

# High Point Regional High School

## *Department Highlights*

### October 2007

#### **STUDENT STARS**

- ★ This year's Governor's School nominations are: School of Public Issues- **Devin Henry, Lauren Bayse,** and alternate **Liza Cotter**; School of International Studies - **Munroe Graham, SP,** and alternate **Liza Cotter.**
- ★ French II student **MV** was recognized as Student of the Marking Period for World Languages.
- ★ Congratulations to the following students for being selected to perform with the All County Band and Chorus: (Band) **SL, Chris Prestia, Brianna Doran, KD, Hannah Lozaw, SC, Sean Marks, TD, Cody Weber, JD, Kimberly Schreyer, KK, Tom Aroune, Haven Krynicky** and **Dave Smith**; (Chorus) **Kristin Kimball, AnnMarie Lanziloti, DL, Caitlin Vogel, Justine Doherty, Dana Procida, TD, Austin Haggerty, Louis Pieri,** and **JO.**
- ★ The Induction National Honor Society Ceremony was held on November 12 in the auditorium. Please congratulate the following students who were selected for induction: Seniors - **Christine Barria, Jayme Boyce, Kathryn Brenzel, Kyle Donadio, LD, Julianna Kattermann, Emily Kaelblein, Sarah Lapinski, KN, William Porter,** and **Dana Sweeney**; Juniors - **Nicole Abati, Lauren Bayse, Jayne Bonn, Rachel Brummell, Eliza Cotter, Laura Fontana, Munroe Graham, Devin Henry, DM, DM, SP, Kimberly Schreyer, KV,** and **CV.**
- ★ High Point Juniors and Seniors who are interested in careers that teach technology education/pre-engineering or engineering, recently went to The College of New Jersey. The students worked in teams to design, construct, and create, a device that performs a specific function set forth in a design brief. Students had to design a mechanism that would deliver food packages to villages that were affected by a tsunami. They had ninety minutes to design and construct the mechanism, after which they were tested. This activity challenged the students' design skills and problem solving skills as teams developed their own creative solutions to the problem. Twenty-seven teams competed with the following outcome: 2nd Place - **Cloe Kawecki** and **AR**; Tied for 4th Place - **Andrew Larson** and **Michelle Vroegindewey.** Congratulations to all who contributed to this effort.
- ★ **Seamus Campbell's** Civics classes have engaged in on-line correspondence with all six candidates for State Assembly from the 24<sup>th</sup> District.
- ★ Pass-It-Along students have participated in numerous community service projects.
- ★ Honors Art History, Fine Art Portfolio 3 and 4, and Fine Art Sculpture students visited the Cloisters and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City on October 4.
- ★ On October 25, Fine Art Sculpture students visited Luna Parc, the environmental sculpture park created and designed by local artist Ricky Boscarino, in Montague, New Jersey.
- ★ Congratulations to the following students who will be recognized as part of our SAT Math 700 club: **Samantha Brummell** – 720; **KN** – 700; **William Porter** – 750; **BS** – 710; **Roger Harford** – 700. Their names and scores will be recognized on our Department bulletin board outside of Room 331.
- ★ **Kelley Schlesinger** and **Aleksandra Sajak** have been nominated for the Governor's School of Creative Writing.
- ★ On Friday, October 19, over thirty High Point students enjoyed an open mic poetry coffeehouse facilitated by the Wantage Friends of the Library.
- ★ The students of the **MCI Program**, along with the assistance of their teacher, **Joan Smith**, participated in the "Make a Difference Day" Project. They raised \$3,200 through fund raising endeavors (a bake sale in school and at a football game) and donations they received from the High Point Student Council (\$500), the Frankford School Student Council (\$150), local Rotary and VFW Organizations, and AT&T (which donated 200 phone cards). All the money was used to purchase phone cards for the soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. The MCI students asked the English Department students to write cards for the soldiers, and also asked the Art Department to create artwork to send with the letters and the phone cards.
- ★ High Point's **REBEL** group took part in Pumpkin Plunge 2007. The students painted pumpkins with anti-tobacco messages and placed them throughout the school. Be sure to check out **REBEL's** new bulletin board, on display next to the English office.
- ★ **TM** and **KP** were chosen by the Science Department to represent our school for the Governor's School of Science.
- ★ **EB** and **Kim Schreyer** were chosen by the Science Department to represent our school for the Governor's School of the Environment.

- ★ The **MCI program students** culminated a unit on animal classification by going on a field trip to Space Farms in order to see the animals that they had been discussing in class.
- ★ The **MD program students** culminated a cross-content unit that encompassed all things in the fall season with a trip to Ideal Farms where they were able to pick apples, have cider, pick pumpkins, and go on a hayride (wheelchairs and all)!

### **ATHLETICS**

- ★ Please congratulate the following members of the Girls' Tennis team on their selection to the following: All SCIL Team - **MR** and **Lauren Bayse**; Honorable Mention - **DC**.
- ★ Please congratulate the following Girls' Soccer players for being selected to the SCIL All League Team: **Ashley Sanborn, Jessie Lain, Alyssa Lewis, and Brittney Derin** (Honorable Mention).
- ★ Please congratulate the following athletes on being named to the ALL SCIL Cross Country Teams: Boys - Honorable Mention - **DM** and **NB**; Girls All SCIL - **Stacey Lepes** and **Danielle Czohla**; Honorable Mention - **SJ**.

### **STELLAR STAFF**

- ★ **Kelly Reynolds** was recognized in the 2007-08 edition of the Cambridge *Who's Who in Women in Education*.
- ★ **Brian Drelick** and **Mark Wallace** will attend the I3 Symposium: Invest, Inspire, Imagine hosted by Liberty Science Center on Tuesday, November 6. They will represent the membership of the New Jersey Technology Education Association. This event will feature panel discussions with Margaret Spellings, the United States Secretary of Education, and Lucille Davy, New Jersey Commissioner of Education, on the importance of encouraging students to study and pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Both **Mr. Drelick** and **Mr. Wallace** were invited to this event through their involvement in the New Jersey Technology Education Association, and High Point's Technological Studies Program "Five Star" rating.
- ★ **Dan Muller** designed and constructed five 4' x 8' "Wildcat Announcements" bulletin boards to be mounted around the building to showcase accomplishments and upcoming events.
- ★ **Chris Henry** attended the State Student Council Conference held at the College of New Jersey with approximately twelve High Point Student Council members on October 22.
- ★ **Chris Henry** attended the "Pass-It-Along" youth conference with approximately thirty High Point students. The conference was held at Sussex County Tech.
- ★ **Patti Porter** was one of two women who officiated the Patriot League Cross Country championships during the weekend of October 24 in the pouring rain. The Patriot League members are Army, Navy, Lafayette, Lehigh, American, Holy Cross, Bucknell, and Colgate. In November, Patti will work the NCAA Regional championships at Lehigh University.
- ★ **Madelaine Travaille** is teaching a Molecular Biology workshop sponsored by Princeton University here at High Point.

### **MEDIA RECOGNITION**

**The Advertiser-News, October 31, 2007: "The Unexpected Guest" at High Point High School**

**The New Jersey Herald, October 31, 2007: "After official cleared, attention turns to future at High Point"**

**The New Jersey Herald, October 30, 2007: "High Point board clears Superintendent"**

**The Advertiser-News, October 29, 2007: "High Point Pops Walkkill"**

**The New Jersey Herald, October 29, 2007: "Mr. October – High Point's Donahue scores three TDs in 21-6 win over Walkkill Valley"**

**The New Jersey Herald, October 26, 2007: "High Point stages Christie play"**

**The New Jersey Herald, October 18, 2007: "Out of time"**

**The New Jersey Herald, October 10, 2007: "Wildcats can't forget defeat"**

**The New Jersey Herald, October 10, 2007: "3 arrested for written threat at High Point"**

**The New Jersey Herald, October 7, 2007: "High Point open despite threats"**

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- ★ **Steven Peltier** will be presenting at the Build It workshop at Steven's Institute of Technology on November 13.
- ★ **Seamus Campbell** and **Scott Ripley** attended the I&RS conference in Tom's River, New Jersey.
- ★ **Jon Tallamy** is taking two graduate courses this year towards a Master's Degree in Technology Education.
- ★ **Mike Langan** is taking Leadership and Human Resource Management at NJCU in pursuit of a degree in administration.
- ★ **Erin Meyers** was featured in the Star Ledger on Sunday, September 23 regarding her Precious Metal Clay unit. This unit included in her curriculum was the result of being awarded the \$1000 Principal's Technology Grant.
- ★ **Lance Sorchik** designed the poster and tee shirt art for the fall drama, *The Unexpected Guest*.
- ★ **Diane Sorchik**, Treasurer of the Art Administrators of NJ Association, attended the October meeting in Somerset.
- ★ **Diane Sorchik** and **Lance Sorchik** attended the Photo and Imaging Expo in NYC on October 19.
- ★ **Brian Feuer** and **Christina Puzio** will be attending a series of HSPA and AYP related workshops held at Rutgers University. The series begins in November.
- ★ **Brian Feuer** and **Susan Moss** attended the AMTNJ Mathematics Conference on October 26. The workshops included a demonstration of the TI-Nspire calculator and its uses for weaker learners, the upcoming state assessment in Algebra II, real-world applications and integrated learning, and using Geometer's Sketchpad in the algebra classroom.
- ★ **Linda Abrams** is on a waiting list for a two-day Texas Instruments workshop that will provide the school with a free Nspire calculator.
- ★ During the October 8 in-service, **Noah Klimas** facilitated multiple sessions on Windows Movie Maker, Photo Story, and Audacity, all free programs that can be used by students to write, create, and produce their own stories and films. In addition, he guided all Department members in creating individual class blogs to augment the Department web page.
- ★ **Cari Bodnar-Keimel** and **Rena Mills** facilitated a session during the October 8 in-service day for the Special Education Department on using Inspiration, a graphic organizing program that is an excellent teaching aid for visual learners.
- ★ **Patti Porter** attended the 250th Anniversary of the Birth of the Marquis de Lafayette held in Lafayette, New Jersey. The festivities included a poetry reading with such authors as Mary Florio, Vera Gelvin, Steven Koenig, Denise LaNeve, Paul Nash, Pina Pipino, and David Messineo.
- ★ **Joy Carter, Becky Patterson, Bonnie Puzio, and Tom Costello** are part of a pilot program in science for the statewide performance assessment in Biology. They will be attending four days of training this year in the development, administration, and scoring of this performance assessment.
- ★ **Andy Marancik, Joy Carter, Dan Muller, and Tom Costello** are attending the Molecular Biology Workshop taught by **Madelaine Travaille**. Two teachers from the sending district are also attending this workshop.
- ★ On the staff in-service day, the Special Education staff attended various training sessions with the different Departments in which they teach content. This was a great opportunity for the Departments to learn together and from each other.
- ★ **Jeanne Heinke, Jennifer Britt, and Joan Smith** attended the mandatory Alternative Proficiency Assessment training.
- ★ **Vincent Mohan** attended Understanding Individuals with Asperger's Syndrome or High Functioning Autism in order to better accommodate our rising number of students with this disability.
- ★ **Sandy Sullivan** attended the Youth Expo for Transitional and Career Information
- ★ **Andrew Murray** attended a workshop at Seton Hall University on Executive Functioning – Strategies and Interviews.
- ★ **Margie Havens, Marie Sullivan, and Ellen Laemers** attended the Girls Circle Facilitator Training, which focused on promoting resiliency in adolescent girls.

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

- ★ On October 26, **Faye Paskas** and **Amy Librizzi** led a group of thirty-nine Spanish III students on a trip to Union City, New Jersey.

- ★ On October 16 **Karen Kozlowski** and **Lore Toedtmann** led twenty-five International Club members on a trip to the United Nations in New York City on October 16.
- ★ **Ronald Hoffman** will accompany four Business students to Centenary College's SIFE Business Academic Competition on December 5. The students will compete in Accounting and General Business, and will also give a PowerPoint presentation on the topic of Fraud in the Insurance Business.
- ★ Mr. and Mrs. Witte spoke to **Barbara Fasano's** World Studies class about their experiences while living in Saudi Arabia.
- ★ **Fred Kattermann** spoke to **Erik Carlson's** American Studies II classes about growing up in Germany during WWII.
- ★ **Sam Barnes**, a World War II Marine who served on Saipan, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa, spoke to **Mike Langan's** American Conflict classes.
- ★ **Joe Langan** (High Point class of 2006) spoke to Mike Langan's classes about his current role in the US Navy Military Police K-9 unit.
- ★ An initiative is currently underway to outfit a number of mathematics classrooms with projectors and interactive white boards.
- ★ The Math Department is interested in team teaching an SAT Prep course with the English Department. The course would be slated for the 2008-2009 school year.
- ★ The Anglo-Saxon monster Grendel visited **Noah Klimas'** classroom on October 31 to discuss the nature of being a monster and the powers needed to fight a hero such as Beowulf.
- ★ **The Science Research Club** is actively working after school on their DNA project.
- ★ **The Science League** is preparing for their season with practice tests for the students.
- ★ **The Science Olympiad** group is getting together in preparation for their competition in January.
- ★ **The Peer Counseling** group had over 100 students in attendance at its last meeting. This year the group is focusing on "Making a Difference." The October meeting focused on the aspect of communication and how it impacts our daily lives and can make a difference in someone else's life.
- ★ **THE TROUT HAVE ARRIVED!** The Fundamentals of Science and Basic Biology classes are participating in the New Jersey Trout Unlimited Program to raise Brook Trout in their classroom. There is a tank full of hatchling Brook Trout in Room 436 if anyone would like to stop by and see. The students will be studying the life cycle of the trout, charting their growth rates, and noting food consumption. At the end of the project, the Brook Trout will be released into a local stream.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ **Janice Hennings'** Accounting I, Computerized Accounting 2, and Computerized Accounting 3 classes will host a guest speaker on November 20. Mr. Brad Miniz, a local CPA and member of NJSCPA, will give a presentation on Accounting Careers. Mr. Miniz is part of the Pay it Forward program run by the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants who speak to local high school students and share information about their careers in the field of Accounting. This will be the third year that Mr. Miniz has spoken at High Point High School, and the fifth year that we have been part of the program.
- ★ **Jon Tallamy's** American Studies II classes will be visited by two Viet Nam veterans.
- ★ The Math Department's SAT and Advanced Placement recognition bulletin board will be up in the near future.
- ★ **Gene Emering** will facilitate a graphing calculator workshop for all Special Education Math teachers (time and date to be determined).
- ★ Texas Instruments will provide a four hour workshop on NspireData and Ti-Navigator technology. The workshop will be given at no cost as part of the January in-service.
- ★ Seven members of the English Department will be attending the national convention of the National Council of Teachers of English, held this year in New York City. At the December Department meeting, these teachers will then present the innovative ideas and new strategies learned at the conference.
- ★ The next meeting of the Peer Counseling group will be held on Tuesday, November 13. The focus will be on "Giving" and how that can make a difference in their lives. We will be collecting canned foods along with non-perishable foods to give to Project Self Sufficiency in Newton. The food will then be distributed to needy families in the Sussex County area for Thanksgiving.
- ★ The Peer Counseling Steering Committee and advisors will be attending a leadership retreat on Friday, November 16. The purpose of this day-long retreat is to provide leadership, small group dynamic, and communication training necessary to run small group discussions and large group games.

- ★ FBLA, under the direction of **Melanie LiTrenta**, will be participating in a year-long Community Food Pantry project, with other Sussex County FBLA chapters. During High Point's given month, FBLA will collect funds and run a food drive to boost the supplies of the county's food pantry system.