

High Point Regional High School

Department Highlights

January 2008

STUDENT STARS

- ★ Congrats to the following High Point music students who were selected to All-North Region I Chorus or Band: **Erin McCormick, TD, DL, Caitlin Vogel, JO, Austin Haggerty, and Sean Marks**. **Erin McCormick** received the 4th highest score in the Alto II voicing and **Austin Haggerty** received the 3rd highest score in the Tenor II voicing.
- ★ Please congratulate the following award winners, who competed at the Regional FBLA conference: **Stephanie DeFeo - 5th in Accounting II, Ryan McCarthy - 4th in Marketing, and Shannon Southard - 2nd in Spreadsheet Applications**. These students competed in a highly competitive region of 1400 students, and will move on to the State Competition in March for their individual events.
- ★ The following students have been distinguished as Bloustein Scholars and were honored on Monday, January 21, at the Board of Education meeting: **Kathryn Brenzel, Samantha Brummell, RF, HK, Jamie McCloskey, James McMaster, KN, LP, William Porter, and Caitlan Stephens**. These students should be congratulated for meeting the following criteria: class rank of one, two, or three in the graduating class and rank within the top 10 percent of the graduating class at the end of the junior year; or class rank within the top 10 percent of the graduating class at the end of the junior year with combined critical reading and math SAT scores of 1260 or higher at the end of the junior year. The Distinguished Scholar award of up to \$1,000.00 is available without regard to financial need.
- ★ On January 3, 15 DECA students placed in their respective events at the **DECA Northern Regional Conference** at Morris County College. **MM** had the best performance overall capturing first on his written test, first in one role play event, and second in the other. This accomplishment enabled M to place First Overall in his event, Automotive Services Marketing. M was a National qualifier last year as a junior. Twenty-four others from High Point will join M at the **DECA State Conference** in Cherry Hill on February 24 -26, competing in events such as the following: Automotive Services, Apparel & Accessories, Written Research, and Chapter Projects. The following competitors have qualified for the State Conference (we are still awaiting results in a couple of competitive areas and will be announced when they are received):
 - AC - 3rd Place Overall -Apparel & Accessories, 3rd Place -Written Test;
 - SP - 4th Place Overall -Accounting Applications;
 - MM -1st Place Overall - Automotive Services Marketing, 2nd Place Written Test, 1st Place Role Play #1, 1st Place Role Play #2;
 - TB - 7th Overall - Automotive Services Marketing, 3rd Place Role Play #1;
 - DL - 14th Overall - Automotive Services Marketing;
 - Rubin Mieses & Chris Cartagena -5th Overall - Buying and Merchandising Management Team;
 - Ryan McCarthy - 4th Overall - Hospitality & Lodging Management;
 - Ashley Alford - 7th Overall - Hospitality & Lodging Management, 1st Place Role Play #2;
 - Ann-Marie Lanzilotti -16th Overall - Hospitality & Lodging Management;
 - SG & CE - 5th Overall - Hospitality Management Team;
 - Jon Picher & TS - 3rd Place Overall - Travel & Tourism Management team, 2nd Place Case Study;
 - JD - 3rd Overall - Technical Sales Marketing Event, 1st Place Overall Sales Presentation.
- ★ Two teams of students from **Brian Drelick's Power, Energy, and Transportation Technology III** class qualified for the Panasonic Design Challenge Finals to be held April 8, 2008, at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. **BV, Ryan Slate, JD, RW, Nick Villano, CW, and Paul Cardinal** earned the right to participate by qualifying out of 160 teams statewide. The students are now eligible to earn cash rewards and free Panasonic products through their participation in the finals.
- ★ Six Brain Bee students competed in the fifth annual Brain Bee Competition. The students were **Brittany LeBelle, TM, Monroe Graham, Ian Blanco, Liza Cotter, and BL**. **TM** made it into the final round of competition.
- ★ The Science Olympiad team competed in the regional tournament at Princeton University. A fifth place ribbon was won by **TM** and **KP** in cell biology. A fifth place ribbon was won by **Rebecca Heismeyer** and **KP** in disease detectives. Other members of the team were **David Smith, Samantha Brummell, Rachel Brummell, BS, Will Porter, KC, KM, and JS**.
- ★ The **Science League** had its first competition in January. It was hosted by High Point Regional High School in the cafeteria. Eight schools from around the county participated with over 100 students competing. High Point's teams placed 5th in Biology I, 2nd in Biology II, 6th in Chemistry I, 6th in Chemistry II, 4th in Physics I, and 1st in Physics II.

STUDENT STARS *(continued)*

- ★ Students in Jill Schafer's 11th grade classes created 3-dimensional models of a Trojan Horse following their study of Homer's *The Iliad*. Staff members voted on the best representation of the Trojan Horse and the winning teams were **Stephanie LaForgia, SD, AW, and Ivan Sales** in Period One and **Mason Dunn, Nina Uchida, Ryan Siramarco, and CG** in Period Eight.
- ★ **Heather Strout's** Creative Writing Workshop class, as part of their midterm exam requirement, created plans for Literary Service Projects. From January until June, students will be responsible for putting their plans into action and creatively sharing their love of the written word with the larger community.
- ★ Seniors **JW, Chris Stillmank, Anthony Caruso, and MP** were selected to represent High Point's Creative Writing Program at the Sussex County Teen Arts Festival held in March.
- ★ Congratulations to the Math department's Student of the Marking Period, **Laura Fontana**. Laura earned an "A" for the marking period and a 100 on the midterm in Algebra 2B.
- ★ Congratulations to **DM, Will Porter, and BS**. These three senior math students will represent High Point in the Moody's Mega Math Challenge. The Mega Math Challenge's goal is to encourage high school students to pursue math-related studies and careers. The event is funded by the Moody's Foundation and administered by the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics.
- ★ Congratulations to all of **Mrs. Smith's Special Education** students for working so diligently on a tessellation project with **Mr. Emering**. The students did an excellent job on their projects.
- ★ **LT**, a student in the MD program, donated her hair to the Locks of Love program. Locks of Love takes hair donations and makes them into wigs for people with diseases that cause hair loss.
- ★ **Lizz Ciccarella** won a Merit Award for her colored pencil entry at the Art Administrators of NJ Emerging Artists Exhibit and Scholarship Competition at Kean University. This recognition of excellence in art creation earned her a one hundred dollar prize and an opportunity to apply for the AANJ Achievement Award and Governor's Award for Visual Art Excellence for 2008.
- ★ Selected to represent High Point at the Mt. Olive High School Exhibit and Scholarship Competition were **Dilek Baykara, LC, Lizz Ciccarella, CC, JH, Lyndsay Hoffmann, SL, and LP**.
- ★ Junior **Dilek Baykara** was selected to apply for the Naomi Winston Scholarship in Art sponsored by the National Society of Arts and Letters.
- ★ All six of our choir students who auditioned for Regions were selected. **They were Erin McCormick, TD, DL, Caitlin Vogel, JO, and Austin Haggerty.**
- ★ Ninety-two students tried out for our spring musical *Damn Yankees*.

ATHLETICS

- ★ Congratulations to the **Boys' Swim** team on defeating Pope John 98-72 to take sole possession of first place in the SCIL.
- ★ Congratulations to the **Wrestling** team. They defeated Hopatcong and captured their third consecutive SCIL Wrestling Championship! They are also rated **number one** in the State! Victories over Kittatiny and Camden Catholic were impressive. They also took first place at the Zephyr Duals.
- ★ **Girls' Basketball** is presently in first place in the SCIL. **Jess Lain** scored her 1000th point against Vernon on January 30, 2008.
- ★ The **Boys' Ski** team is in first place and the **Girls' Ski** team is in second place. **Tyler Bartz** is the number one skier in the Boys' division.

STELLAR STAFF

- ★ Congratulations to **Chris Dexter**, who won his 100th game as our Varsity Girls' Basketball coach! Amazingly, Chris accomplished this milestone with the girls in just over five seasons. That is one of the fastest paths to 100 wins in both High Point and SCIL history.
- ★ **Brian Drelick** will be presenting at the Annual ITEA National Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, on February 21. The topic will be How to Recruit Technology Education Teachers.
- ★ **Mark Wallace** has been asked by the New Jersey Technology Education Association of New Jersey to provide the keynote address at this year's state conference in New Brunswick on May 2, 2008. Mark will discuss the history of technology education in New Jersey and the design and development of a world class program of study.
- ★ **Dave Rupert** is running an adult indoor soccer route, with proceeds to go to boys' and girls' soccer programs as well as to a scholarship fund.

STELLAR STAFF *(continued)*

- ★ **Seamus Campbell**, with the help of the other Civics teachers, has registered all Civics students for the New Jersey Primary election.
- ★ Thanks to **Lisa Hodgins'** kind assistance and the coordination efforts of **Christine Barria** and **Leah VandenAkker**, International Club members learned how to do origami at their January meeting. As a result, we will be sending paper cranes to the Sadako Monument in Hiroshima. The paper crane has become an international symbol of peace (as is the monument). Thanks to **Liana Heller**, who also joined the group and took Yearbook photos.
- ★ Thank you to **Marie Walsh** and **Linda Abrams** for their presentations at our January Math department meeting. Ms. Walsh presented a number of interactive SmartBoard applications for teachers of Geometry. Ms. Abrams gave a brief demonstration of the TI-NSpire calculator.
- ★ **The BIP Committee** (**Marie Sullivan, Carla Mancuso, Jill Shrope, Rachel Price, Kevin Fenlon, and Joan Smith**) has been doing an excellent job at revising and refining the BIP program to fit the ever-changing needs of the Special Education students.
- ★ **Kevin Fenlon** and the **Media Tech** program have been making a big splash with the athletic teams by creating schedule posters that have been hung around the building. Great job Media Tech students!
- ★ **Dorothy Martin**, our assistant Choral Director, was recognized in the 2007-2008 Cambridge Who's Who Among Executive and Professional Women in Teaching and Education.
- ★ **Erin Meyers** was recognized in the 2007-2008 Cambridge Who's Who Among Executive and Professional Women in Teaching and Education.

MEDIA RECOGNITION

The New Jersey Herald, January 31, 2008: "Joining the club – High Point's Jess Lain scores 1,000th Point"

The Advertiser-News North, January 31, 2008: "Young Life – High Achievers"

The Advertiser-News North, January 31, 2008: "Wildcats give Dexter win 100"

The New Jersey Herald, January 25, 2008: "The music flows like water"

The New Jersey Herald, January 20, 2008: "High Point stays undefeated"

The New Jersey Herald, January 17, 2008: "Great Expectations for High Point's Wildcats"

The New Jersey Herald, January 16, 2008: "Bristol Glen benefits from student volunteer efforts"

The New Jersey Herald, January 13, 2008: "Holiday Bake for Hospice"

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- ★ Best of luck to **Faye Paskas**, World Languages teacher. She will be on sabbatical leave for the second semester, and has many exciting events planned, including trips to Guatemala, Mexico, and Spain.
- ★ **Jon Tallamy** completed another graduate class entitled Authoring Tools in Educational Technology. He will be taking another course in the spring.
- ★ Science staff attended the second day of training on January 22 for the NJPAA (New Jersey Performance Assessment Alliance). This scoring session certified the staff in performance assessment and will also help prepare the students for the Performance Assessment in May.
- ★ The 9th grade team of **Rena Mills, Heather Gonzalez, Heather Strout, Jill Schafer, and Tricia Woodhead** met with the 7th and 8th grade Language Arts teachers from Frankford and Lafayette to discuss teaching strategies and skill sequencing in Language Arts. This joint effort will help ease the transition from middle school to high school English.
- ★ The 11th and 12th grade team of **Elizabeth Hatler, Nancy White, Sheila Ross, Marilyn Pucillo, Laraine Reedy, Carolyn Acker, and Noah Klimas** met with Dr. Emily Issaacs, Director of the Writing Center at Montclair State University, to discuss ways to better prepare our students for college-level writing.
- ★ **Patricia Porter, Laraine Reedy, Jill Schafer, and Cari Bodnar-Kiemel** were trained in Study Island, the HSPA Preparation and Review program.
- ★ The Math department has been working to produce many interactive SmartBoard lessons for all levels of instruction.
- ★ **Sandra Sullivan** attended the OSHA 10 Plus two day training for teachers of SLE programs.
- ★ **Bonnie Puzio and Jill Shrope** attended the Introduction to Blogging training for the classroom during the January in-service day.

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

- ★ The **Health and Physical Education** department did an outstanding job organizing, preparing, and implementing the department's first midterm. Every department member worked cooperatively to develop five different midterms for each period. Special recognition should go to **William Panfile** who is filling in for Christine Duffin. Also, the department was extremely cooperative implementing the new process for switching classes. Everyone worked together to help organize and initiate the process.
- ★ The **Social Studies** department along with the English department, will explore the possibility of teaching across the curriculum in grades nine and ten. Also, the Social Studies department will be assessing the possibility of teaching across the curriculum in several elective areas with the remaining departments.
- ★ In January, the **Science** department invited **Ali Mueller** to be a guest speaker. Ali is an alumnus of High Point and is currently majoring in conservation biology at Unity College in Maine. She talked to the Biology students and Forensics students about the identification of birds based upon their plumage and the identification of organisms based upon their skull structure.
- ★ The **Special Education** department is moving forward with a new science course for the 2008-09 school year, **Exploring Forensics**. This will be the third new course for the department in the past two years. We are always looking towards the future in planning new courses to offer the Special Education students.
- ★ **Special Education English** and **Math** courses are implementing a new supplemental software program, **Study Island**. Although we are still learning about all the possibilities this software will offer our students, we are pleased with our progress and the positive response from the students.
- ★ **Special Education Biology** classes took a field trip to the **American Museum of Natural History** in New York City. The students were excited and learned even more about animal classification based on their trip.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ The High Point Concert Choir will perform a District Choir Day with our sending districts on February 7, 2008.
- ★ **Devin Henry, Erin Hensley, Amanda La Franco,** and **SP** will give a Pass It Along presentation to the Branchville Rotary.
- ★ Mary and Alan Spector will be visiting World History classes during the week of February 25 (National Peace Corps Week). Both are recent Peace Corps volunteers (to Tunisia and Colombia).
- ★ The next meeting of the Peer Counseling group will be held on Tuesday, February 12. The Peer Counseling group is preparing for its annual retreat which is to be held on Wednesday and Thursday, February 27 and 28, at Fairview Lakes.
- ★ **Gene Emering** will present an overview of the **Math department's** course offerings and new initiatives at the Regional Board of Education Meeting on February 4.