant by JCP&L to help pay for solar cells used in the Power, Energy, and Transportation Technology course. Students **Corbin Opilla** and **Dan Klause** designed a solar powered vehicle to help solve an engineering design problem.
- Our Media program will be part of a segment about High School TV Studios on NJEA's award winning Classroom Close-Up program.
- Steve Megna, Technology Education Teacher at Vernon Township High School, observed our WIE program and toured our facilities.
- The Spring 2004 **Adult Education** program has fourteen different courses being offered. There are 185 participants enrolled in evening activities that are held through June at the high school. The SAT Prep Course was popular among juniors; 90 students enrolled.
- **John Hannum**, **Bill Bauer**, and **Jan Mezier** participated in the **February QENJ Consortium** meeting in Edison, NJ. The guest speaker was **John Porter**, Superintendent of the Ridgewood School District.
- All eleventh grade students participated in the March 2004 administration of the **HSPA**. A Science Field Test was also administered this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- The **QENJ** will conduct a site visit on April 6 as a result of our Mini Application to Quality New Jersey.
- The school musical *Into the Woods* will be held April 2, 3, and 4 at High Point Regional High School.
- The next **Baldrige Steering Committee** meeting is April 7 at 5:30 p.m.
- School will be closed for **Spring Recess** from April 12 – 16. School will reopen on Monday, April 19.