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## HIGH POINT HIGHLIGHTS - AN INSIDE LOOK

March 28, 2005

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### STUDENT RECOGNITION:

- **Diane Sorchik's** art student **SH**, and **Lance Sorchik's** art student **Leah Jones** have both been honored by The Art Educators of New Jersey. Their artwork has been selected for the state student exhibit this year and was exhibited in Goldfinch Square and the Annex Tunnel in the Trenton State House, Trenton, NJ. A reception was held to honor the high school students.
- **Shari Wejsa** has been awarded the **Sussex County School Administrators and Supervisors Association Teaching Incentive Scholarship** for \$500.00, and will also be featured in the April edition of Country Kids along with **EV**.
- Congratulations to **Sara Tonnesen** for receiving the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award. She will be attending a luncheon on April 15th at the Sheraton Hotel in Edison to receive the award.
- High Point did a great job at this year's **Chalkwalk!** There were 3 themes: Progress, Unity/Diversity, and Global Responsibility. The competition was tough this year. The judges award only one first prize for each theme and four overall Honorable Mentions. We were awarded an Honorable Mention! This was an important event for our artstudents who are choosing art as their course of study. Schools from all over New Jersey came to this unique and important event. This event not only is a venue for arts competition, but also a valuable tool for character education. Art has a voice and we were glad to use ours! Go to the mall and check out all the great art. Our mural is near Lord and Taylor and depicts an updated version of Picasso's Guernica. **SM** and **MS** led our team. Please congratulate them for their excellent work!
- The following students participated in the **DECA State** competition in Cherry Hill from March 16 - March 18: **Lauren Abati, Kristin Auberger, Derek Bonham, AC, KC, Sarah Courter, JD, Nicole Finigan, PG, Kerry Geddis, Sarah Manning, GM, AM, James Penhaker, Derek Perry, MR, AW, KW, and JV**.
- The following members of **FBLA** participated in the STATE FBLA Competitions in Edison, NJ from March 15 - 17: **KC, Rob Longo, Zachary Hall, Derek Perry, KM, Benjamin Rose, and Frank Mobilio**.
- In celebration of spring, a few of our track athletes were invited to run in the annual **American Cancer Society Daffodil Run** on March 16. The following students ran with daffodils from school to St. Clare's Hospital and they had an opportunity to meet with patients while distributing them: **Dana Corriere, KB, Heather Cecchini, Meghan Rath, MS, Keith Williamson, and Chris Vesper**.
- On February 28, the **Morris Museum** selected 56 works of art from among the 506 pieces juried from around the state for their annual Fresh Perspectives high school art exhibit. Two of our eight submissions were chosen to be part of this prestigious collection of outstanding student works for the 04-05 school year. **SM** and **MS** will be among the top talents from around the state exhibiting at the Morris Museum from April 5 through June 12, 2005.

### ATHLETICS:

- In honor of **David Zabriskie** and his individual accomplishment in becoming **New Jersey State Wrestling Champion** at 215 pounds, High Point held a David Zabriskie Day. On Friday, March 18, in honor of David, we held a jeans day and everyone wore school colors. This is only the third time in the history of High Point Regional High School that one of our students has become State Champion. **Fred Swanson** did it in 1972, **John Gardner** in 1990, and now **David Zabriskie** in 2005. Please be sure to congratulate David, as well as **RF**, when you see them for their individual accomplishments at Atlantic City. Ryan placed 4th at the State Wrestling

Championships in the 119 pound class. This is a great honor for our school and we are extremely proud of them.

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### ATHLETICS: (continued)

- Please congratulate the following members of the **Girls' Varsity Basketball team** on their selections to the following teams: **SCIL All League - LB** (3rd Selection to the team) and **TK. Aimee Stormes** earned an Honorable Mention.
- Congratulations to the following High Point student members of the 2005 **All SCIL Bowling team**: **DL** and **Jason Palladino** (Honorable Mention); **SCIL Sportsmanship: Andrew Malone.**
- Congratulations to **RF** and **Dave Zabriskie** for becoming Regional Champions and competing in Atlantic City at the State Wrestling Championships. This is a tremendous accomplishment. Congratulations to their coaches, **John Gardner, Mickey Thomas, Mark Veltri, and Ben Kappler** on doing a great job.
- Please congratulate the following swimmers for making the **1st Team All-SCIL Swimming**:  
Boys - **TP, GE, Danny Marks, Dan Klaus, Mike Klics, Dominic Fasino, SM, and Corbin Opilla** (Honorable Mention);  
Girls - **Dana Corriere, MD, Nicole Ferlo, JG, CT, RF, RG, and KM** (Honorable Mention).

### STAFF RECOGNITION:

- We are very proud and pleased to announce that **Melanie LiTrenta** has been selected as High Point's 2005-06 **Teacher of the Year.**
- As a finalist for the **Princeton Distinguished Teacher** award, **Mary Hassenplug** was visited by a representative from Princeton University on March 29, 2005. During the course of his visit, Mr. Drewry interviewed students, colleagues, and members of the Administration regarding Mary's role in the High Point community.

### MEDIA RECOGNITION:

- **The Advertiser-News North**, March 24, 2005 - Theresa Riccardi named outstanding teacher
- **The Advertiser-News North**, March 24, 2005 - Shari Wejsa cited as outstanding student
- **The Advertiser-News North**, March 24, 2005 - LiTrenta chosen Teacher of the Year
- **The New Jersey Herald**, March 24, 2005 - Student urges budget vote
- **The Star Ledger**, March 23, 2005 - At the language café, kids are feasting on Italian
- **The New Jersey Herald**, March 22, 2005 - LB, High Point Scholar Athlete
- **The New Jersey Herald**, March 20, 2005 - TP, 200 Individual medley
- **The New Jersey Herald**, March 20, 2005 - Danny Marks, 500 Freestyle
- **The New Jersey Herald**, March 14, 2005 -State Champs
- **The New Jersey Herald**, March 14, 2005 -Zabriskie joins ranks of High Point champs
- **The New Jersey Herald**, March 13, 2005 - Vallimont, Zabriskie both earn spots in state finals
- **The New Jersey Herald**, March 6, 2005 - Seven area wrestlers capture Region 1 titles
- **The Advertiser News North**, March 3, 2005 - LB ranks #4 in class of 265

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

- The Spring Term of High Point's **Adult Education Program** has begun with a student population of 167 and classes ranging from Beginner Dog Training to SAT Prep.
- Seven staff members attended technology workshops sponsored by the **New Jersey Educational Computing Consortium** at Montclair State College. **Nancy Cooke, Kevin Perry, Kevin Fenlon, Mark Wallace, Janice Mezier, Joe Portello** and **Chris Dexter** participated in

workshops ranging from "Using the iSight Camera in the Classroom" to "Creating Online Classrooms." Hands-on workshops in iMovie and Final Cut were also provided.