

High Point Regional High School

An Inside Look

November 2008

STUDENT STARS

- Please congratulate **Munroe Graham** and **Colin Fricke** as they received the honor of being the first **Princeton Moot Court Debate Champions** in High Point history. Colin and Munroe went 9-0 as they dominated a field of over 30 teams from all over the east coast in a Constitutional Law Debate. Three of our teams made the playoffs and another, **JM** and **Hope VandenAkker**, also went undefeated (5-0) in preliminary rounds. Also, Colin Fricke was chosen as the 5th overall attorney; Jamie Meyers was chosen as the 6th overall attorney; Yenddie Lin was chosen as the 7th overall attorney; **JV** received honorable mention. If you happen to see any of the following students please congratulate them on a truly significant achievement: **Munroe Graham, Colin Fricke, JM, Hope VandenAkker, Sarah Cannavale, JV, Yenddie Lin, and Emily Slate.**
- On November 15, two French students, **MD** and **Melissa Allen**, accompanied Karen Kozlowski to Wantage School's annual Learning Circus, where they conducted two hour-long sessions of "Fabulous French" for third, fourth and fifth graders.
- The following students have been honored as Students of the First Marking Period. Science - **Griffin Panicucci**; Social Studies - **JM**; Business - **Brian Carragozela**; World Languages - **KV**; Mathematics - **JW**; Fine Arts - **GN**; English - **Fehmi Yasin**; and Music - **Tom Aroune.**
- **Donniel Woloszyn** has been accepted to Berkeley College in the Criminal Justice-Forensic Science program!
- The National Honor Society held its annual Induction Ceremony on November 13, 2008. In keeping with High Point's tradition, returning members inducted the new members into the honor society with Dr. Hannum and Mr. Youngman receiving them into membership. The twenty juniors and seniors selected this year are as follows: **EB, Eleni Chrysanthopoulos, VC, KD, Thomas DiVintantonio, LD, RE, Kathryn Furman, Rebecca Heismeyer, Christina Kehoe, Yenddie Lin, TM, JO, DP, Aleksandra Sajak, William Stetzel, Michelle Tracy, Jack Unverzagt, Hope VandenAkker, and Fehmi Yasin.**
- **Jayne Bonn** is the nominee for the Herff Jones Principal's Leadership Award.
- **William Suchoski** has been named as the November Student of the Month for the Branchville Rotary.
- Due to your concerted efforts, a total of **54% of our student body** were either on the High Honor Roll or the Honor Roll for the first marking period. The seniors led the way with a total of 59% of their class on both honor rolls. **Even the Freshmen Class had a total of 54% on both!** Thanks again for a job well done.
- Several FBLA students, **SP, Shannon Southard, BW, Ruben Mieses, KP, and Mark Wohlgemuth**, will be giving a PowerPoint presentation to junior health classes on December 11 to educate HP students about premature births, the lifelong medical issues associated with prematurity, the financial costs to society and families, and how we can help!
- **Mrs. LiTrenta's** Computer Apps 2 classes have been working hard designing programs for use at the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony and the Senior Citizen Prom.
- On December 3, **SP** received a second place trophy for his efforts in a business competition held at Centenary College. Sean participated in a comprehensive accounting exam and competed against students from all over the state. The competition was sponsored by SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise), a worldwide collegiate group that supports the development of our future business leaders. Other participants were **Jeremy Quinn, Tom Spring, and Ruben Mieses.** All represented High Point in a commendable way.
- **Technology Student Association** members have been provided a free trip to Engineering Career Day with the Nets. The Nets and the NJ Technology Student Association (NJ TSA) have invited our students in Technology Education Classes to attend the Technology & Engineering Career Day with the Nets on Friday, December 12, 2008. Students will meet with technologists and engineers from all the various areas of the stadium and the Nets organization, meet the players, and watch a game. The Martinson Foundation, which promotes Technological Literacy for every student K-12, has funded this trip for over 400 students from NJ.
- **Cliff Whitman** and **BR** entered the Embarq 48 Seconds Contest.
- **Mr. Fenlon's** Media 2/3 classes and **Mr. Kappler** made seven sports award posters and slideshows that were on display and shown during the Fall Sports Awards.
- **DC** completed the staff birthday calendar that will be on display in the faculty cafe.
- **Mr. Kevin Fenlon's** Media Technology 1 / 2 / 3 class have embarked on several cross-curriculum projects: World Language announcements, English tolerance PSAs (with Ms. Hassenplug), Home and Family - Kraft Cooking Contest (with Mrs. Olsen). Videos can be seen at www.youtube.com/watch?v=qlnex9DN00s.
- **Erin McCormick** was selected to perform as a member of All-Eastern Choir in Providence, Rhode Island, in March of 2009. Erin ranked third in the state of NJ in her vocal part.
- **Erin McCormick** and **Austin Haggerty** performed in Atlantic City at the Teacher's Convention as part of the All-State Choir 2008.
- **The Chamber Singers** and the **Concert Band** performed at the Veteran's Day assembly.
- Select **Choir** and **Band** students performed at the All-Sussex County Concert on November 21 at Vernon High School.
- **Stage Door** cast and crew had a successful run in November.
- Four Fine Arts 3 Portfolio students are exhibiting their original artwork at the Coffee Beanery in the Wantage Town Center through December. They are **CC, Jeremy Meyers (2), MP, and AZ.**
- Ten Fine Crafts students displayed their work at the Sussex County Library branch in Wantage. Exhibiting were **Dilek Baykara, EB, Janell Deutsch, CG, DG, Alissa Mathes, NO, Mickey Smith, Karielle Sybesma, and AW.**
- Two students were selected by their teacher, Lance Sorchik, to participate in the Art Administrators of NJ Emerging Artists exhibit and scholarship competition. They are **Dilek Baykara** and **AZ.**
- **Calliope 2008: Anatomy of a Student Body**, High Point's literary and arts magazine, won a FIRST PLACE award from the American Scholastic Press Association. The editor of the magazine was Amanda Lotz and the advisors are **Heather Strout, Erin Meyers, and Lisa Hodgins.**
- Congratulations to the following students who have surpassed the 700 mark on the October SAT Reading and/or Writing test: **KA, Lauren Bayse, SB, DC, Eliza Cotter, TM, and BW.** **JS** led the group with a perfect 800 on the Writing section and **JM** earned a 730 on the Literature subject test.

- 🌐 Students in High Point's Literature of the Holocaust and Genocide elective toured the United Nations and the New York Tolerance Center on their first field trip of the year. Students engaged in stimulating hands-on activities that challenged their prejudices and forced them to confront the dangers of stereotyping and hate speech. **Carolyn Acker** and **Mary Hassenplug** chaperoned the trip.
- 🌐 The Math Department is proud to recognize **Eliza Cotter** and **Lauren Bayse**. These students join seventeen other students from the classes of 2008 and 2009 who have scored 700 or above on the Mathematics section of the SAT. High Point is proud to recognize all nineteen of these students on the Mathematics Department's SAT Wall of Fame.

ATHLETICS

- 🌐 The **Girls' Cross Country** team had an outstanding day and won the **North 1 Group 3 Sectional Championship on November 10**. It was the first title in High Point History for Cross Country. The trophy is in the main office with a booklet from the meet. Please congratulate the following students when you see them: **KS, Stephanie Peterson, Carly Zinner, Jessica Norman, Stacey Lepes, BV, Erin Miller, Allison Provenzano, and AP**.
- 🌐 Please congratulate the following Girls' Soccer players who have been recognized by the New Jersey Girls' Soccer Coaches Association as All State players: **Megan Verba, Sam Ritter, Alayna Donadio, and Alyssa Donadio**.
- 🌐 Please congratulate the following Field Hockey athletes on their ALL LEAGUE SCIL honors: Offense - **CV (12), SB (12)**; Defense: **SG (12), Samantha Mearkle (12)**; Honorable Mention - **SL (12)**. **CV** and **SG** have been selected to participate in the NJFHCA Senior All Star Game on Sunday, December 7, at Montclair State University.
- 🌐 Congratulations to **CV** (first team) and **SG** (second team) for All North Jersey Group III Field Hockey Teams.
- 🌐 **Liz Sunda** (Cross Country) and **Bev Keur** (Field Hockey) have been named Coaches of the Year by the *New Jersey Herald*. They did an outstanding job and are deserving of the awards. Please congratulate them when you get the chance.
- 🌐 **Melanie LiTrenta** completed a ½ marathon in Philadelphia in 2 hours and 18 minutes.
- 🌐 **DM**, Boys' Cross Country, qualified for states.
- 🌐 Girls' Tennis completed the season with an 18-3 record. They finished second in the SCIL and the SCIL Festival. **MR** qualified for states and was the first player to win a round in states in six years. **Annalise Knies** and **Ashley Schreyer**, 1st doubles, qualified for states.
- 🌐 Field hockey finished the season with a 16-4 record. They finished second in the SCIL. Seniors **CV** and **SG** were selected to participate in the Senior Showcase at Montclair State University. The Junior Varsity finished the season undefeated with a record of 15- 0- 3. The freshman team finished with a record of 14-2-1.
- 🌐 **Football** won its last two games to finish 3-7. They played outstanding games against Lenape Valley, Sparta, and Jefferson.
- 🌐 **Boys' Soccer** won its last game to qualify for states.
- 🌐 Congratulations to **Chris Dexter** for being named All West Jersey Girls' Tennis Coach of the Year by the *Star Ledger*. He and his team had an outstanding season and the award is well deserved.

STELLAR STAFF

- 🌟 **Stacey Zarembo**, with assistance from **Art Mina** and **Tim Merrill**, is working to submit a Gold Seal Lesson to the Successful Practices Network.
- 🌟 **Todd DiNetta** completed his course work for his Master's Degree in Exercise Science with a concentration in Fitness, Wellness, and Health Promotion from California University of Pennsylvania. He maintained a GPA of 4.0.
- 🌟 **Joan Smith** with the assistance of **Janet Witt, Mary Thompson, and Janis Ryerson** hosted a Thanksgiving on the Farm event for the MCI program students at Ms. Smith's farm in Lafayette.
- 🌟 **Gene Emering** was an assistant Cross-Country coach on High Point's first ever Girls' North Jersey, Section I, Group 3 Championship team.
- 🌟 **Joy Carter** and **Chris Kappelmeier** were recognized by the newly inducted National Honor Society members as faculty with the most significant impact on them.
- 🌟 On behalf of our administration and teachers, **Mr. Youngman** would like to acknowledge **John Gardner's** NJ State Sports Award that was presented at the annual NJSIAA Awards Luncheon. Mr. Gardner was recognized along with 35 other deserving recipients for his outstanding coaching accomplishments. His 2007/08 wrestling team was named the number one team in the state (30-1 record). His wrestlers were the Group III State champions, the North 1 Group III State Sectional champions, SCIL champions, and the District III champions. His individual accomplishments included District III, Region 1, and State Coach of the Year. It was a great ceremony and John has certainly earned our respect and admiration.
- 🌟 **Brian Drelick** has been nominated for the Princeton University Distinguished Classroom Teacher Award by the High Point Administration. He has also been nominated by **Mr. Wallace** for the Alan Shepard Technology In Education Recognition Award sponsored by the Astronauts Memorial Foundation because of his lesson on space transportation technology in his Power, Energy and Transportation Technology courses.
- 🌟 On Friday, November 14, **Heather Strout** helped to facilitate an open mic/poetry coffeehouse at the Wantage Library. The event, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, was attended by over fifty high school students.
- 🌟 On Monday, November 3, **Heather Strout** visited Dr. Linda Costanzo Cahir's English Education class at Kean University. Strout spoke to Cahir's students about teaching poetry in a high school setting, successful lesson ideas, and effective classroom management techniques.
- 🌟 **Carl Hensal** completed courses in Health and Wellness (Regional Training Courses- RTC) through College of New Jersey at Sussex County Community College.
- 🌟 **Bev Keur** was named Sussex County and Mugs Media Field Hockey Coach of the Year.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 💡 **Joan Smith** and **Marti Eidam** attended a seminar on Selective Mutism.
- 💡 **Marti Eidam** completed an ASHA course on "Neurophysiology and Neurogenic Speech and Language Disorders."
- 💡 **Carol Veltri** attended the Peer Counseling Leadership Retreat Day training.

- 💡 **Linda Smith** and **Beth Walton** attended a Mock Admissions Panel program at Hopatcong High School on November 20. Admissions representatives from five area colleges reviewed a variety of high school transcripts and test scores to discuss why they accept or reject students with different credentials.
- 💡 **Joanne Koch** attended Counselor Day at Hofstra University and Bryant College. Joanne also attended a Financial Aid Workshop presented by HESSA.
- 💡 **Joanne Koch** and **Lisa Frisbie** attended a Sussex County Counselor meeting.
- 💡 **Chris Dexter** attended the Financial Literacy Money Power Conference on November 4 in New York City.
- 💡 **Mr. Wallace, Mr. Drelick, Mr. Peltier, and Mr. Potzer** were recently trained on the use of Autodesk Inventor software. Inventor software will become a design tool in many of the technological literacy classes.
- 💡 Visual art teacher **Jeremy Dearolf** designed the Veteran's Memorial mural commissioned by Greg Youngman and painted by Art Frisbie.
- 💡 **Diane Sorchik** has joined the Successful Practices Network Leadership Team.
- 💡 **Lance Sorchik** invited the Art Institute of Boston at Wesley University to present an overview of their programs to his Fine Art Portfolio 3 and 4 students.
- 💡 **Lisa Hodgins** and **Erin Meyers**, working together with other teachers, were granted the Principal's Tolerance and Diversity Grant. The teachers have started the student group V.I.E.W. (Visions in Every World) to promote diversity and acceptance within our school community. They will be creating hallway displays, and as a culminating event, will plan a World Peace Day.
- 💡 The **mathematics department** has scheduled two presentations for the January 19 In-Service day. A representative from Texas Instruments will present the new TI-Navigator graphing calculator system. The session will include Special Education Math teachers and Mathematics Teachers from our sending districts. A second session will be presented by a representative from Carnegie Learning. The company provides interactive computer software that can be customized to individual student needs.
- 💡 **Jill Schafer** and **Mary Hassenplug** attended a workshop on Special Review Assessment Language Arts Literacy Holistic Scoring in Somerville on November 14.
- 💡 **Maddie Travaille** is offering a workshop from Princeton University on DNA and Biotechnology.

MEDIA RECOGNITION

- The **New Jersey Herald**, November 12, 2008: "Honoring those who served"
- The **Advertiser News**, November 12, 2008: "High Point sets Powder Puff game for charity"
- The **Advertiser News**, November 12, 2008: "Staging a Classic"
- The **Advertiser News**, November 5, 2008: "High Point crowns queen"

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

- 🐝 The Freshman Transition Program, in conjunction with the HP Peer Counselors, conducted a Peer Connections program on Friday, October 24. Peer Counselors were trained to run small group discussions on study skills and connecting to High Point. The program ran for approximately one and one half hours and was rated successful and worth repeating by the majority of freshmen on an anonymous follow-up survey conducted in homerooms.
- 🐝 **Mr. Fenlon, Mr. Potzer, and Mr. Klimas** developed an interdisciplinary project: *Everystudent* for Mr. Klimas's English classes. The purpose of the assignment was to examine the genre of the morality play as well as gain a greater understanding of allegory. Media 1 students provided the technical assistance of filming, editing, and producing a DVD production to be used by the English students. *Everystudent* is a morality play based on *Everyman*. The full assignment is posted on Mr. Klimas's blog. <http://www.klimas11b.blogspot.com/>.
- 🐝 On November 13 -17, **Mr. Dutko & Mrs. LiTrenta** accompanied twenty-one DECA & FBLA students to Walt Disney World in Orlando to take part in Disney's Youth Educational Programs. During these three hour workshops, students were able to experience, first hand, some of the Disney philosophies on leadership and business practices. The students and advisors participated in leadership workshops and activities that also focused on technology and "going green". There was also an emphasis on our responsibility as business people, tourists, and citizens in general to consider the impact our actions/decisions have on the environment. Students came away with a better understanding of their roles as business leaders and how their decisions affect other individuals, the business, and the environment.
- 🐝 **The Brain Bee** is working towards their competition in January at the Liberty Science Center.
- 🐝 **The Science Olympiad** team is preparing for its competition in January.
- 🐝 **The Science League** team is preparing for its competitions starting in January.
- 🐝 The science department received a donation of physics supplies from Thor Labs. They donated optical equipment and lenses.
- 🐝 **The Peer Counseling** group had 75 students in attendance at its last meeting in November. We collected over \$100, sixteen bags of food and three frozen turkeys for Project Self Sufficiency. We are focusing on the theme "You're an Essential Piece."
- 🐝 **The Peer Counseling Steering Committee** and advisors attended a leadership retreat on Friday, November 15. The purpose of this day-long retreat was to provide leadership training, small group dynamics, and communication skills necessary to run small group discussions and large group games. We focused our attention on the leadership of Sir Ernest Shackleton, who was an Antarctic explorer in the early 1900's.
- 🐝 A virtual school pilot program in Algebra I is currently underway in the math department.
- 🐝 The math department has been including many streaming video clips into courses at all levels. Clips on Fractal Geometry, String Theory, Advanced Calculus, and Fibonacci numbers were among those shown.
- 🐝 The math department has proposed several new courses for 2009-2010 school year. The proposed courses include Pre-Calculus B and Pre-Algebra College-Prep C. The Pre-Calculus B course will be a hands-on practical course that will explore the applications of trigonometry. These applications will include surveying, navigation, fabrication, and design. The Pre-Algebra course will replace Integrated Math I. This course will begin to prepare "at risk" learners for the New Jersey End of Course Assessment in Algebra I.

- 👩‍🎓 French II, III, and IV students had the opportunity to attend a concert of Quebecoise singer, Josee Vachon, after which they enjoyed a three-course French luncheon at the Soufflé restaurant in Summit, New Jersey.
- 👩‍🎓 On November 20, **Faye Paskas** took her Spanish V class to the Repertoio Espanol in New York City to see a production of *La Casa de Bernarda Alba*.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 👩‍🎓 The **MCI Program students** will be presenting their annual holiday play. The play will be held Tuesday, December 16, at 9:15 am in the auditorium. Everyone is invited!
- 👩‍🎓 The **MD Program students** will be hosting a holiday party on December 17, from 9 to 11am in the auditorium. The students from the MD Program at Sussex-Wantage are coming as well. There will be food, holiday songs performed, and music provided by Mr. Rocco, the teacher of the S-W MD Program. Again, all are welcome! We hope to see you there!
- 👩‍🎓 On Monday, December 22, **Mrs. Frisbie** will be taking a group of High Point students to the Frankford Elementary School to meet with 8th graders and discuss the transition to high school.
- 👩‍🎓 **Mrs. Frisbie** will be conducting a mid-term preparedness program during the first week of January with all freshman science classes.