



HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

An Inside Look - January 2009

STUDENT STARS

- On December 10, students in the **Power, Energy, and Transportation III/IV Honors** class participated in the 3rd Annual Hydrogen Fuel Challenge sponsored by TransOptions at Livingston High School. Of the 15 trophies awarded yesterday, High Point won six, and of the five first place trophies, High Point won three. The results were as follows: **Dan Ragnetti, Anthony Fedele, Chris Lordy and Tim Rand**: 2nd Place in Innovation; **Nick Villano, CW, Andrew Larson, DR, and Paul Cardinal**: 1st Place in Craftsmanship, 2nd Place in Technical Merit, 2nd Place in Documentation; **Sean Koeller, Anthony Luciano, Brandon Notaro, Brian Brady, and Vincent Cocchiarella**: 1st Place in Documentation 1st Place in Technical Merit. **Nick Villano, Craig Worts, Andrew Larson, Anthony Fedele, Brandon Notaro, Anthony Luciano, and Brian Brady** have qualified for the Panasonic Design Challenge Finals at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark on March 26. Their successful performances at the Qualifying Tournament earned them the highly sought after invitation to attend the finals, with a chance to win \$5000 each in scholarship money.
- **Heather Strout's** Creative Writing Workshop students completed their annual Gift of Poetry project, in which they shared poems that have been meaningful to them with the High Point community through a hallway display.
- **Heather Strout's** Creative Writing students created a Music and Poetry bulletin board on display near the English offices. Several teachers, upon viewing their work, were inspired to post their own contributions of poetic song lyrics. Thank you to those who participated! Please be sure to check out the finished product when you get a chance.
- Students in English classes produced 584 letters to Santa in support of freshman Jared Alosio's project for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Through the letters, Jared was able to raise \$584 for this worthwhile cause.
- Congratulations to **Dylan Bassett, Cody Weber, and Tom Aroune** for being selected to play with this year's Region Band.
- On January 6, High Point's DECA chapter competed at our Regional conference at Morris County Community College. High Point did rather well capturing 3 overall First Place honors. Regional place-winners will now qualify for the State DECA competition which will be held in Cherry Hill in February. If you see these people, please congratulate them for a job well done: **SP -Accounting - 1st Place Overall**, 1st place - written test, 2nd place - role play #1, 3rd place - role play #2; **Courtney Wirths** - Technical Sales Event - **1st Place Overall**, 1st place - Sales Presentation; **JR & Jayne Bonn** - Travel & Tourism Management Team - **1st Place Overall**, 1st -Place - Case Study; **KV & CV** - Travel & Tourism Management Team - 2nd Place Overall, 2nd Place Case Study; **Ann Marie Lanzillotti** - Hospitality & Lodging Management - 6th place Overall, 3rd Place role play#1; **Stacey Lepes & Jeremy Quinn** - Hospitality Management Team - 7th place Overall; **Chris Cartegena** - Marketing Management - 9th place overall; **MR** - Sports & Entertainment Management - 1st Place written test; and **MR & Nick Villano** - Sports & Entertainment Management Team - 9th place Overall.
- Please extend your congratulations to the following FBLA members who were place winners at the FBLA Northern Region competitive events: **MS** - 8th Place, Spreadsheet Applications; **MD** - 7th Place, Spreadsheet Applications; **Carli Smolen** - 8th Place, Word Processing I; **Emily Slate** - 6th Place, Introduction to Business; **SP** - 2nd Place, Personal Finance; and our champion **KL**, **1st Place in Northern Region, FBLA Principles and Procedures** (She is our first-ever freshman champ!). They have earned the right to move on to the New Jersey State competition in March!
- Please congratulate **Tom Aroune** on being selected to perform with the New Jersey All State Wind Ensemble. Tom placed 1st on Euphonium this past Saturday at JP Stevens High School, scoring higher than any other euphonium in the state! Tom is preparing for the concert on Sunday, February 21, at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.
- Please congratulate **CV** who was honored at the 16th annual **New Jersey Celebrates National Girls and omen in Sports Day** at Seton Hall University. C and other high school, collegiate, Honorary Olympic, Hall of Fame, and Lifetime coaches of Women in Sports received their awards before a crowd of more than 700 who included family, friends, coaches, and fellow athletes.
- **Noah Klimas** and **Laraine Reedy** chaperoned 30 English students to the Paper Mill Playhouse production of *The Importance of Being Earnest*. This satire on manners and relationships was an engaging supplement to the classroom study of the play.

- ☉ Fifteen World Languages students made preliminary plans to attend a two week, intensive language study program to be completed at the Universidad Complutense in Madrid, Spain, in July of 2009.
- ☉ **Mr. Cardillo's** Sax Quartet performed at the Starbucks Coffee Shop in Franklin.
- ☉ **Harold Woods** and **Mike Cardillo** accompanied the Jazz Ensemble to a performance of the West Point Jazz Knights on January 30.
- ☉ Eighty-three students auditioned for *Annie*, and 56 were selected for the cast.
- ☉ Seven Brain Bee students competed in the seventh annual Brain Bee competition. The students were **TM**, **Munroe Graham, KP, Amanda Autore, Kate Kohle, KL,** and **RW**. **TM** made it into the final round of competition against 22 other students from around the state.
- ☉ The Science Olympiad team competed at the regional tournament at Princeton University. There were numerous top five finishers from High Point.
- ☉ The Science League team had its first competition in January. (The results are not in yet because of the rescheduling due to inclement weather.)
- ☉ **Alicia VanDeWeert** has been named Student of the Second Marking Period in mathematics. Alicia is a student in **Ms. Cuneo's** Algebra 2 A class.
- ☉ Congratulations to **Justin Farischon**. **Justin** became an Eagle Scout on December 18. The ceremony was held at Lafayette Firehouse. In attendance were his math teachers **Mrs. Abrams** and **Mr. Emering**.

STELLAR STAFF

- ☼ One of **Heather Strout's** lessons, Violence Awareness Poetry, was selected as a Quadrant D Gold Seal Lesson by the Successful Practices Network.
- ☼ **John Gardner** has been selected to receive New Jersey's 2008 Coach of the Year award for Wrestling by the National Federation High School Coaches Association.
- ☼ **Michael Hingston** was nominated by a former student for a TCNJ Outstanding Educator Award.
- ☼ On January 19th, **Donna Lembo** and **Gene Emering** gave a presentation to the Board of Education on the possibilities that Virtual School courses can offer.

ATHLETICS

- ☉ Girls' basketball is tied for 1st in the SCIL with a 12-1 record. They are 13- 3 overall.
- ☉ Boys' Skiing is in 5th place in the SCIL with a record of 11-17.
- ☉ Girls' Skiing is in 3rd place in the SCIL with a record of 16-8.
- ☉ Boys' and Girls' swimming are currently both in 3rd place in the SCIL. Boys are 4-2-1; Girls are 5-2.
- ☉ Wrestling is currently 1st in the SCIL with a record of 8-1, ranked 20th nationally, and finished with a 4-2 record at the Clash in Minnesota. Their current rank is 3rd in the state.
- ☉ **John Gardner** was recently awarded the Wrestling New Jersey Coach of the Year by the National Association of High School Coaches Association.
- ☉ **Chris Dexter** was West Jersey Coach of the year for Girls' Tennis.
- ☉ **Todd DiNetta** completed his Master's Degree in Exercise Science (with a concentration in Fitness, Wellness, and Health Promotion) from California University of Pennsylvania with a GPA of 4.0.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 💡 **Carolyn Acker** attended a viewing of *Back Home*, a documentary made by Jean Bernard Rutagarama, a survivor of the Rwandan Genocide, on December 4, 2008, during the Holocaust Educators Conference at Brookdale Community College. The film tells the story of how Rutagarama managed to survive the genocide and documents his return to Rwanda and the reunion with his mother. A question and answer session was led by Jean Bernard Rutagarama following the viewing.
- 💡 On the January 19 In-Service day, the **Special Education Department** participated in several training opportunities: Model Schools, trainings with the Math and English Departments, and curriculum work.
- 💡 **Marti Eidam** attended a live teleconference on Auditory Processing Disorders: Effective Aud/SLP Collaborative Approach to Evaluation and Treatment.
- 💡 **Joe Santora** attended the Model Schools Winter Symposium in Washington, DC, on January 23, 2009.

- 💡 **Scott Ripley** and **Seamus Campbell** attended I&RS training on January 9, 2009.
- 💡 **Kory Loyola** began Mock Trial competition in February. The team won its first round of competition on February 5.
- 💡 **Joe Santora** attended the NJ Social Studies Supervisor Association meeting on the new Social Studies Standards.
- 💡 **Chris Henry** attended the New Jersey Association of Student Councils Conference on January 21.
- 💡 **Jill Schafer** and **Carla Mancuso** attended a HSPA training workshop in East Hanover, NJ. The workshop offered instruction on incorporating HSPA skills into the Language Arts curriculum and the teaching of literature. Jill and Carla then presented these new strategies during the January 19 In-service Day.
- 💡 **Caroline Bodnar-Keimel** attended the Model Schools Winter Symposium in Washington, DC. The conference offered several dynamic workshops on the Rigor/Relevance/ Relationships framework.
- 💡 **Diane Sorchik**, **Lance Sorchik**, and **Jeremy Dearolf** attended a day of OS X Apple computer training.
- 💡 **Diane Sorchik** attended the winter meeting of the Art Administrators of NJ at Kean University.
- 💡 **Becky Patterson** and **Liana Heller** attended a workshop geared towards the End of Course Biology Assessment.
- 💡 **Andy Marancik** and **Tim Merrill** attended a workshop on Environmental Science.
- 💡 **Marie Walsh** will attend the AMTNJ Mathematics Conference on February 26.

MEDIA RECOGNITION

The **New Jersey Herald**, January 30, "High Point rolls, revs up for P-burg"

The **Advertiser-News**, January 29, "High Point Junior elected to statewide student council"

The **New Jersey Herald**, January 28, "High Point student spends 8 days in Minnesota wilderness"

The **New Jersey Herald**, January 19, "Fulfilling a dream"

The **Advertiser-News**, January 8, 2009, "High Point's mock trial alumni reunite to coach school's team"

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

- 👨‍🎓 The **MCI Students** had their first field trip to the greenhouses of Arthur & Friends. Arthur & Friends is a program that teaches students about growing, marketing, and selling food in and from a hydroponics farm. The students had fun, and the instructors from Arthur & Friends were impressed with the students' skills.
- 👨‍🎓 For the January In-Service, the Social Studies Department worked on Curriculum Mapping and SmartBoard Training. Members of the Social Studies Department and the Language Arts Department are planning to "teach across the curriculum" with a combined lesson that will feature music in all classes.
- 👨‍🎓 **Mary Hassenplug** met with the Curriculum Directors from the middle school sending districts to discuss research skills and the transition from 8th to 9th grade.
- 👨‍🎓 **Women in Engineering/Design/Technology** Curriculum was submitted to the Premier Curriculum Award for K-12 Engineering. High Point's entry is one of the top four and will advance to the finalist category.
- 👨‍🎓 **Allison Ruggiero** is doing her student teaching in Biology under the direction of **Lisabeth Sunda**. Allison is a graduate of High Point and will be here until May.
- 👨‍🎓 **Nicole Ostertag** is doing her junior practicum under the direction of **Becky Patterson**. Nicole is a graduate of High Point and will complete 20 hours of observation.
- 👨‍🎓 The **Peer Counseling** group helped with the 8th grade tours and the 8th grade parent night.
- 👨‍🎓 **Gene Emering** attended the Sussex-Wantage January math department meeting. He presented information about new DOE requirements and their effect on middle school and high school mathematics instruction. The department is currently exploring the possibility of offering a virtual school BC Calculus course to advanced students in the near future.
- 👨‍🎓 **Lisa Frisbie** visited all the freshmen in their science classes to present a lesson on preparing for mid-term exams.
- 👨‍🎓 **Kate Kelly** attended a workshop at Monmouth University on January 30, entitled Helping Students Cope with Mental Health Issues.
- 👨‍🎓 **Scott Clausen**, a student at Bennington College, is completing his Field Work Term with **Heather Strout** in the English Department. Clausen graduated from High Point in 2003.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 👨‍🎓 The **MCI Program students** will be presenting their annual play on Tuesday February 3 at 9:15 am in the auditorium. The title of this year's production is *An American Patchwork*.

- ③ **Barbara Fasano** will attend Softball Spring training Camp on March 12 to March 15.
- ③ On February 17, **Joe Santora** will attend the Curriculum Mapping in the 21st Century Conference at Kean University.
- ③ **Erik Carlson** will attend the Model Congress Conference on March 19 and 20.
- ③ The Music Department will present its annual **District Band Concert** on Thursday, February 12, at 7:30 in the auditorium. The Concert will feature students from Sussex Middle, Lafayette, Frankford, and Sussex Christian Schools, along with the High School Band and Jazz Ensemble. Admission is free and all are invited!
- ③ Current 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students wishing to test into **Honors or AP English** will take a screening test on Wednesday, February 25.
- ③ The Science Department will be conducting the Honors Screening for 8th grade students on Saturday, February 7.
- ③ The next meeting of the **Peer Counseling** group will be held on Tuesday, February 10. The Peer Counseling group is preparing for its annual retreat which is to be held on Wednesday and Thursday, February 25 and 26, at Fairview Lakes.
- ③ The **HSPA** will be administered from March 3 through March 5.
- ③ The next **SAT** testing opportunity is March 14.