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## HIGH POINT HIGHLIGHTS - AN INSIDE LOOK

April 25, 2005

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### STUDENT RECOGNITION:

- **Berkeley College** presented the Berkeley Awards for Business students on April 10. This year's recipients were **GM** for Outstanding Student and **Sarah Courter** for Perseverance. Only two students from each school are selected to receive these awards.
- **Chad Philip**, a freshman in Computer Tech I, presented his web page to the Computer Education Special Ed class. He goes into the class each season to update them on the forecast for the season. The students then create a flyer with Chad's weather predictions and other weather-related information.
- **FBLA** Students placed well in the in Regional Competition. **Derek Perry** took 6th Place in Marketing and **Benjamin Rose** placed 5th in Technology Concepts.
- **The Debate Team** competed at the Princeton Moot Court and were the dominant team of over 60 teams from around the Northeastern US. All four High Point teams placed in the top 20; three teams made the playoffs; two of the four faced each other in the semi-finals. **Jen Wejsa** and **Ray Thompson** finished in 4th place overall; **Julie Anderson** and **Sara Tonnesen** lost in a tie-breaker in the finals. **Julie** and **Sara** lost by ½ point from a total of over 600 points accumulated over the two-day competition. This is the second year in a row that **Sara Tonnesen** has lost in the finals-- needless to say a phenomenal achievement. **Ray Thompson** was chosen as the 4<sup>th</sup> place overall attorney.
- The annual **National Honor Society Blood Drive** was held on April 6. Seventeen and eighteen year old students signed up for appointments during their lunch period. A total of 118 pints of blood were collected.
- Student artwork from the **New Jersey State Teen Arts Touring Exhibit** will be on display at Stark & Stark from April 4 through June 3. Stark & Stark, one of the largest law firms in central New Jersey, is hosting the show as part of their more than 70-year commitment to the community. **Sarah Schlesinger**, class of 2004, is part of this touring exhibit of NJ's best visual art.
- The **Honors Pre-Calculus** class, led by **Nicole Monahan**, sponsored a food drive for **Harvest House** from April 4 - 22. They collected non-perishable food items in front of the Main Office each day. Thanks to all who made donations.
- Please congratulate the following students for earning the State Championship in the annual **Odyssey of the Mind Challenge** held in Ewing, NJ. After finishing second in the qualifying tournament last month, the group competed against three of the other top schools in the state and earned First Place. They have now qualified for the **World Championships** this May in Boulder, Colorado. The students are as follows: **Nick Aromando, GE, Neil Kornutick, JF, and PS.**
- In recognition of the National Education Association's "Read Across America" initiative to promote reading, the following **PRIDE** students were excused for 4 periods on April 19 to go to the Clifton E. Lawrence School where they read selections and acted out scenes from Dr. Seuss for the 1st and 2nd graders: **JD, RG, Jane Granville, Stephanie Hicks, Glen Karnas, LL, Tiffany Lin, Katie Mills, Matthew Mitra, CT, Tori Theese, EV, Katie Walton, and Jackie Witt.**
- Forty-seven students in the **Department of Engineering and Technological Studies** compete in this year's **New Jersey State TSA Conference** at The College of New Jersey on April 14. High Point earned **12 top 3 finishes**, the strongest finish our school has had at this event. Winners of competitive events were as follows:  
Manufacturing Prototype, State Champions - **Nick Eckert, Gabe Eljdid, and EM**; CAD 3D Engineering, 3rd Place - **JP Noon**; 2D Architecture Animation, State Champion - **FA**; Robotics, State Champions - **Nick Aromondo and Jon Dolan**; Flight Endurance, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - **Dan Klaus and Kyle Muzer**; Career Comparisons, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - **Stephanie DeFeo and Michelle Vroegindewey**; Cyberspace Pursuit, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - **Kurt Kohle**; 2D Architecture Design, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - **Tom Kolicko**; Tech Bowl, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - **Nicole Finigan, Laura Jean Gasperino, and Gabe Eljdid**; Medical Technology-3<sup>rd</sup> Place - **Dana Corriere, CB, and EM**; Flight Endurance, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - **Adam Olson and Sean Szyani**; Technology Systems, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - **Laura Bradfield, Alyssa Ciesla, and Noel Inglin**; High Point Structural Design Competition, 1<sup>st</sup> Place - **Theresa Mobilio and Danielle Gabriele.**

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### ATHLETICS:

- Please congratulate the following Boys' Basketball team members on their recent acknowledgments: **Chris Bentson** - NJ Herald All-Area ( Honorable Mention), All-SCIL Senior Team; **EC** - NJ Herald All-Area (2<sup>nd</sup> Team), Star Ledger (All West Jersey Team), All-SCIL (1<sup>st</sup> Team); **MK** - NJ Herald All-Area (2<sup>nd</sup> Team), All-SCIL (Honorable Mention).
- Congratulations to **Eric Carlson**. He was chosen by the Star Ledger as **West Jersey Coach of the Year** and has done a great job with the Swim team.
- **The Easter 5K Run**, sponsored by the Wrestling team, took place on March 26, 2005. Several High Point students and faculty took part in this exciting race. Winning the Women's Division was senior **Dana Corriere**, while freshman **Samantha Brummell** finished a close second. **CL** and **Josh Brands** placed second and fourth in the men's division, respectively. Thank you to all runners, sponsors, and other volunteers. Pictures and results can be seen on the Wantage Township web site, [www.Wantagetwp.com](http://www.Wantagetwp.com).

### STAFF RECOGNITION:

- High Point Regional High School is pleased to announce that **Ms. Jeanne Heinke** has been selected as the Samaritan Lodge #98 (Free and Accepted Masons - Hardyston Lodge) **2005 Educator of the Year**. Jeanne is now eligible for the District One selection process. The selected New Jersey Masonic Educator of the Year will be announced later in April and will be presented with a \$5,000 grant. Congratulations to Jeanne for her many years of love and service to High Point students and the community.
- **Chris Dexter** attended the **NJEC** conference for Macromedia DreamWeaver and Flash.
- **Joe Portello** and **Kevin Fenlon** participated in a Media conference at MSU.
- **Brian Drelick** recently received the **2005 High School Teacher Excellence Award** from the International Technology Education Association (ITEA) in Kansas City, MO.
- **Diane Mulford** received a "Connecting the Dots" scholarship for the Fall 2005 semester at SCCC. This scholarship is awarded to a matriculated student with a high GPA who is majoring in Liberal Arts and Education.

### MEDIA RECOGNITION:

- **Country Kids**, April 2005 - Extraordinary Teens - EV and Shari Wejsa
- **New Jersey Herald**, April 21, 2005 - Mall Plan Complete - HPRHS School possible site for public hearing
- **USA Weekend**, April 15-17, 2005 - Make a Difference Day Awards - Joan Smith's Special Education class, HPRHS
- **New Jersey Herald**, April 17, 2005 - High Point class gains recognition
- **Advertiser-News North**, April 14, 2005 - Mind Odyssey leads team to national finals
- **Advertiser-News North**, April 14, 2005 - Boys' Tennis - Kyle Iturralde led by example
- **Advertiser-News North**, April 14, 2005 - High School baseball - MF blasted a grand slam
- **New Jersey Herald**, April 14, 2005 - High Point presents new budget
- **New Jersey Herald**, April 12, 2005 - High Point wins state title in mind challenge
- **New Jersey Herald**, April 11, 2005 - Sussex-Wantage repairs top candidates' concerns
- **New Jersey Herald**, April 11, 2005 - High Point is alive with 'The Sound of Music'
- **New Jersey Herald**, April 10, 2005 - High Point art on display at Blairstown Gallery 23
- **New Jersey Herald**, April 10, 2005 - Fitzpatrick, High Point girls finish fourth at Ranger Relays
- **New Jersey Herald**, April 8, 2005 - High Point team takes Odyssey
- **New Jersey Herald**, April 6, 2005 - High Point Regional High School - Activities Shape Well-Rounded Students
- **New Jersey Herald**, April 6, 2005 - Group backs school budget
- **New Jersey Herald**, April 1, 2005 - On Your Marks - Tracy Fitzpatrick is the Sussex Co. record-holder in 400 hurdles
- **New Jersey Herald**, March 24, 2005 - Scorers dominate First Team All-Area
- **Advertiser-News North**, March 24, 2005 - Students share monarch experiences