

HIGH POINT HIGHLIGHTS - AN INSIDE LOOK

May 17, 2004

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

- **High Point's National Honor Society** conducted their annual Blood Drive on April 30, 2004, with the highest turnout to date. The results were as follows: 164 donors presented, 33 deferrals, 131 donors drawn.
- The following **Fine and Performing Arts** seniors were recognized at the Sussex County Arts and Heritage Council's Outstanding Senior Arts Awards at Sparta High School, April 29, 2004:

Crafts	AV
Creative Writing	Katrina Gersie
Dance	SM
Drama	Matt Enhoffer
Fine Art	CD
Photography/Video	Kerri Blaine
Technical Theater	PG
Vocal Music	KR

- The following **High Point** students went to Sussex Middle School on April 28 to present to the 8th graders about drugs, peer issues, and life at High Point: **Monica Vatalaro, Joseph Leanzo, Nicole Schwartz, Alex Rubin, Stephanie Hicks, Nicole Monahan, Shannon Lista, and LC.**
- Congratulations to the following students for bringing **High Point** its second consecutive win at the Milford-Matamoras Tri-State Scholastic Bowl: **Austin Randazzo, Melissa Eng-Wong, and Katrina Gersie.** This is the first time that a team has won consecutive championships since High Point's win in 1990. High Point competed against a tournament of teams from around the tri-state area and defeated Pleasant Valley by a comfortable 100 point margin.
- Congratulations to the following students on their tremendous accomplishments at Princeton's Moot Court/ Debate Tournament that hosted more than 40 teams from New Jersey/ New York: **Austin Randazzo & Sara Tonnesen** finished as the #2 Team in the entire competition; **Kyle Carnahan** was chosen as the #1 Attorney; **Austin Randazzo** was chosen as the #3 Attorney; **Kyle Carnahan & Sarah Kuzmiak** finished #11 in the competition.
- The new Wantage branch of the Sussex County Library system has invited **High Point** art students to exhibit their work. The following students exhibited for the month of April: **CD**, fused glass pendent; **JN**, copper enameled necklace; **KR**, copper enameled necklace; **LS**, an extensive pottery collection; **James Yodice**, mixed metals broach; **DZ**, enameled copper necklace.
- The following is an update on our National Merit recipients: **Austin Randazzo** - winner of a \$2500 Scholarship; **Katelyn Hildebrand** – finalist. Students invited to participate in the 2005 National Merit Program are **AC, JD, Erika Klics, and BK.**
- The final status report for Governor's School 2004 is as follows: **SM**, Finalist – Visual Arts, College of New Jersey; **Jessica Arnold**, Finalist – Piano, College of New Jersey; **Erin Whelan**, First Alternate – Brass, College of New Jersey; **Joe Havelin**, Finalist – Environment, Richard Stockton College; **Sara Tonnesen**, Finalist – Public Issues, Monmouth University.
- Creative Writing Workshop students **Kristen Brady, Katrina Gersie, CL, LM, and Monica Vatalaro** had pieces of poetry and prose selected for display at this year's Teen Arts Festival. **CL's** poetry was then chosen to move on to the State Teen Arts Festival.
- On Wednesday, April 29th, twenty-six members of **Heather Strout's** Creative Writing and Creative Writing Workshop classes hosted **Lynn Panico's** fourth grade class (from the Wantage School) for an afternoon of nature poetry. Students composed and illustrated pieces of original poetry based on their surroundings.

ATHLETICS:

- **Chris Kappelmier** and **High Point's Varsity Baseball Team** are ranked 4th in the North I Group 3 State Tournament. On May 17, the team will play Garfield at **High Point**. On May 18, the team will go against Walkkill Valley, which could be the deciding game for winning the league.
- **High Point's Girls' Track Team** has a great record so far this season with 7 wins and 1 loss.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- On Thursday, April 29th, **Bill Bauer**, Supervisor of English, attended a workshop sponsored by The Princeton Review entitled Take a Bite Out of The New Jersey PSAT and SAT. Representatives from The Princeton Review provided a comprehensive overview of the significant changes to both the PSAT and the SAT.
- During the May **Inservice** day, teachers in the **Mathematics** and **Science** departments, and science and math teachers in the **Special Education** department participated in a workshop on Cooperative Learning, facilitated by Hector Lopez from Rutgers University. Mr. Lopez has had extensive experience in the utilization of cooperative learning in the high school classroom. By participating in a series of activities, with Mr. Lopez modeling the teacher's role in the classroom, teachers were shown methods for successfully implementing cooperative learning in the classroom.
- **Linda Abrams** and **Dorothy Sasaki** recently attended the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics national convention in Philadelphia. They attended several workshops on integrating the graphing calculator into the curriculum and training in the use of the new TI-84+ graphing calculator. They took advantage of a free "trade in" opportunity provided by Texas Instruments to exchange the department TI-83 overhead calculators for the new TI-84+. They also visited Strath Haven High School to observe classes using the Interactive Mathematics Program (IMP). **High Point** has just begun the IMP program as an alternative academic math sequence. Strath Haven High School has enthusiastically adopted that program for all students. This forum provided a sound opportunity to share concerns and discuss teaching strategies.

STAFF RECOGNITION:

- **High Point Regional High School**, in cooperation with the **Wantage** and **Sussex Fire Departments** and **First-Aid Squads**, **New Jersey State Police**, **Sussex County Sheriff's Department**, **Saint Claire's Mobile Intensive Care Unit**, and **North STAR Airmedical Program**, conducted a mock accident on May 4, 2004. The event was staged to show students the consequences of drinking and driving. Other contributors to the event were **MADD**, **Sussex-Wantage Municipal Alliance**, and numerous **HPRHS** staff and student volunteers who acted as participants.
- **Brian Drelick** was awarded the **New Jersey High School Technology Education Teacher Excellence Award** by the Technology Educators Association of NJ at their state conference on May 6, 2004.
- **Heather Strout** received a full scholarship to attend a week-long creative writing workshop in July at the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, Massachusetts. The scholarship, offered by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, was given to twenty teachers throughout the state of New Jersey.

MEDIA RECOGNITION:

- [The New Jersey Herald, May 11, 2004: Wildcats hold off No. 1 Spartans in SCIL Baseball](#)
- [The New Jersey Herald, May 11, 2004: High Point stuns Sparta in SCIL Softball](#)
- [The New Jersey Herald, May 6, 2004: High Point wins SCIL hurdle relay race](#)
- [The New Jersey Herald, May 5, 2004: High Point district tackles the issues](#)
- [The New Jersey Herald, May 3, 2004: High Point has successful TSA conference](#)
- [The New Jersey Herald, May 2, 2004: Wildcats upset No. 4 Lions](#)
- [The Star-Ledger, May 5, 2004: A Prom Nightmare: Mock accident in Wantage](#)
- [The Advertiser-News North, April 29, 2004: Youth Tour Students selected for D.C. Trip](#)
- [The New Jersey Herald, April 29, 2004: Wildcats stun Patriots](#)
- [The Advertiser-News North, April 27, 2004: High Point artists represented at county's Teen Arts Festival](#)
- [The Advertiser-News North, April 22, 2004: High Point English teacher to go to Japan on Fulbright Scholarship](#)

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

- **Faculty Attendance** rate for the month of April was 97.3%
- **Student Attendance** rate for the month of April was 96.0%

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- A half-day staff **Inservice** will be held on Monday, June 21, 2004.
- On Friday, May 28th, from 7-10 pm, the **Calliope** staff will be hosting a benefit coffeehouse/open mic to celebrate the publication of this year's literary magazine. The event will take place in the library; refreshments will be served. All proceeds will go to the Augusta chapter of *Relay for Life*.