

# High Point Regional High School

## Department Highlights

June 2007

### Student Stars

- Please congratulate the barbershop quartet from the musical with the 5th voice of **Adam Carson** winning 1st place in the Wantage Talent Show. They will be performing and competing at the State Fair this summer in Augusta: **James McMaster, DM, Fehmi Yasin, KH** and **Adam Carson**.
- Please congratulate the following students on their excellent presentation of their research project at GE Healthcare. These students presented their research to scientists from Rutgers University and GE Healthcare. Their poster and school trophy is being displayed in the main office: **AC, DC, TM, KP,** and **Kim Rutledge**. These students were able to extract and identify a gene for cytochrome oxidase an enzyme used to produce ATP in the cell.
- **Mary Jean Lanzilotti** was selected as the recipient of the English Department Award for the 2006-2007 school year.
- **KB**, editor of the 2007 Calliope, High Point's literary magazine, unveiled the 2007 edition at the annual Calliope Coffee House on June 1, 2007. This year's edition reflects the largest publication of student work.
- Visual Art Students sophomore **Dilek Baykara** and senior **JK** volunteered to attend the **Frankford Township Dinner Dance** on June 2, and provided the students with caricature drawings throughout the night.
- Fine Art 3 students submitted logo designs for the Roadkill Café t-shirts. **NC's** logo was selected by 'client' Jennifer DeSaye. **Justin Kalaski** in Graphic Design 3 prepared the digital file for production.
- Twenty-one Fine Arts 3 students participated in the **Sussex County Fellowship for Animals** calendar art contest.
- At the **Buck's County High Drama Festival** on June 1, out of 10 productions, High Point's Performing Arts Students took top honors by receiving the **Best Production Award** for "Mirrors." Cast members were **Allison Miller, VC, Adam Carson, LC, NP, Bobby Texel, KH, Molly Gill, Monica Hahn, CB, Lenny Wolff, Kim Rutledge, Erin McCormick, Fehmi Yasin, DM, Noelle Krynicky,** and **MM**. Also at **Bucks, VC** received an **Excellence in Acting** award for her work in "Mirrors." **Caitlin O'Neill, James McMaster** and **Jaime Lesch** received critical praise for their performance in "The Librarian."
- The **Jazz Ensemble** performed at the annual Vernon "Jazz at the Flats" evening on June 7.
- The **Band** performed at graduation and was accompanied by the senior Chorus members.
- **Mike Remner** was recognized and awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce for his outstanding efforts and accomplishments while working for Houghton, Quarty and Warr Architects, his cooperative work study work site.
- The following FBLA students invited to Nationals in Chicago: **Ben Rose - Cybersecurity,** individual event; **Shannon Southard** and **SS - Desktop Publishing,** team event.
- Thirty-four **Special Education Students** graduated in the 2007 ceremony. Four Special Education Students participated in the ceremony but will remain with us until they are 21. This is a Best Practice we have implemented for many years, but will be mandated as an option for parents and students via a new state law recently enacted.
- Three **Special Education** students are returning to district after successfully completing programs in out of district placements.
- **SR** received a recognition award sponsored by the High Point Co-Op program.
- **Ben Van Wyk** was the recipient of the Social Studies Award.
- **Amanda Swanson** was awarded the Science Departments Senior Award as well as the Schering-Plough Student Research Award.
- **Michael Mina** and **Greg Perry** were named as Rotary Students of the Month for June.
- **Brittany Lebel** attended the Girls Career Institute at Douglass College.

- On June 30, 2007 26 students departed for a two week study abroad program in Madrid, Spain. The students will be receiving college credits and visiting a number of Spanish cities such as Barcelona, Segovia and Pamplona.
- The following students were nominated and selected to represent High Point at Rider College:
  - Girl's State – Sussex: **HK** and **Kelly Fedynich**;
  - Girl's State – Branchville: **MH** and **Elizabeth Ciccarella**;
  - Boy's State – Sussex: **VG** and **Ryan Slate**;
  - Boy's State – Branchville: **Derek Schwabe** and **Tahir Adiguzelli**.

### **Athletics**

- **Jim Abbot** and **Kyle Conklin** were chosen by the league's baseball coaches as 1st Team All-SCIL. Congratulations to both of them.
- Please congratulate **Will Porter** for his selection to the 2007 New Jersey Herald All-SCIL Tennis Team.
- **James Abbott** was named first team all-area and **Kyle Conklin** was named second team all-area. Congratulations for a job well done.
- Please congratulate the following Boys' Varsity Tennis Players for the recognition they received at the end of the season meeting: SCIL All League: **Will Porter** (2nd time), **Trevor Schneider**. Honorable Mention: **Jason McConville**.
- The Charles Pursell Memorial Award was received by **Austin Bentson** this year.
- The Health & Physical Education Award was presented to **SS**.
- The Outstanding Male and Female Athlete award went to **Austin Bentson** and **JG**.
- Scholar Athlete **LT** received \$1000.00 scholarship at the NJSIAA banquet from ShopRite.

### **Stellar Staff**

- **Richard Dolce** received the Dr. Robert J. Godfrey Commitment to Excellence Award at the annual retirement luncheon.
- **Richard Dolce** and **William E. Bauer** will retire this year. They will be greatly missed.
- **Mary Hassenplug** received her 20 year recognition plaque.
- Many Special Services Staff members attended the Graduation Ceremonies and several got to wear their Masters' robes for the first time; **Helen Woolley**, **Bonnie Puzio**, and **Denise Wilson**.
- **Jackie Sutton** has completed 20 years of service to the district.
- **Madelaine Travaille** and **Liana Heller** are participating with two students in the summer research program at Rutgers University

### **Professional Development**

- On June 26, 2007, **Rena Mills** and **Cari Bodnar-Keimel** attended a technology-based workshop on using Inspiration, a computer software program designed to assist students in organization and brainstorming techniques.
- **Mary Hassenplug** and **Heather Strout** both successfully completed graduate classes. Noah Klimas is currently taking a course in Educational Technology.
- **Mary Hassenplug** and **Cari Bodnar-Keimel** completed a workshop day on developing the CyberEnglish program at the tenth grade academic level.

### **What's News and Noteworthy (Curriculum and Program Development)**

- On June 15, 2007, the English Department established new core works for the realignment of the department's curriculum.
- The required 2007 **New Jersey Department of Education Technology Survey Report** was completed and submitted to the state. This survey lists High Point's technology use in 2006-2007.

- High Point has submitted eleven **Advanced Placement** course syllabi to the College Board for approval in the AP Audit process. It is now necessary for all high school Advanced Placement courses to receive AP approval and be recognized as having a high school program that meets the College Board criteria. Students will need to be enrolled in a College Board approved course in order to be eligible to receive AP designation on their transcript.
- New **Special Education** courses in development for 2008-09 School year are: Resource Forensic Science, Resource Environmental Science, and Landscape Design.
- A new **Social Studies** course for the fall of 2007 will be *Comparative Religions*.
- **David Kientzler** will be attending the AP Chemistry Summer Professional Development in Vermont.
- The Science Department has hired **Colleen Parriott** to teach College Prep Chemistry beginning in September.
- The College Prep Chemistry B Curriculum is being revised for 2007-2008 to include a new textbook, *Living by Chemistry*. This new series will enable the teachers and students to apply their chemistry knowledge to everyday problems.
- All of the Biology teachers will be meeting in August to align their curricula to the proposed new end of year course assessment.
- **Faye Paskas, Amy Librizzi, Kelly Reynolds** and **Marc Russell** led 26 students on a study abroad trip to Spain. While there, the teachers are taking graduate level courses at the Universidad Complutense in Madrid.

### Upcoming Events

- An evening College Fair and college program "Pathways to Your Future" for parents and students is planned for October 18, 2007. Details will follow in the September Guidance Newsletter.