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# HIGH POINT HIGHLIGHTS - AN INSIDE LOOK

## January 16, 2006

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### STUDENT RECOGNITION:

- **Brian Drelick's** Power, Energy and Transportation Technology III/IV Honors class came in 2nd in New Jersey out of 30 schools in the Lego Mind Storm, Computer Programming, Robot competition. Their robot completed the course and earned them a robotics kit valued at nearly \$250. Student designers were as follows: **Mark Andersen, Neil Kornutick, MN, Jon Dolan, Tom Hull, ES, Laura Jean Gasperino, Nicole Finigan, Dan Clifford, Kyle Demarest, Dillon Dean, MS, and AM.**
- Freshman **Warren Potter** placed 9th out of more than 900 teams in the North Atlantic Region for the Stock Market Game DECA competition (Fall 2005), and has qualified for the **National DECA Competition** in Dallas this spring.
- Congratulations to **Ron Hoffman's** Entrepreneurship and Business Administration classes, who finished 10th in the state out of 250 in the Stock Market Game conducted by The New Jersey Council on Economic Education.
- **Computer Applications II** students, under the tutelage of **Melanie LiTrenta**, are publishing new Roadkill menus. They are being assisted by **Sandy Sullivan's** special education students, who are laminating the new colorful menus. **Computer Apps II** students also published the Senior Citizen prom programs. They designed, proofread, edited, printed, folded, and met deadlines as they accomplished this task.
- On November 4, 2005, **Women in Engineering** students visited NJIT for its annual "**Engineering Career Day**". The program is designed to give high school students, especially juniors and seniors, an opportunity to explore options in six diverse engineering fields. Students were escorted throughout the campus and were able to meet with currently enrolled engineering students and faculty. In addition, there was a series of workshops that ran concurrently with these student tours, oriented to both teachers and guidance counselors; professional development credits were awarded. One of the workshops dealt with the newest method of providing information to students: Podcasting.
- The following **Model Congress** members attended Party Day in Trenton on Friday, January 13: **Elizabeth Bellush, Cathy Coloccia, DD, Jenna Gersie, Monroe Graham, Jane Granville, Glen Karnas, Jesse Lerch, Tiffany Lin, Shannon Lista, Nicole Monahan, Jon Panico, Ben Rose, Andrew Sigerson, CS, Hayley Tamburello, Victoria Theese, Ray Thompson, William Stumpf, CT, Dan Valdes, Keith Veenhuizen, and Katie Walton.**
- The following students competed at the regional **FBLA** competitions at Mercer County Community College on Thursday, January 5: **Andy Beltran, KM, Lauren Bieber, Frank Mobilio, JB, DM, Steve Braun, Caitlyn O'Leary, Marie Brewer, Cal Perry, KC, Derek Perry, JD, Erika Raye, Brandon Decker, Stephanie Defeo, Ben Rose, TD, AS, RF, Michael Saporito, PG, MS, Zach Hall, SS, Ashley Kobylarz, Amy Wilson, TL, Rob Longo, and GM.**
- Congratulations are in order for **BD**, who was approved by the BSA Patriot Path Council to receive the BSA's highest rank of Eagle Scout.
- The following students competed in the **New Jersey Science Olympiad** competition at Montclair State University on January 12: **Amanda Swanson, BO, Keith Veenhuizen, SS, Alec Randazzo, Will Porter, Ryan Slate, Eric Brands, KC, Nicole Monahan, and TM.**

### STAFF RECOGNITION:

- **Jill Schafer** attended the **NJEA Convention** in Atlantic City on November 10 and 11. Jill attended five workshops over the course of the two days. On Thursday, Jill began the day with Using Graphic Organizers to Enhance Students' Organizational Skills where she learned interesting new uses for graphic organizers. She then attended The Real World: Journalism in a Diverse Classroom, where she exchanged ideas with Journalism teachers from all over the state. The day ended with Grab Their Attention! Motivating Students to Care About the Classics, a great discussion of curriculum and lesson sharing. On Friday, Jill attended two workshops, Teaching Responsibility to Students Using Choice Theory, followed by Inner Strength Tools for Preteens. According to Jill, "It's great to have the opportunity to talk with teachers from all over New Jersey, exchange email addresses, and share ideas."

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### STAFF RECOGNITION: (cont'd)

- Congratulations are in order for **Mark Wallace**, who received **The International Technology Education Association Distinguished Technology Educator Award**. ITEA's Distinguished Technology Educator (DTE) designation is a coveted mark of distinction in technology education. It recognizes technology educators who have demonstrated a high level of competence and conscientiousness in the field of technology education. ITEA created the Distinguished Technology Educator (DTE) program to provide a means for recognizing outstanding performance and accomplishments in the field of professional technology education. As one of the highest honors for professional achievement in technology education, the DTE designation recognizes the achievements of technology educators. Consideration for the award is based upon documented evidence of leadership/management skills, continuing participation in association education programs, and demonstration of leadership in association, community, and personal activities. The program acknowledges the essential principles of adult learning. It incorporates recognition and credit for work experiences and other accomplishments into the process as well. The program recognizes those areas of technology education the DTE Board has determined to be most reflective of successful professional attainment.
- **Dan Muller** received his MA in Technology Education from Ball State University in Indiana.
- World Languages teacher **Karen Kozlowski** was nominated by a former student and recognized as an "Unsung Hero" by St. Michael's College in Vermont.

### ATHLETICS:

- Please congratulate **Andrew Malone**, a sophomore, for bowling a perfect 300 game against Newton on December 21. It was the last game of the night and there were more than 100 silent people in the lanes as they watched Andrew complete only the second 300 game in SCIL history and the first ever for a High Point student. This is a phenomenal achievement and he should be quite proud.
- Please congratulate **Dan McBride**, who was the recipient of the Sportsmanship Award from rival Jefferson High School at a ski race on January 5. He was chosen for an outstanding display of sportsmanship and fine play. He will be receiving a t-shirt which says "Pursuing Victory with Honor" and a congratulatory letter from the Athletic Director at Jefferson High School. Incidentally, Dan didn't win the race, or even come close. He actually blew out of the bottom part of the course, spun out, and had to scramble to get back in so he could finish. His second run was superb, but losing so many seconds cost him a shot at the top ten. Apparently, many are watching when we don't realize it, because real sportsmanship comes through when you're fighting for survival, and not when winning comes easily.

### MEDIA RECOGNITION:

- **The New Jersey Herald**, January 13, 2006 - It's Showtime - SCIL's best team takes on its most surprising team
- **The New Jersey Herald**, January 13, 2006 - High Point teacher receives Technology Educator Award
- **Advertiser-News North**, January 12, 2006 - High Point students take second place in robot competition
- **Advertiser-News North**, January 12, 2006 - Teacher gets "Distinguished Educator" award
- **The New Jersey Herald**, January 10, 2006 - Coach of the Week - Chris Dexter
- **The New Jersey Herald**, January 1, 2006 - Two area wrestlers win it all
- **Advertiser-News North**, December 29, 2005 - High marks for High Point
- **The New Jersey Herald**, December 22, 2005 - Let state force school repairs

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- High Point Regional will host the **Technology Educators Association of New Jersey** general membership meeting on January 26, 2006. Over 50 educators from around the state are expected to attend to learn about our Communication Technology, CADD, Architectural Design, and Biotechnology course offerings.

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

- The **Joint Regional Board Curriculum** meeting was held with board members from the sending districts, superintendents, principals, business administrators, and the curriculum directors attending. Presentations were given regarding the High Point curriculum in Social Studies and Health and Physical Education by supervisors **Joseph Santora** and **Dan Pecoriello**. Curriculum Director **Janice Mezier** presented the Regional Study Skills Curriculum, which was developed to encompass grades K-12. This meeting was a wonderful opportunity for the boards to hear about regional curriculum articulation and the transition from the middle schools to the high school.
- A design for the cover of the **High Point Adult Education** brochure by Art student **Ashley Santana** was chosen to be used on the **Spring 2006** edition. This will be the first time a new student design will be used. Over 11,000 copies of the brochure will be mailed to members of the surrounding communities.
- On November 28, a member of the New Jersey Society of CPAs came to speak to Janice Hennings' Accounting I, II, and III classes. **Brad Muniz**, a CPA from in Livingston, NJ, gave a presentation and facilitated a question/answer session about the accounting profession. He gave an overview of the educational requirements needed to be an accountant, the process of earning the CPA certificate, as well as information regarding various accounting careers (Forensic Accounting, Tax Accountant, FBI).
- Morristown High School and Northern Highlands Regional High School visited our **Technology Education Department** to get ideas for curriculum development in their districts.