

High Point Regional High School

An Inside Look

April 2008

STUDENT STARS

- ★ Congratulations to **Erin McCormick, TD**, and **Austin Haggerty** for being selected to All-State Choir 2008. This is the top honors choir for the state of New Jersey. This will be Erin and Tiffany's second consecutive year performing with All-State. Out of 72 voices, Erin had the 4th highest score in the state in the Alto II section.
- ★ Visual art nominee **Dilek Baykara** has been accepted to attend the Governors School of the Arts this summer.
- ★ **Dilek Baykara** has been awarded a **Naomi Winston Scholarship** sponsored by the National Society of Arts and Letters. The \$750 scholarship will be used toward her tuition for summer study at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia.
- ★ Selected to exhibit their outstanding artwork at the **Morris Museum**, **Dilek Baykara**, **Lizz Ciccarella**, and **KW** were honored at the *Fresh Perspective* reception on April 24.
- ★ The **Youth Art Month** exhibit at the Newton Courthouse Public Gallery closed with an evening reception on April 25. Fifteen visual art students displayed their work.
- ★ Congratulations to **Tahir Adiguzelli** for being chosen as one of the top five attorneys at this year's Princeton Moot Court Debate competition. There was an international field of 88 total attorneys competing in the two-day event. Three of High Point's four teams made the playoffs in a field of 44 total teams. **Colin Fricke** and **Clinton Holley** advanced to the quarterfinal before being eliminated. The competition at this tournament is intense and our students performed with dignity and excellence. If you happen to speak with any of the following students, please offer a congratulatory word: **Tahir Adiguzelli**, **Munroe Graham**, **Colin Fricke**, **Clinton Holley**, **RF**, **Dave Smith**, **Caitlyn Stephens**, and **JM**.
- ★ Last week, **Lauren Elizabeth Klaus** (12th grade) received a letter from Peter's Valley congratulating her on winning a Peter's Valley Art Scholarship. This is a very prestigious award given to only a few recipients out of hundreds of high school candidates. If you see Lauren, please congratulate her on her scholarship!
- ★ High Point won thirteen trophies at the New Jersey State TSA Conference. Thirty-one of our forty-seven attendees qualified for the National Conference this summer in Orlando. Many of the students involved spent countless evenings and weekends working on their projects. Please congratulate the following individuals on their accomplishments: **AR & Sam Brummell**, **State Champions** - Technology Challenge; **Andrew Malone, JR, and DM** - **State Champions** - Animatronics; **BV, Andrew Malone, TK, ME, and Michelle Vrogindewey**, **State Champions** - Architectural Model; **Lauren Fasano, Richie Flynn, and Andrew Larson**, **State Champions** - Engineering Design; **BL, CW, and Andrew Fedynich**, **State Champions** - Electronic Research and Experimentation; **Nick Musilli**, **State Champion** - CAD 2D Architectural; **MS**, **State Champion** - Architectural Animation, **DR, Jared Schuster, Tyler Bartz, and Brian Brady**, Second Place - Animatronics; **PM**, Second Place - CAD 2D Architecture; **Cloe Kawecki & Sarah DeFalco**, Third Place - Agriculture and Biotechnology Design; **Ryan Slate, Greg Aromando**, and **BV** Third Place - Robotics; **Carolyn Wallace, Sarah Johnson**, and **Kaitlyn Churchman**, Third Place - Transportation Modeling; **Nick Musilli** and **BV**, Third Place - Construction Systems; and **SL** and **Nicole Attanasio**, Interior Design.
- ★ Two seniors were recognized by the Sussex County School Administrators and Supervisors Association. **Lauren Fasano** and **Molly Gill** were each awarded a \$1000 scholarship to go toward their future careers in education. This is a tribute to the teachers who have inspired them. This is the second consecutive year that High Point has received these scholarships. It says a great deal about the quality of our students and teachers. Please congratulate Lauren and Molly when you see them.
- ★ On April 30, The Sussex County Arts and Heritage Council honored accomplished students of the arts at an award presentation at SCCC. Please congratulate these seniors when you see them! Arts Awards recipients were as follows: Fine Arts - **Lyndsay Hoffmann**, Crafts - **Lauren Klaus**, Photography - **SL**, Creative Writing - **JW**, Dance - **Tracy Hunter**, Video - **SC** and **Kathryn Brenzel**, Vocal Music - **Derek Schwabe**, Instrumental Music - **Chris Prestia**, Drama - **Kelly Fedynich**, and Technical Theater - **EC**.
- ★ **Amanda Hayes**, **Mahala Hobbs**, **Lyndsay Hoffmann**, **Justin Kalaskey**, **KN**, and **LP** entered the **National Congressional Art Competition** sponsored in Sussex County by the Sussex County Art Society.

STUDENT STARS (CONTINUED)

- ★ **Lyndsay Hoffmann, Jeremy Tamburillo, Jackie Daniels, and Michele Imparato** exhibited their senior art shows in the cafeteria annex through the month of April.
- ★ The Science League finished its competitions for the year. The standings for the year are as follows: Bio I ranked 102 out of 149 teams; Bio II ranked 27 out of 134; Chem. I ranked 49 out of 155; Chem. II ranked 53 out of 124; Physics I ranked 35 out of 141; Physics II ranked 15 out of 74. **Justin Farischon** ranked 46 out of 462 students for his scores in the January, February, and March test average. **Congratulations to Maddie Travaille for her work with these students!**
- ★ Congratulations to **Samantha Brummell** on receiving a scholarship to Cornell University. Samantha is currently taking Advanced Placement Statistics and Advanced Placement Calculus. Her plans are to major in Engineering.
- ★ **Sean Marks** was selected to attend the **Governor's School of the Arts** for the summer of 2008.
- ★ **The Sussex County Arts and Heritage Council Senior Arts Award** nominees were notified of their selection. They are as follows: Dance – **Tracy Hunter**; Drama – **Kelly Fedynich**; Instrumental Music – **Chris Prestia**; Technical Theater – **EC**; Vocal Music – **Derek Schwabe**.
- ★ **Chris Prestia** completed the High Point Alma Mater with the help of **Michelle Pease**.
- ★ Congratulations to the English Students of the Third Marking Period: **Hope VandenAkker** and **Mark Wohlgemuth!**
- ★ **JC**, along with her mother, has organized a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit her cousin Shanna Coursen (former student) who is being treated for Hodgkins Disease. The dinner is being held at the Sussex Firehouse on June 7.
- ★ **James Keane** with the help of his friends **TO, RM, and Luke Gomez**, organized an Easter Egg Hunt for the students in the **Multiply Disabled Program**. **James Keane** also dressed as the Easter Bunny for the event.
- ★ Ms. Shrope's **Resource American 2 Students** went to the Drew University Center for Holocaust/Genocide Studies for a workshop with Ms. Sutton's students. They saw a film called Steal a Pencil for Me and then had the honor of hearing from Jack and Ina Polak, Holocaust survivors on whose lives the movie was based.
- ★ On April 18, eight hundred and ninety students participated in the Annual International Foods Day Celebration.
- ★ On April 29, seventeen Austrian students visited High Point and shadowed French students to get an idea of what a typical school day is like.
- ★ The following students and staff played pivotal roles in conducting this year's pre-prom/graduation prevention activity, "Anatomy of an Accident-Mock DWI Program," on April 30: **Billy Gebhard, KV, Ashley LeBelle, Brian Dunn, Brittany LeBelle, Jane Bonn, SP, RF, Helen Woolley (with husband Mike, and son Michael), and Karen VanderGroef**. It was reported through both written and verbal assessments that the students who viewed the program found it to be very effective.
- ★ Congratulations go out to three of our seniors who have completed their Girl Scout Gold Award--an accomplishment equivalent to the Boy Scout's Eagle Award. The students are **LP, Leah VandenAkker, and Caitlan Stephens**. Way to go!

STELLAR STAFF

- ★ **Joan Smith** was contacted by FOX television. A film crew will be coming to High Point to film her and the students about her letter writing campaign to the soldiers. This is an additional honor for their Let's Make a Difference Day project, which was already awarded \$10,000. This money was donated to the Intrepid Soldier's Fund. She will be flown to Los Angeles for filming the show, A Hero Among Us! Please join our special education department in celebrating the class' achievements. We are very proud of all our teachers and students!
- ★ **Mickey Thomas** was honored at the Governor's Teacher Luncheon.
- ★ **Scott Ripley** and **Seamus Campbell** attended the I&RS workshop on April 28.
- ★ **Mickey Thomas** attended the Criminal Justice Symposium at SCCC.
- ★ We welcome **Art Mina** back to school after recovering from his surgery. It is great to have him back.
- ★ **Jeanne Heinke** had been accepted into Cambridge Who's Who.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- ★ **Mike Langan** spent April 11 in the role of assistant principal as a part of his Administrative Leadership Internship Requirement.
- ★ **Jackie Sutton** attended the Holocaust Program at Ellis Island on April 1.
- ★ **Mark Wallace, Brian Drelick, Stephen Peltier, and Ben Kappler** attended the NJ Technology Education Association Conference. Mr. Wallace was asked to be the keynote speaker because of his long relationship with NJTEA and our program excellence.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CONTINUED)

- ★ **Maddie Travaille** is hosting a Molecular Biology Workshop in May through Princeton University. She will be creating DNA necklaces, running gel electrophoresis, and extracting buccal DNA. This workshop is free to all teachers in High Point's sending district.
- ★ **Theresa Riccardi's** Spring Musical *Damn Yankees* performed to a full house on April 11, 12, and 13.
- ★ **Theresa Riccardi** hosted the cast members of our sending districts' performances at her Friday night opening performance of *Damn Yankees*.
- ★ **Diane Sorchik** and **Lance Sorchik** were the Senior Citizens Prom photographers at this year's Spring Fling.
- ★ **Harold Woods** took his senior Concert Band members to *The Blue Man Group* performance at the Astor Theater in NYC.
- ★ For six weeks, **Laraine Reedy** met with 12 other teachers and a poet-facilitator, B.J. Ward, as part of the annual "Clearing the Spring, Tending the Fountain" poetry series. On April 12, all participants from around the state of New Jersey convened in an all day Common Gathering at Drew University. Tony Hoagland was the guest poet for the Gathering and Ms. Reedy was one of only 20 participants who had the opportunity to sit with him, up close and personal, in a two hour session called Life of the Poet. He is a fascinating poet whose honesty in his person and works is excruciatingly brilliant. Ms. Reedy's students will be the beneficiaries of this wonderful experience.
- ★ **Marie Sullivan** attended a two day conference entitled The Effects of Trauma across the Developmental Spectrum and a second conference on Ethical Issues in the Schools.
- ★ **Lisa Frisbie** attended a training on assisting children through separation and divorce sponsored by the Traumatic Loss Coalition of Sussex County at Sussex VoTech on April 15.
- ★ **Lisa Frisbie** and the following PRIDE students presented to the SMS and Lafayette 8th graders on high school and peer pressure on February 15: **Mandy Crane, Nicholas DeBari, Ashley LeBelle, CL, Brianne McGlone, and Billy Suchowski.**
- ★ **Lisa Frisbie** and the following SAVE students conducted a conflict resolution training program for 8th grade classes at Lafayette and Frankford on Friday, February 29: **KD, Amanda Hayes, AnnMarie Lanzilotti, Ashley LeBelle, Brittany LeBelle, Yenddie Lin, Briana McGlone, Justyna Michalik, EM, BV, and SW.**

MEDIA RECOGNITION

- The New Jersey Herald, April 24, 2008 – "Sticking with it - High Point's Alex Decker"**
- The New Jersey Herald, April 17, 2008 – "Scholar Athlete Candidates"**
- The Advertiser-News, April 17, 2008 – "High Point tech teacher joins global project"**
- The New Jersey Herald, April 11, 2008 – "High Point Swings with *Damn Yankees*"**
- The Advertiser-News, April 10, 2008 – "Book talks open Horizons"**
- The Advertiser-News, April 3, 2008 – "Fresh perspectives 2008"**

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

- ★ **Jackie Sutton** and **Jill Shrope's** World Studies classes attended the Yom Hashoah Commemoration Program on April 30 at Drew University.
- ★ PFC William Phister spoke to **Dave Ruppert's** Cyber Sophomore classes.
- ★ Tutoring sessions for AP Social Studies classes were held on April 5, 22, and 23.
- ★ VietNam veteran Patrick Loughman spoke to **Mr. Tallamy's** American Studies II classes in addition to students in other American Studies classes.
- ★ Economics and Computer Animations are two new programs which will be offered to High Point students next year.
- ★ Sparta High school Drafting/CADD teacher visited our Architectural Design and CADD program to see our new 3-D printer in action and take a look at our program offerings.
- ★ Devry Univeristy did a presentation to our business students on their university status, offerings, and how to design a great resume.
- ★ The Science Department was privileged to have Detective Rita Gallo from the Crime Scene Division of the State Police come to our school. She talked to our Forensic Science classes about crime scenes and the search for evidence.
- ★ **Becky Patterson's** uncle, Lieutenant General Ray Odierno, came to visit **Joan Smith's special education class** as part of "Make a Difference Day." It was an honor and privilege to have him come to our school.
- ★ All Math course outlines were updated and revised.
- ★ The English department will work on streamlining the research paper process during the May 2 Inservice Program.
- ★ On April 30, **Donna Lembo, Linda Smith, and Kristen Jaccodine** took a trip to the National College Fair with approximately 45 parents and students.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ **MH, Munroe Graham, Jamie McCloskey, and HK** will be attending Sussex County Youth in Government Day sponsored by the Sussex County Freeholders.
- ★ American Conflict classes will be visiting Ellis Island.
- ★ **Chris Henry, Kory Loyola, and Jackie Sutton** will be chaperoning the Student Council Great Adventure Trip on May 15.
- ★ **Mickey Thomas'** Street Law classes will be visiting East Jersey State Prison on May 9 and May 14. **Dave Ruppert** will be a chaperone.
- ★ **Mr. Wallace** will be attending the NJ Business and Technology Education Association State conference.
- ★ **Mr. Wallace** will be attending The New Jersey Council on Gender Parity's 2nd Annual Women in the Science and Technology Workforce Summit hosted by Rutgers University.
- ★ The Science department will be participating in the Merck State Science Day May 20. There will be Integrated, Biology II, Chemistry II, and Physics II tests.
- ★ All first year biology students will be participating in the End of Course State Assessment on May 19. This is the first time this test will be administered. These students will also participate in the Performance Assessment portion of the test on Tuesday, May 20.
- ★ The Forensic Science classes and AP Biology are taking a trip to NYC to visit the Bodies Exhibit. They will learn about human anatomy and physiology.
- ★ The Forensics classes will be participating in a culminating crime scene during the month of May. It will contain real evidence that will need to be processed and analyzed in order to catch the perpetrator.
- ★ Fifty-two 9th and 10th grade students will participate in the 9th annual Whale Watch Trip to Cape Cod on May 2, 3, and 4.
- ★ **Brian Feuer** and **Linda Abrams** will chaperone the senior class trip to Virginia Beach in May.
- ★ AP English students will be taking the AP Literature test on May 8 and the AP Language test on May 14.
- ★ The Foreign Language National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 8.