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# HIGH POINT HIGHLIGHTS - AN INSIDE LOOK

## February 2007

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### STUDENT RECOGNITION:

- The artwork of **Samantha Brummell** and **Nicole Finigan** has been chosen for the cover design of the Technology Educators Association of New Jersey's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Technology Conference and Expo registration and PR packet. These packets will go out to over 2,000 teachers around the United States.
- Congratulations are in order for **Dave Berardi** and **Ben Rose** for earning the rank of Eagle Scout.
- High Point's **Engineering Design Technology III** class won a State Championship at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual **Roborocks Challenge** on December 18, 2006, at Middlesex County Community College. With this year's theme being "Engineers without Borders," this class of twenty students was charged with the responsibility of developing a solution to provide relief to some less fortunate countries from around the world. The students were given seven weeks to program and build a LEGO NXT mobile robot using a microcomputer and compatible software. In addition, course design, aesthetics, documentation, compromise, and an oral presentation were required in order to fully meet the specifications outlined in the design brief. High Point competed against twenty-five other schools from New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut in this regional competition sponsored by the New Jersey Center for Advanced Technological Education. The students were recognized with the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy and a complimentary NXT Mindstorms kit at a post-competition ceremony on campus. Competing students included: **Mark Andersen, Greg Aromando, Dave Brennan, Samantha Brummell, Dillon Dean (Captain), Eric Decker, Nicole Finigan, Laura-Jean Gasperino, NJ, Dan Klaus, Kurt Kohle, MN, Corbin Opilla, Mike Outer, AR, Brandon Reyngoudt, Ryan Slate, Tom Spellmon, Steve Trudgen, and Michelle Vroegindewey.**
- On February 15, **High Point's Music Department** held their annual District Band Concert in the auditorium. A select group of elementary students from Sussex, Frankford, Lafayette, Northwest Christian, and Sussex Christian Schools performed together for the first time. The concert ended with a combined band consisting of students from grades six to twelve. Admission was free and open to all.

### STAFF RECOGNITION:

- Best wishes and congratulations to **Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Strehl** on the birth of their daughter on February 9.
- Supervisor **Mark Wallace** procured a donation of 4600 sq. ft. of laminated sheet goods valued at over \$6000 from Mielach Woodwork Co. The materials will be used in our woods program and for projects around the school.
- **Mark Wallace** was invited to a February 8 Luncheon Reception for Shinae Chun. Ms. Chun was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the 15<sup>th</sup> Director of the Women's Bureau. Serving under the Secretary of Labor, Ms. Chun is the President's highest ranking Korean American appointee, and heads the only Federal agency charged with advocating on behalf of women in the workforce. She has been selected to receive the Korean Broadcasting System 14<sup>th</sup> Overseas Korean Compatriot Award based on her work for the political/economic empowerment of women and Asian Americans. She stated, "I am proud of the work of the Women's Bureau, and we could not have accomplished what we did without your tireless contributions and commitment." She is referring to our use of Girls E-mentoring in the Science Engineering and Technology program, and the development of our Women in Engineering course. This group helped Mr. Wallace with the development of WIE.
- **Steven Peltier** has begun work on his Master's Degree in Technological Studies at Ball State University.
- **Marx Reynoso**, High Point's new programming teacher, recently gave a presentation to the Business Studies Department on how to use "Alice," a programming program.
- **Dan Muller** has received a \$1600 grant from the Captain Planet Foundation for work in the Biotechnology course.
- **Mark Wallace** presented High Point's **Technological Studies Program** at the regional meeting of the New Jersey **Society of Professional Engineers Conference** in Tom's River.
- **Heather Strout** has begun work on her Master's Degree in English at Centenary College.

### ATHLETICS:

- Congratulations to the **Boys' Swim Team** for taking **1st place** at the SCIL Festival. It came down to the final relay and we blew Pope John out of the water to win the event by one point. Also, the **Girls' Swim Team** took 2nd in an outstanding performance.
- Congratulations to the **Wrestling Team** for their performance this season. They fell to Ocean in the semi-finals of the Group 3 Championship.

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### ATHLETICS: (CONTINUED)

- **Austin Bentson** has been named High Point's Athlete of the Month for January!
- Congratulations to the **Boys'** and **Girls' Swim Teams** for their great seasons and their efforts against Pope John.
- Congratulations to High Point's **Wrestling Team** for their victory over Newton and for capturing the **2006-2007 SCIL Wrestling** title!
- **Jon Tallamy's Boys' Basketball Team** defeated Kittatinny on January 30 and secured a spot at the States!

### MEDIA RECOGNITION:

- The New Jersey Herald**, February 11, 2007 - "Flying to First, High Point boys take first, girls second"
- The New Jersey Herald**, February 11, 2007 - "Wildcats have 'Vealey' good day"
- The New Jersey Herald**, February 11, 2007 - "Wildcats chasing history"
- The New Jersey Herald**, February 11, 2007 - "Bloustein scholars"
- The New Jersey Herald**, February 11, 2007 - "High Point keeps on rolling"
- The New Jersey Herald**, February 9, 2007 - "High Point has no trouble advancing to semis"
- The New Jersey Herald**, February 7, 2007 - "Dean's List"
- The New Jersey Herald**, February 7, 2007 - "Happy Family"
- The New Jersey Herald**, February 2, 2007 - "Head of the Class"
- The New Jersey Herald**, February 1, 2007 - "High Point cruises to victory"
- The New Jersey Herald**, January 31, 2007 - "Study Abroad"
- The New Jersey Herald**, January 30, 2007 - "High Point looks to make school history"
- The New Jersey Herald**, January 24, 2007 - "Wildcats set up SCIL showdown"
- The New Jersey Herald**, January 22, 2007 - "High Point gets revenge"
- The New Jersey Herald**, January 12, 2007 - "High Point Regional High School"

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- David Butler, Special Assistant in the Office of Educational Technology at the **U.S. Department of Education** in Washington, DC, would like to visit High Point to learn more about our Technology program and the skill sets we are teaching. They would like to meet with **Mark Wallace** to discuss our program and possibly observe a class.

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

- High Point faculty participated in a full day inservice in January. The professional development activities focused on departmental utilization of technology as a teaching tool and implementation of technology into each department's curriculum. The HAZCOM initial and refresher training was also given for identified faculty and staff.
- On January 29, High Point hosted the **Joint Regional Board of Education** curriculum meeting. The evening highlighted the development of regional initiatives in the Guidance Curriculum, the Instructional Technology Curriculum, and in the Gifted and Talented Programs. Members of the Sussex, Wantage, Frankford, and High Point Board of Education, as well as administrative representatives and the superintendents attended. Presentations were given by the curriculum directors and High Point department supervisors. It was a great opportunity to learn about the K-12 curriculum and how the districts are working together to ensure a quality program for our students.
- High Point department supervisors attended a workshop given by Curriculum Director **Janice Mezier** on interpreting the HSPA (High School Proficiency Assessment) data to identify student strengths and opportunities for improvement. Each supervisor received the October 2006 HSPA test data sheets and will now be able to work with their department teachers to use the information in their content areas.
- **Debbie Anderson, Bernadette Olsen, and Cathy Madaio** of the Home and Family Studies Department recently participated in a presentation on Fashion Tool Box, a fashion design software program developed by Color Matters International, Inc.
- **Dan Muller** was asked by the Delaware DOE to help write Tech Ed standards in the area of Biotechnology.
- Technology Education teachers from **Vernon Township High School** and **Walkkill Valley High School** recently visited High Point's **Technological Studies Program** to get ideas for starting similar programs at their schools.
- Joy Blum, English Supervisor at Walkkill Valley High School, recently visited **Jill Schafer** and **Heather Strout** to learn more about our school's newspaper ([The Monument](#)) and literary magazine ([Calliope](#)).