

High Point Regional High School

Department Highlights

May 2007

Student Stars

- Two visual art students displayed their work at the **State Teen Arts Festival**. They were seniors **CT** and **MK**.
- Sophomore **Dilek Baykara's** artwork was selected for the cover of the Newton Courthouse **Public Gallery Exhibit** program. The closing reception was held May 30.
- Senior art exhibits displayed in the cafeteria annex concluded the last week of May.
- Forty-one Crafts 2 students displayed their Precious Metal Clay jewelry creations at the Wantage Library.
- The Band and Chorus held their **Spring Concert** May 10.
- The **Performing Arts Awards dinner** was held May 15 in the high school cafeteria.
- An Evening of Broadway and Jazz was held Monday, May 21. The cafeteria was rearranged in a club-like setting.
- The Chamber Singers received a combined score of 96.6 and a Gold Rating for their performance at the **Toronto Heritage Music Festival** May 12 and 13. The ensemble was also awarded Outstanding Choral Group for highest choral score and the Adjudicator's Award for favorite choral ensemble by the judges. Also, because their score exceeded 90, the Chamber Singers were invited to participate next year in the National Invitational Choral Festival of Gold.
- **MF** received the Math League award at the Academic Awards Ceremony. Michelle is a senior and will be attending NJIT in the fall. Michelle will also receive the department medal later this month, recognizing her as Math Student of the Year.
- **Amanda Swanson** came in first place in the county in the Bio II Merck State Science Day test on May 22.
- Congratulations to the following students for being selected to perform and compete in two act plays at the Bucks County High Drama Festival in New Hope, Pennsylvania, on June 1: **Allison Miller, VC, Adam Carson, LC, NP, Bobby Texel, KH, Monica Hahn, CB, Molly Gill, Lenny Wolff, Kim Rutledge, Erin McCormick, Fehmi Yasin, DM, James McMaster, Caitlin O'Neill, and Jaime Lesch.**
- Thanks to two of Lance Sorchik's Graphic Design 3 students for the wall art in the weight room. **TA** and **TB** accepted the 'job' from their 'client' Gib Carter to design and paint some fresh Wildcat pride. It looks great!
- **Mike Remner** was recognized and awarded a \$500.00 scholarship from the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce for his outstanding efforts and accomplishments in the cooperative work study program while working for Houghton, Quarty, and Warr Architects.
- High Point's FBLA students were invited to Nationals in Chicago, resulting in the following achievements: **Ben Rose** - Cybersecurity, individual event; **Shannon Southard** and **SS**: Desktop Publishing, team event.
- On Tuesday, May 15, the following FBLA students, in conjunction with the Wallkill Valley Rotary, participated in "shadowing" with an adult community member during their workday: **Amy Wilson, Meghan Crampton, AD, Zac Hall, JD, SP, Rachel Speer, SV, Shannon Southard, Ben Rose, Caitlin O'Leary, Brittany Singer, JB, MO, and JB.** The locations were Hamburg Vet Clinic, Hamburg Pre School, SCARC, Carl Nelson - Attorney, YMCA physical therapists, Earl Snook - Accountant, Sussex Hospital - various doctors and practitioners, Sussex Middle School - Special Education and Regular Education Teachers.
- Thirty TSA Students will be attending the TSA National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, from June 24 - 28, 2007.
- The following awards were given at the annual employer appreciation luncheon on May 17 at the Lafayette House. Outstanding Determination and Dedication to the Cooperative Work Study Program - **MB**; Marketing Cooperative Work Study Student of the Year-**JU**; Business Cooperative Work Study Student of the Year-**Keri Radimer**; Child Care Cooperative Work Study Student of the Year-**CK**. Ninety-three guests were in attendance this year.

- Please congratulate the following Boys' Track members for being selected to the All League team this year: **Ben VanWyk, Erik Brands; Corbin Opilla**-Honorable Mention. Also, **Erik Brands** competed in the Group 3 State meet in South Plainfield.
- Congratulations to the members of **High Point Theatre** who performed and competed at the **Bucks County High Drama Festival** on June 1. Out of 10 productions, High Point 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.** 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 World Languages Departmental Awards for 2007 are as follows: French - **KH**; German - **Lauren Tracy**; Italian - **AC**; Spanish - **Lauren Bieber**. The Overall Departmental Award goes to **KB**. All students will receive a certificate and a check for \$50.00. The overall winner also receives a medallion.

Athletics

- Baseball finished with a record of 12-14. They reached semi-finals in the SCIL Coaches' Tournament and lost 3-2 in nine innings to Vernon. **Jim Abbott** tied the school record with eight homeruns.
- Softball finished with a record of 11-9, with one of four pitchers tying the single game strikeout record of fifteen. The team finished in the Top Ten of West Jersey for The Star Ledger and finished fifth in the SCIL. Two players, **Lauren Fasano** and **MB**, were named to All-SCIL.
- Boys' Tennis finished 11-7 for the season and made States. They improved from last year's 4-11 record and achieved fourth place in the SCIL.
- Boys' Track finished 4-5 for the season. **Austin Bentson** broke the school triple jump record and finished 4th in SCIL Relays. **Erik Brands** jumped thirteen feet – one foot better than his previous best – to finish third in Sectionals.
- Girls' track finished with a record of 8-1 and achieved 2nd in the SCIL Relays. At the SCIL Festival, **Shannon McEvoy** broke the county triple jump record and won the long jump and 110 hurdles. **Stacey Lepes** broke twenty-five year-old school records for the 3200 as well as the 1600. Five athletes qualified for States.
- Golf finished 7-13 for the season. **Jeremy Quinn** finished 4th in Group 3 States and tied for 9th overall in State competition.

Stellar Staff

- Congratulations to **Janet Hayzler** and the **Cooperative Work Study Program** for receiving the Sussex County Economic Development Partnership, Inc. Award for Training and Workforce Development. The program was up against Achieve Business Solutions, MSI Services Inc., Project Self Sufficiency, SCCC Hospitality Program, and Sussex/Warren Human Resource Management. Great job, Janet!
- **Lance Sorchik** was honored for twenty-five years of service at the NJEA dinner on May 9.
- **Diane Sorchik** received the Sussex County Arts and Heritage Council Arts In Education Award 2007 on May 3 at the Senior Arts Awards Night.
- The College Board has announced that **Mary Hassenplug's** Advanced Placement English Language and Composition course has been accepted for the 2007-2008 academic year. The College Board applauds and recognizes Mary's effort to provide her students with the academic rigor and college-level experience that is the promise of AP. Congratulations Mary!
- Many thanks to **Cari Bodnar-Keimel, Mary Hassenplug, and Heather Strout** for the many hours they contributed to the department's Interview Committee. The three ladies spent many hours evaluating resumes and conducting a total of eight interviews. Their commitment to excellence is to be commended.
- **Mark Wallace, Brian Drelick, and Dan Muller** each received the Technology Educators Association of NJ **Image Award for 2007**. This award honors individuals within the membership of TEANJ who make a special effort that results in positive reflection of Technology Education outside of the profession. Whether it be through a single act or concentrated effort over a period of time,

these individuals are worthy of recognition as exceptional educators who realize that leadership and advocacy are needed for the profession beyond the walls of their classroom.

- **Brian Drelick** was elected to the office of Technology Educators Association of New Jersey as President for the 07-08 school year. Brian was also this year's Program Coordinator for the 2007 TEANJ State Technology Conference.
- **Christine Henry** was honored as the DAR Social Studies Teacher of the Year.

Professional Development

- **Vince Mohan and Margie Havens** attended the Sussex County Association of LDT-Cs workshop on new scoring procedures for the Woodcock-Johnson III Tests of Achievement.
- **Jeanne Heinke, Annette Notaro, Karen Jackson, and Jennifer DeSaye** went to Sussex-Wantage Schools to observe and discuss the new students moving up to the high school who have significant medical needs and will be participating in either the MD program or the MCI program.
- **Andrew Murray** attended the 5th Annual Suicide Prevention Conference that specifically addressed new approaches to assessing and preventing suicide in schools.
- **Sandy Sullivan** attended seminars on NJ Child Labor Laws, Regulations, and Hazardous Orders; Federal Wage and Hour Child Labor Laws, Regulations, and Hazardous Orders; and NJ Wage and Hour Payment in order to obtain her certification in Structured Learning Experiences/Career Orientation Coordination.
- **Marie Walsh and David Hesselgrave** will be attending a one day seminar on June 28 that will explain the uses of InspireData. InspireData will allow students to make connections between data and its visual representations. A focus of the seminar will be to have teachers learn techniques that allow students to interpret information, solve problems, develop critical thinking skills, and make connections.
- **Marie Walsh** will be taking an on-line graduate course this summer that explores advanced uses of **Geometer's Sketchpad**. Spanning the mathematics curriculum from middle school through college, the Geometer's Sketchpad is a dynamic construction and exploration tool that adds a powerful dimension to the study of mathematics. Versatile and easy to use, Sketchpad allows students to understand mathematics in ways that are not possible with traditional tools - or with other software programs.

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

- **Mark Wallace** presented a program on how our Technological Studies courses promote Engineering as a career at the Engineering Our Future NJ conference. This took place at the Center for Innovation in Engineering & Science Education (CIESE) at Stevens Institute of Technology.
- Several speakers were invited to the Social Studies Department recently. They included an AFT agent who spoke to **Mr. Thomas'** Street Law Class, a psychologist who spoke to **Mr. Ryan's** Behavioral Science class, and a Vietnam veteran who spoke to **Mr. Carlson's** and **Mr. Langan's** classes.
- **Calliope** held its annual Coffeehouse and Acoustic Open Mic Night on Friday, June 1. The event was attended by over eighty students, faculty, alumni, and community members. Everyone was excited to obtain an early copy of this year's literary and arts magazine!
- The Science Department received a large donation of equipment from Princeton Laboratories.
- The Forensic Science classes had two guest speakers in the month of May: Detective Rita Gallo from the New Jersey State Police Crime Scene Team, and Mr. Mike Puskas from ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms). They both presented very interesting and hands-on information to our students. They also both had real-life situations that related to the study of Forensic Science.
- Fifty-one students participated in the ninth annual Whale Watch Trip to Cape Cod. It was a great trip and students were able to see twelve different whales.
- **Kevin Fenlon** took a group of students to the Dare to Dream Conference on May 10. Further conference attendance and participation in the form of speaking will be pursued.
- **Rachel Price** took a group of juniors and seniors on tours of Morris County Community College and Sussex County Community College, and met with the Special Needs Department on both campuses.
- **Jesse Strehl and Jill Shrope** took American Studies freshmen and sophomores on a tour of Picatinny Arsenal.

- **The Special Services Department** Student Reward Picnic was held at High Point State Park.
- **Ed Blevins** and other staff members took a group of Special Education Students to Long Beach Island State Park to learn about ocean, bay, and dune ecology and environments.
- **New courses** in development for the 2008-09 school year in the Special Services area are as follows: Resource Forensic Science, Resource Environmental Science, and Landscape Design.
- Cooperative arrangement with Sussex Fairgrounds is in progress in order to use their greenhouse and assist them with plantings or events through our MCI class and possibly other classes.
- Curriculum Review has been completed and a plan for approaching curriculum deficits is under review by the Director of Special Services and the Director of Curriculum and Instruction.
- The Advanced Placement Calculus and Advanced Placement Statistics course audits were completed and submitted to the AP College Board on May 25.
- A new textbook has been selected for the full-year Senior Math Review class.
- Many Math Department members will be completing graduate work over the summer. Several will also be completing summer curriculum work. **Christina Puzio** will be writing curriculum for the Algebra I A course; Marie Walsh will be writing curriculum for the Geometry A course; **Gail Cerutti** will be writing curriculum for the Senior Math Review course.

Upcoming Events

- High Point Preschool will hold its 40th "graduation" this year. The program was started by Mrs. Helen Jager who ran it until her retirement in 1993. **Mrs. Debbie Anderson**, a former student in the program, has been in charge since then. Each year three classes of high school students plan and teach twenty preschoolers for four months. The preschoolers, who come from the community, are living textbooks for our Child Development course, with which the preschool is aligned.
- **Scott Ripley** will be working on the Course Outline and Curriculum Guide for the new Comparative Religions course.
- **Ben VanWyk** will be honored with the Social Studies Award in June.
- **Madelaine Travaille** is taking five students to the Waksman Forum Poster Session on Tuesday, June 5 at GE Healthcare Operations in Piscataway, NJ. This poster session will represent the yearlong work done by the Science Research Team.
- On June 6, MD and MCI students will attend the School Day Baseball Game at Skylands Park.