

# High Point Regional High School

## *Department Highlights*

### February 2008

#### **STUDENT STARS**

- ★ The following students were selected by their teachers to participate in the **Youth Art Month Exhibit** at the Newton Courthouse Public Gallery: **Lizz Ciccarella, KD, CE, Maxwell Grube, Sarah Hayes, Lyndsay Hoffmann, JH, Evan Luberger, Natasha Melgar, Jeremy Meyers, Scott Schilling, Dana Sweeney, Karielle Sybesma, Jeremy Tamburello, and Stephanie Zazulka.**
- ★ Please congratulate the following students who were selected by their teachers to participate at the **Mt. Olive High School Exhibit/Scholarship Competition**: **Dilek Baykara, LC, Lizz Ciccarella, CC, JH, Lyndsay Hoffmann, SL, and LP.** LC won a third place ribbon in the Crafts category, **Lizz Ciccarella** won a first place ribbon in the Drawing/Illustration category and **Dilek Baykara** was awarded a \$500 summer study scholarship to Montserrat College in Massachusetts and a \$2300 full tuition scholarship to a summer workshop at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia.
- ★ Selected by their teachers to participate in the judging for inclusion in the Morris Museum's Fresh Perspectives Exhibit were **Dilek Baykara, LC, Lizz Ciccarella, Justin Kalaskey, LP, AS, and KW.** As a result of judging 441 works from 44 schools and accepting 51, **Dilek Baykara, Lizz Ciccarella, and KW** will be exhibiting in the Fresh Perspectives Exhibit this spring.
- ★ Outstanding Visual Art Student of the 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period was **Lizz Ciccarella.**
- ★ **Lizz Ciccarella, Katie Mills, and Sarah Hayes** have volunteered to paint the scenery for our spring musical, *Damn Yankees.*
- ★ The original artwork of **JK and CT,** which was displayed at the Teen Arts Festival in March 2007, has been chosen for the 2008 Teen Arts program and invitations.
- ★ Seven Graphic Design students have had their logos selected to be published in the 2008 Teen Arts program. They are as follows: **Brittney Derin, Mackenzie Forbeck, Katie Genetelli, Hannah Lindeblad, Erin McCormick, MP, and Tom Spring.**
- ★ All Graphic Design 1 students submitted t-shirt designs for the 2008 Spring Break TSA 5-K event. The winning selection was created by freshman **MD.**
- ★ All Graphic Design 1 students submitted a new logo design for the HP Adult School brochure. No selection has been made at this time.
- ★ **Ms. Riccardi and Mrs. Martin** hosted the first annual District Choir Festival at High Point on Thursday, February 7.
- ★ The District Band Concert was held February 14, with 52 young musicians from Sussex Middle School, Sussex Christian School, and the Lafayette and Frankford Township schools accompanying High Point Band members.
- ★ The Outstanding Performing Art Student of the 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period was **TD.**
- ★ DECA States Competition Award winners are as follows: **MM** - Top 3 Written Test, Automotive Services Marketing event; Sean Post - Top 3 Written Test, Accounting; **Ashley Alford** - Top 3 Role Play, Hospitality Management; and **JD** - Top 3 Case Study, Technical Sales Event.
- ★ **MM** and **JD** are two seniors from High Point eligible for Senior Management workshop at DECA Nationals in Atlanta, April 24-29, 2008.
- ★ The following students will be attending the FBLA State competition in Edison, NJ: **AL, AD, Leah VandenAkker, Caitlin O'Leary, Jayme Boyce, Shannon Southard, Stephanie DeFeo, CC, Ryan McCarthy, JD, Ruben Mieses, and Mark Wohlgemuth.**
- ★ Please congratulate juniors **Munroe Graham** and **William Feuss** the next time that you see them. Munroe placed first at our most recent New Jersey Model Congress competition at The State House Annex in Trenton, and she will serve as the Speaker of the House next week. William also scored quite high, and he will serve as the Chairman of the Senate Ways and Means committee. This is a remarkable accomplishment on their part. Over one hundred students from fourteen schools competed, and while High Point's program is a club, many of the other students are seniors from schools that offer Model Congress as an elective. Munroe and William are bright, articulate, and quick thinkers. Way to go!
- ★ Please congratulate **Hannah Lozaw** for successfully auditioning for the North Jersey Junior Region Band and Orchestra. Hannah received the highest score out of all the Bass Clarinets that auditioned!
- ★ **SF** participated in the 15th Annual Polar Bear Plunge to benefit Special Olympics New Jersey. Total receipts for this worthwhile event reached a total of \$491,392, and are still being accepted!
- ★ **Francois (Frank) Guiheneuf,** our Rotary exchange student from France, spoke to all French classes about the area where he resides in northeastern France.
- ★ High Point graduate **Jeff Matthews,** who is working to become a Jeff and History teacher, observed French classes and spoke to the students about his experiences at Rutgers.

#### **STUDENT STARS (CONTINUED)**

- ★ Out of 453 schools nation-wide that entered the National Council of Teachers of English PRESLM (Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines) competition, High Point's *Calliope* 2007 was one of only twenty schools to earn a rating of EXCELLENT. This prestigious program is listed on the National Association of Secondary School Principals National Advisory List of Student Contests and Activities.

- ★ **William Feuss** was recognized as the Student of the Marking Period for his outstanding achievements in Grade 11 Academic English. The following is praise from his teacher, Mrs. Reedy: “Maintaining an "A" to A+" average since September, Mr. Feuss has distinguished himself as an accomplished writer, demonstrating equal facility in both creative and analytical expression. In addition, his insightful commentary during class discussions of literature often elevates those discussions to a level of sophistication comparable to college course work. Mr. Feuss is a remarkable student, whose dry and subtle wit and whose intellectual potential have hardly been tapped yet.”
- ★ In celebration of "Read Across America Day," several of Nancy White's students visited Joan Smith's MCI class and read to them. Seniors **Samantha Brummell** and **Stephanie DeFeo**, and juniors **Melissa Allison**, **Sam Fonseca**, **Ashley LeBelle**, **Jenn Lynch**, **Erin McCormick**, **Meg Primo**, and **Fehmi Yasin** spent time celebrating and sharing their love of reading.
- ★ **Amy Mutch** is the Social Studies Student of the Marking Period.
- ★ The Science Department has selected **TM** as the winner of this year's Bausch and Lomb award. The University of Rochester is proud to continue the tradition of the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award. This is awarded each year to a high school junior who demonstrates exceptional promise in the sciences. If the student is admitted to Rochester, he will be considered for a scholarship valued at \$7,500 per year for four years. Congratulations to T.
- ★ The Science Department has selected **Tommy Costello**, a junior in Honors Chemistry, Student of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period. **Jeff Davidowski**, his Chemistry teacher writes, “Tommy consistently shows good performance in all aspects of chemistry. He also has a genuine concern for others as demonstrated in his lab work. He is an asset to his lab team, always contributing to the success of their experiments. He is a quiet and concerned learner with a positive attitude. He is an organized and conscientious student who is ready to learn on a daily basis. Tommy works extremely hard and has a genuine interest in chemistry. Tommy excels in all of his homework, lab work, and tests. He is a pleasure to have in class.” Congratulations to Tommy.
- ★ **Tyler Bartz** has been named as the New Jersey State Overall Champion in Skiing.
- ★ **Multiply Disabled Program students** have been making dog biscuits and selling them to raise money as a fundraiser for families in need. They have also been making dinners once a week for families in need within the school staff. They have donated three dinners so far since starting the program.

## ATHLETICS

- ★ Congratulations to **Tyler Bartz** for being named Athlete of the Month for February.
- ★ High Point was named Number 1 in Wrestling for the State by the *Star Ledger*. Congratulations to **John Gardner**, his coaching staff, the fans, and the wrestlers! John and his team also won the Group III State Title at Toms River. It was the school's first overall state title. The team performed great, and the coaches should be commended for their outstanding job.
- ★ In ski team news, **Tyler Bartz** finished first in the West Milford GS invitational last Friday, and **Hannah Kattermann** finished sixth.
- ★ The Girls' Basketball team defeated Vernon in the first round of the SCIL Festival.
- ★ Congratulations to the Girls' Basketball team. By defeating Lenape Valley, they captured their first regular season SCIL title since 1980. Rumor has it, a young Dick Dolce coached the 1980 team.
- ★ Congratulations to **Jessie Lain** for being selected to play in the New Jersey North-South Basketball Classic on March 22 at the Ritacco Center in Toms River.

## STELLAR STAFF

- ★ **Lance Sorchik's** Artist's Profile of his national work in automotive illustration and caricatures has been published in Issue #39 of the *Rodder's Journal*. Published quarterly in California and shipped internationally, TRJ is also available in bookstores in the US and Canada.
- ★ The cross curricular activity that **Karen Koslowski** and **Bernadette Olsen** planned (during the last In-service day) is taking place. Foods I and French II will be visiting each other's classrooms for presentations, and the French students will travel to Room 109 to cook a French regional specialty. The recipe was converted from French to English as part of the project.
- ★ **Mrs. LiTrenta's** International Business class has submitted their W-2 information for employees and completed their federal tax obligations for their business, Top Notch Audio. They are now concentrating on trading with some new international contacts from Peru and France.
- ★ **Mr. Hennings'** Information Technology class just completed a hands-on project where the students constructed their own Category 5e Network Cables using one of two protocols. Students tested the cables for connectivity and compared their speed to that of common wireless networks. They are also in the final days of a long-term research and presentation project. The students worked in pairs to create 40 minute oral lessons for their peers about how a certain technology has influenced our culture. Lesson topics included the following: technology in the automobile, video games, wireless communication, cell phones, and high end audio.
- ★ **Marc Russell** was accepted into a Master's Degree program at Middlebury College in Vermont.
- ★ **Faye Paskas** completed a tour of Guatemala where she worked with a team of doctors and health care professionals to provide much needed medical attention and treatment to a poverty stricken village.

**STELLAR STAFF (CONTINUED)**

- ★ **Mary Hassenplug** has received the Fellowship Award in Inclusive Education from the New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities. She will receive \$1000 to use for the CyberEnglish program that allows both regular education and special education students to work together using various types of technology to enhance their literacy skills. Mary will be recognized in May at a luncheon in Trenton.
- ★ The Bowling team, under **Scott Ripley**, competed in the SCIL semi-finals.
- ★ Mary and Alan Spector visited **Chris Henry's** classes. Both are recent Peace Corps volunteers (to Tunisia and Colombia).
- ★ **Chris Henry's** Sociology classes visited the retirement community at Bristol Glen. **Jackie Sutton** and **Kory Loyola** assisted with the chaperoning of the trip on February 15.
- ★ Both the Boys' and Girls' Swim Teams, under **Erik Carlson** qualified for the State Tournament.
- ★ **Scott Ripley** and **Seamus Campbell** continue to administrate the I&RS program, which included participating in a training workshop.
- ★ **Tom Ryan**, sophomore class advisor, attended a Prom Site Inspection with members of the Prom Committee.
- ★ **Vincent Mohan** gave a presentation on the Civil War Soldier for all the American Studies 1 classes in the school.
- ★ **Denise Wilson** was selected *Who's Who in Education* for this school year.
- ★ **Bonnie Puzio** was nominated and will be published in the September 2008 edition of *Who's Who of American Women*.
- ★ **Kevin Fenlon** was selected to *Who's Who Worldwide* based on his accomplishments as a highly respected professional who has demonstrated leadership, strong merit, and achievement in his profession.
- ★ **Diane Mulford** and **Marion Bitler** completed 3 levels of PowerPoint instruction through the High Point Adult Education Program.
- ★ **Marti Eidam** completed two on-line seminars which resulted in continuing education credit certificates in Auditory Processing and Intervention Strategies for Children with Language Learning Disabilities.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- ★ **Chris Dexter** and **Mark Wallace** attended the Moving Forward business education conference. Presentations were on Personal Finance, Sports and Entertainment Marketing, and Grant Writing.
- ★ **Nancy White's** Period 4 junior class actively participated in her graduate study of motivating strategies in the classroom. Maria German videotaped Mrs. White and the class as certain instructional strategies were used, and the final product/analysis has become part of Mrs. White's graduate portfolio for Marygrove College.
- ★ On February 29, **Dave Ruppert**, **Mike Langan**, and **Cari Bodnar-Keimel** attended a workshop titled *The American Revelation for Social Studies Teachers: Concepts, Themes, Collaborations* at Montclair State University. Neil Baldwin, the author of *The American Revelation*, discussed methods and strategies to incorporate the various themes and concepts from his book into the classroom. The discussion was led by a panel of esteemed history teachers, who invited all in attendance to contribute ideas and innovations that are being used in the classroom. This workshop was an excellent opportunity to discuss the various connections that can be made between the study of American Literature and American Studies. Neil Baldwin's book not only explored the lives and ideas presented by several historical American figures, but also delved into the ideas presented by several of our important American authors who have helped to contribute and shape our nation and culture.
- ★ **Jill Sch-afer** attended a Smart Board workshop at Montclair University on Wednesday, February, 27. She learned various Smart Board applications and creative ways to incorporate the Smart Board into everyday classroom use.
- ★ The Mock Trial team, advised by **Kory Loyola**, finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the SCIL Mock Trial tournament.
- ★ **Mickey Thomas** is the recipient of the Governor's Teaching Award.
- ★ **Dave Ruppert** and **Mike Langan** attended the Institute for Humanities workshop at Montclair University.
- ★ Tammy Horsfield, President of the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce, visited Barbara Fasano's World Studies classes.
- ★ **Joy Carter** and **Becky Patterson** attended a workshop to learn about our Performance Assessment results taken in December.
- ★ **Sandy Sullivan** attended a three day seminar on Designing and Implementing Student Training Plans which will assist her in developing student learning experiences for the School to Work Transition program.

**MEDIA RECOGNITION****The New Jersey Herald, February 24, 2008: “High Point wins Festival Title”****The New Jersey Herald, February 24, 2008: “Striking Gould”****The New Jersey Herald, February 22, 2008: “The best of the best”****The New Jersey Herald, February 20, 2008: “High Point wrestlers have five top seeds”****The New Jersey Herald, February 18, 2008: “Wildcats take Group III – First in school history to win a championship title”****The Star-Ledger, February 18, 2008: “High Point wins first group title in a BIG way”****The New Jersey Herald, February 18, 2008: “Bloustein Scholars”****The New Jersey Herald, February 17, 2008: “High Point girls triumph”****The New Jersey Herald, February 11, 2008: “The Time is now”****The New Jersey Herald, February 10, 2008: “High Point takes home another Festival Title”****The New Jersey Herald, February 10, 2008: “Sharing the Gift of Music”****The New Jersey Herald, February 8, 2008: “High expectations for High Point”****The New Jersey Herald, February 7, 2008: “Wildcats Clinch Second SCIL Title”****WHAT’S NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY (CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT)**

- ★ The English department will be actively updating course outlines and curriculum guides during the March 25 In-service day. Also, Beth Halter and Jackie Sutton will design cross-curricular activities for World Literature and World History. In addition, two pairs of teachers, Caroline Bodnar-Keimel/Dave Ruppert and Patricia Porter/Jesse Strehl, will work to coordinate elements of the American Literature and American History curricula.
- ★ The Science Research team has received our sequences from G.E. Healthcare and we will now be processing those using Bioinformatics. Students will present a poster of their work and results at a Symposium in June (held at G.E. Healthcare).
- ★ The Science League teams in Biology II and Physics II placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the February competition.
- ★ The Peer Counseling group of over fifty students went on their annual retreat to Fairview Lakes Camp and Conference Center in Stillwater. The group focused their attention on how they can each make a difference in the lives of others, one at a time. The retreat is organized and run by the steering committee.
- ★ Kevin Fenlon facilitated a wireless video conference with Yahoo's web Producer Jared Heinke - live from California - for the Media Technology classes in Special Education and Technology Department.
- ★ Bonnie Puzio and the Special Education Resource Biology classes are starting their second dissection for this school year. The Resource Biology classes have never done dissections until this year. Earlier in the year, they dissected a frog and will dissect a fetal pig in March.
- ★ Bonnie Puzio, Ed Blevins, Helen Woolley, Denise Wilson, and Jennifer Britt took all the Special Education Science students to the American Museum of Natural History. They attended a 3-D movie on Dinosaurs, an I-Max film on Cosmic Collisions, and saw many different displays in order to further their study of evolution and biology.
- ★ Kevin Fenlon's Media Technology (Special Education Course) classroom is the building's first wireless classroom in High Point Regional High School.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ★ The annual International Foods Day celebration will take place on Friday, April 18.
- ★ The Academic Bowl team, under Scott Ripley, will host the SCIL Academic Bowl Tournament at High Point.
- ★ Jackie Sutton is organizing a class trip for the World Studies classes to attend the Yom Hashoah Commemoration Program on April 30 at Drew University.
- ★ Jackie Sutton will attend the Holocaust Program at Ellis Island.
- ★ Jon Tallamy and Erik Carlson will attend the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual NJECC Technology Conference at Montclair State University.
- ★ The Forensic classes, along with AP Biology, are planning a trip to see the “Bodies” exhibit in New York City.
- ★ The next meeting of the Peer Counseling group will be held on Tuesday, March 18.