

# High Point Regional High School

## *An Inside Look*

May 2008

### **STUDENT STARS**

- ★ The Chamber Singers traveled and performed in Williamsburg from May 16 – 19. The group consisted of the following: **CC, Anna Dekker, Molly Gill, Kristin Kimball, AnnMarie Lanzilotti, Yenddie Lin, DL, Austin Haggerty, Chris Prestia, Lenny Wolff, Fehmi Yasin, Katie Baldwin, TD, Justine Doherty, Monica Hahn, Erin McCormick, Kelly Osborne, Anthony Caruso, DM, James McMaster, JO, Derek Schwabe, and John Sysyn.**
- ★ Please congratulate **Tom DiVintantonio** when you see him. Tom is the winner of the Sussex County Historical Society's essay contest (as well as the recipient of a \$500 scholarship)!
- ★ **Brandii Franek** won the Girls E-Mentoring in Science Engineering and Technology Question of the Month competition by identifying the African American woman who invented the first practical dishwasher- Josephine Garis-Cochran. This is Brandii's second win.
- ★ The High Point preschool, run by the Child Development students, will be holding its end of the year program on June 4. This is the culmination of a semester during which the high school students taught lessons to and did crafts and activities with a group of 24 preschoolers, four days per week. The young children come from the community and are the "living textbooks" for the juniors and seniors who study child development during the first semester and teach during the second semester.
- ★ **Michelle Vroegindewey** was recently admitted as the first student in the new Technology Education Teacher Prep Program at NJIT / Rutgers-Newark. The program, which has recently received verbal approval from the state, will open for the first time in September 2008. Michelle has been a dedicated student in the Department of Technological Studies, and, this June, will become the first student in school history to qualify for and attend four TSA National Conferences.
- ★ The Business department has announced the following accomplishments: 2008 Outstanding Marketing Coop Student - **Austin Peter**; 2008 Outstanding Child Care Coop Student - **KM**; 2008 Outstanding Business Coop Student - **JV**. Congratulations!
- ★ **AC's** artwork was on display the week of May 23 in the cafe annex. Ana's portfolio includes work from four years of Fine Art, Drawing & Painting, Honors Art History, and Photography. Her digital self portrait, "Se Aga Po," was selected at the Sussex County Teen Arts Festival to tour the state along with the 20 other selections across New Jersey for the 2008-09 school year (our copy is in her exhibit). Ana has been accepted to Rutgers as a Liberal Arts major. She hopes to be admitted to Mason Gross School of Visual Art after her freshman portfolio review.
- ★ On Thursday, May 1, High Point hosted WORK IN PROGRESS, the first ever county-wide high school writing workshop. Over eighty students from High Point, Kittatinny, Sussex Tech, and Hopatcong attended this day-long event that featured a variety of interactive writing stations. Three High Point faculty members (**Erin Meyers, Lisa Hodgins, and Laraine Reedy**) and two former students (**Maria Adelman and Joe Tisler**) were among the workshop facilitators. The day ended with a poetry reading, in which over twenty participants shared their original work. This experience was the culminating element of **Heather Strout's** self-assessment for the 2007-2008 school year. It was incredibly successful and hopefully will become a yearly tradition.
- ★ On Tuesday, May 20, **Lynn Panico** and twenty-four fourth graders from the Wantage School came to visit High Point for an afternoon of creative writing. The writing activities, facilitated by members of Heather Strout's Creative Writing and Creative Writing Workshop classes, included magnetic poetry, picture prompts, and nature poetry. This experience was the culminating event of a year-long pen-pal exchange between Panico's and Strout's classes.
- ★ On Friday, May 2, **Mrs. Acker** and **Mrs. White** took ten students to World Peace Day at Lounsberry Hollow Middle School in Vernon, NJ. This inspiring day, which consisted of a series of workshops, focused on the theme "Be the One" and gave the students the opportunity to hear the stories of Holocaust survivors, Rwandan Genocide survivors, one of the Lost Boys of the Sudan, and more.
- ★ On May 8, ninety-one High Point students participated in the Foreign Language National Honor Society Induction Ceremony.
- ★ **HK** received a scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 from the Foreign Language National Honor Society.
- ★ **Colleen Carroll** was honored as World Language Student of the Marking Period.
- ★ **Melissa Dones** was selected as the Science Department's Student of the Marking Period. She is well deserving of this award because of her hard work and dedication to her teacher and her classmates.

**STUDENT STARS CONTINUED**

- ★ **TM** placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the county for the Merck State Science Day Biology II test. **SB** Placed 7<sup>th</sup> for the Chemistry II test. **William Porter** and **DM** tied for 5<sup>th</sup> in the county for Physics II. **J. Garry Kiely** placed 9<sup>th</sup> in the county for the Advanced Integrated test. Cliff Whitman placed 9<sup>th</sup> in the regular Integrated test.
- ★ Congratulations to **DM**. D will receive the Mathematics department's Outstanding Senior Award for 2008. Drew is currently an "A" student in Advanced Placement Calculus and Advanced Placement Statistics.
- ★ The Math Department's Student of the Marking Period is **RP**. Ryan is a ninth grade student in **Mr. Grieco's** BSI Integrated Math I class.
- ★ Congratulations to the following students who have scored 700 or above on the May SAT Test 2: **SB** – 750; **JF** – 730; **TL** – 730.
- ★ Four students from Joan Smith's and Jeanne Heinke's classes - **FB, Michael St. John, NG, and AP** – attended the prom this year and were escorted by the following seniors: **Steven Vealy, Lauren Fasano, AP, Melissa Schneider, and Ashley Alford**.
- ★ The **MD class** was the collection center for the school during the "Food Stock" collection campaign. Over 1,000 cans of food were collected. It also provided a great opportunity for students to visit with the students in the MD class that might never have met them. **Tahir Adiguzelli** wrote a wonderful editorial in the May 2008 issue of the Monument about his experience meeting the students and staff of the MD class.
- ★ The **MD class** hosted a Mother's Day Tea for the mothers of the students in the class as well as staff members.
- ★ The **MD class** baked dog biscuits to sell and raised over \$250, which was donated to charity.
- ★ **TB** created homemade drums with the MD class and provided weekly lessons.
- ★ **Media Tech** classes made their first silent, black and white films. They created original music using the Garage Band application and they are currently working on a thirty second pod-cast commercial.
- ★ **The MD, MCI, and LLD classes** attended the Skyhawks' School Day Baseball Game. One of our students, **MF**, was chosen to lead the crowd in "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" and another one of our students, **CL**, was chosen "Fan of the Game" for her enthusiasm.

**ATHLETICS**

- ★ Congratulations to **Jeremy Quinn** for winning the NJSIAA/MGA North Jersey Section 1 Group 3 Individual State Championship at Darlington Golf Course in Mahwah on May 12. Kudos to him and Coach Regan!
- ★ Congratulations to **John Gardner** for being named Region 2 National Coach of the Year by the National Wrestling Coaches Association Scholastic Board of Directors. John is one of eight coaches recognized throughout the country.
- ★ Some recent accomplishments from the Boys' Track team are as follows: **Erik Brands, Chris Puskas, and Femi Adebola** all were named to the SCIL All League team and **Steve Vealey** received Honorable Mention; also, in the North 1 Group 3 Sectional Meet, **Erik Brands** earned 6th place in the pole vault and **Femi Adebola** earned third place in the triple jump (where he broke his own school record). He was also the sectional champ in the high jump.
- ★ **Femi Adebola** placed 5th in the high jump at the Group 3 track meet and will be competing in the Meet of Champions in South Plainfield.
- ★ Due to **Brittney Derin's** outstanding performance at the group track meet, she has received a wildcard and will be joining Femi at the meet of champions. She is seeded 16th out of 43 girls. Please congratulate her!
- ★ Please congratulate the following High Point Softball players for their accomplishments in being named members of the 2008 SCIL Softball All League team: **Jessica Fedor** and **Lauren Fasano**; Honorable Mention: **SG**.

**STELLAR STAFF**

- ★ **Jeff Davidowski** is recovering from back surgery. We all miss him and wish for a speedy recovery.
- ★ **Stacey Zaremba** and **Liana Heller** chaperoned the Senior Trip to Virginia Beach.
- ★ **Dan Muller, Brian Drelick, Steve Peltier, and Mark Wallace** all received 2008 Image Awards by the New Jersey Technology Education Association for going the extra mile in educating the public about the benefits of technology education.
- ★ **Janet Hayzler** and **Sandra Sullivan** organized and emceed the Annual Employer Appreciation Luncheon, held at the Lafayette House on May 20. The event was held to thank all the employers that worked with and supervised their students this year.
- ★ **Chris Henry** attended the Student Caring Breakfast at SCCC in recognition of **Katie Baldwin**.
- ★ **Chris Henry** and **Jackie Sutton** chaperoned the Student Council trip to Great Adventure.
- ★ **Kory Loyola** and **Seamus Campbell** brought their AP classes to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Federal Hall in NYC on May 15.

**STELLAR STAFF CONTINUED**

- ★ **Mickey Thomas** attended the NJSCA 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Wrestling Coaching Clinic on May 2.
- ★ On May 22, **Mary Hassenplug** was honored at a luncheon in Trenton by the New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities. Ms. Hassenplug received the Fellowship Award and \$1000 for her work with regular education and special education students in her Cyber English class.
- ★ Good luck to **David Hesselgrave**, who will be relocating to Nebraska at the end of the school year. Dave has been a member of the High Point Math department for the last three years.
- ★ Thank you to **Linda Abrams** and **Brian Feuer** for helping to chaperone the Senior Trip to Virginia Beach.
- ★ **Margie Havens** and **Jeanne Heinke** for their organization of the Junior Prom and the assurance that all students had the opportunity to attend.
- ★ Thank you to **Lisa Premock** and **Cathy Madaio** for their organization of the Senior Trip and the assurance that all students had the opportunity to attend.
- ★ The entire **Special Education department** took their students to High Point State Park for a reward day.
- ★ **Brian Drelick** was recognized by the Sussex County School Boards Association as 2008 Sussex County Teacher of the Year at their Annual Spring Dinner on May 9.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- ★ **Seamus Campbell** and **Scott Ripley** attended an I&RS committee meeting.
- ★ On Wednesday, May 21, at the faculty meeting, **Heather Strout** shared a short presentation with the staff regarding her self-assessment project.
- ★ **Rena Mills** attended the NJASECD Leading for the Future workshop at Rutgers University on May 27. Ms. Mills will incorporate ideas gleaned from the workshop in her role as freshman class advisor.
- ★ **Maddie Travaille**, **Liana Heller**, and a group of students presented their poster at the Waksman Forum Poster Session at GE Healthcare at Rutgers University. Their students were commended for presenting an outstanding poster. This is the culminating effort for their year's work in the science research club.
- ★ New curriculum guides will be written for SAT Prep, Honors Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus A and Honors Calculus this summer.
- ★ **Marti Eidam** attended a workshop on Intervention in Articulation and Phonology.
- ★ **Rachel Price** attended a three day workshop on Wilson Language Training for struggling readers.
- ★ **John Gardener** and **Mark Veltri** attended NJSCA 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Wrestling Coaches Clinic
- ★ **John Gardener** attended the Food and Business Expo.

**MEDIA RECOGNITION**

- The Advertiser News North, May 29, 2008 – “High Point wins \$10,000 ‘Make a Difference Day’ award”**
- The New Jersey Herald, May 21, 2008 – “The magic of tape – High Point students ‘package’ their sculpture”**
- The New Jersey Herald, May 21, 2008 – “Quinn wins Festival”**
- The New Jersey Herald, May 19, 2008 – “High Point junior gets perfect score in math”**
- The New Jersey Herald, May 14, 2008 – “High Point pole vaulters aren’t bothered by shoes”**

**WHAT’S NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY (CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT)**

- ★ Information Technology will be creating their own Coaxial Data Cables and comparing them to the “twisted pair” style (Category 5) data cables they already made. Information Technology will also be setting up their own three computer network in a server-client format using category 5 wires in a "star" configuration.
- ★ The Women in Engineering class recently visited CMX engineering in Parsippany to learn about Civil Engineering. Project directors and engineers (both male and female) talked to the group about careers in engineering, education, internships, CADD, and more.
- ★ **MH, Munroe Graham, Jamie McCloskey**, and **HK** attended Sussex County Youth in Government Day sponsored by the Sussex County Freeholders.
- ★ American Conflict classes visited Ellis Island on May 12. Chaperones were **Mike Langan, Tom Ryan, and Kory Loyola**.
- ★ **Chris Henry, Kory Loyola, and Jackie Sutton** chaperoned the Student Council Great Adventure Trip on May 15.
- ★ Mickey Thomas' Street Law classes visited East Jersey State Prison on May 9 and May 14. **Dave Ruppert** was a chaperone.
- ★ Assemblywomen Allison McHose visited **Seamus Campbell's** AP US Government class.

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

- ★ During the May 2 In-service Day, the English department continued to finalized curriculum guides for all courses, with the specific focus of adding a research unit for all grades at all levels.
- ★ The Science Department's Forensic classes were privileged to have Mike Puskas as a guest speaker from the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms division of the government. He talked to our science classes about gangs, crime, and major catastrophic events in our country's history. The Street Law classes joined in listening to Mike speak about his experiences.
- ★ The Science Department participated in the Merck State Science Day May 20. There was an integrated test, Bio II, Chem. II, and Physics II tests. Twenty-four students took part in this test.
- ★ All first year biology students participated in the End of Course State Assessment on May 19. This is the first time this test was administered. These students also participated in the Performance Assessment portion of the test on Tuesday, May 20. Results will be announced in October.
- ★ The Forensics classes and AP Biology took a trip to NYC to visit the Bodies Exhibit. They learned about human anatomy and physiology. It was a great trip for all the students.
- ★ The Forensics classes participated in a culminating crime scene during the month of May. It contained real evidence that needed to be processed and analyzed in order to catch the perpetrator.
- ★ Fifty-two 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Whale Watch Trip to Cape Cod on May 2, 3, and 4. A great time was had by all.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ★ Twenty-nine students will be attending the TSA National Conference in Orlando, Florida, from June 28 - July 2.
- ★ The Academic Bowl team will be attending the League Luncheon in Milford, PA. Team members are as follows: **TM, Dave Smith, Munroe Graham, RF, JM, Shannon Southard, and Cody Weber. Scott Ripley** is the advisor.
- ★ The annual *Calliope* Coffeehouse will take place on Friday, June 6, from 7-10 pm in the High Point Media Center. Come enjoy an evening of art, poetry, and music brought to you by High Point's talented students. Admission is \$5, and copies of this year's award-winning literary and arts magazine will be available.