



HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

An Inside Look – September 2009

STUDENT STARS

- At the July TSA National Conference in Denver, 16 High Point students competed against almost 4000 attendees, including 40 states and Germany, and earned top ten finishes in two different events. Amanda Norcia and Morgan Bahoosh earned 4th place in the nation for the Agriculture and Biotechnology Design project created to improve the quality of water for our troops overseas. Also Anthony Turo, Kaitlin Churchman, Matt Garrera, and Brandon Negron earned a National Championship in Electronic Research and Experimentation. Theirs was a first place finish out of upwards of 1000 students nationwide. Their system was designed to prevent bed sores in hospital patients. BL, Dan Rolla, and Julie Ryan also were recognized as Gold Achievement Recipients for their dedicated service to TSA here at High Point and statewide. Furthermore, Anthony Turo, Kaitlyn Churchman, Brandon Negri, and Matt Garrera are applying to receive recognition from the National Gallery for America's Young Inventors. As National TSA Champions, they are eligible to apply for and receive this award.
- The following students had their Technology Education projects showcased for their excellence in design and execution at the June 15-18 Technology Education Student Showcase and Expo at the State House Annex in Trenton: ML, Kristy Zukswert, BT, Emily Slate, Kayla Ouellette, LM, LM, AG, Melissa Dones, JD, Ashley Dietz, Stephanie Currid, Eleni Chrysanthopoulos, Taryn Anderson, DL, Paul Masker, CD, BL, and Andy Vandenheuvel.
- Seniors in Ms. Reedy's, Mrs. Schafer's, Mrs. Acker's, and Mrs. Woolley's English classes participated in a presentation by DeVry University entitled "How to Turn Your Passions into a Paycheck." The multimedia, interactive presentation exposed students to career possibilities based on their interests and aptitudes.
- Anna Porter attended an intensive etymologies class sponsored by John Hopkins University Program for Talented and Gifted Youth. The course explored how two "dead" languages, Latin and ancient Greek, are "a vibrant and dynamic presence in the ongoing development of the English language." The class studied literature to chart the development of modern English from its Indo-European beginnings.
- Senior EP spent two months at Tuxtla Gutierrez, the capital city of Chiapas, Mexico, living at a boys' orphanage to provide a positive male role model for the young boys. In addition, E traveled to a remote area of Mexico with American doctors to run a free clinic for a week.
- Kayla Hall is serving as this year's editor-in-chief for Calliope. The magazine's illustrator will be Jeremy Meyers.
- Students in Heather Strout's Creative Writing and Creative Writing Workshop classes celebrated National Punctuation Day on Thursday, September 24. The students shared punctuation-themed treats and completed a variety of punctuation-based writing prompts throughout the day.
- The Math Department would like to congratulate KF (710) EP (700), Jon Sayre (710), and David Smith (760) on joining the Math Department's Math SAT 700 Club. Each of these students from the class of 2010 achieved this honor based on their performance on the June 2009 SAT.
- Munroe Graham received the Social Studies Award for 2009.
- GN designed a poster for the production of *The Man Who Came to Dinner*.
- At its September meeting, the International Club donated 300 cups of food to Darfur refugees.
- The following Foreign Language National Honor Society officers were elected: President-Ian Blanco; Vice president-Eleni Chrysanthopoulos; Secretary-Christina Kehoe, and Treasurer - Mark Wohgelmuth.
- Fine Arts II and French III/IV students are working to create a Paris café mural in the French classroom.
- Art teachers Whitney Stanek and Rich Cutrona hosted more than 50 students at the first meeting of the High Point Art Club.

STELLAR STAFF

- Trooper Bambara, with the Sussex State Police, designed and delivered an exciting presentation to Mr. Hennings's Information Technology and Programming classes on state of the art technology used by the Sate Police and the future of law enforcement technology.
- Mark Wallace, teacher of Women in Engineering, Design and Technology, has been invited to present at the 2009 National Association of Single Sex Public Education Conference in Atlanta, on October 10 – 11. Mr. Wallace will be presenting his program and the data collected over the eight years the program has been offered.
- Kevin Fenlon has earned an NSCAA National Soccer Diploma from Bloomsburg University.
- Freshman Orientation ran very smoothly, thanks to Linda Abrams, Brian Feuer, and the Peer Counselors.
- Lisa Frisbie ran a fantastic Freshman Parent Night. All the comments made by parents were very positive. All the individuals who helped with the night need to be commended: Jon Tallamy, Carol

LaStarza, Gib Carter, Linda Abrams, Tommy Costello, Peer Counselors, Coaches, and Advisors. Thanks for a great night!

- 🔥 The counselors have successfully run two class meetings during homerooms. The meetings have assisted the students in signing up for the PSAT and the PLAN.
- 🔥 Madelaine Travaille and Liana Heller participated in the summer research program at Rutgers University.
- 🔥 Ed Blevins registered last week to begin the national certification process.
- 🔥 Lisabeth Sunda married Dan Muller over the summer, Congratulations!
- 🔥 Erin Koster is the new Social Studies Department member. She is teaching American Studies I and American Studies II. Welcome!
- 🔥 The guidance counselors have been very busy with individual appointments for seniors to assist them in planning their future after high school. (Thank you, teachers, for letting the students come down to the guidance office.)
- 🔥 Lisa Frisbie has met with all freshman students through visitation in their English classes. She does an introductory lesson to all freshmen on becoming part of the High Point community and offers tips on how to be successful in high school.
- 🔥 Chris Dexter has been awarded the distinguished title of Gold Star Teacher for his students' outstanding performance on our 2008-2009 Financial Literacy Certification Tests from the "Working In Support of Education" group. Earning a Gold Star status signifies that 90% or more students in one or more of the awarded teachers' classes passed our Certification Tests this past year. It shows Mr. Dexter's outstanding ability to help his students become Certified Financially Literate. The Gold Star Teachers rank among America's best instructors dedicated to excellence in financial education.
- 🔥 Elizabeth Porter would like to recognize and compliment the entire S.E. staff, CST members, Carol Corter, Martha Eidam, Denise Wilson, Joan Smith, Jeanne Heinke, John Gardner, Sandy Sullivan, and the Aides: "I recognize and compliment them because they have risen to the challenges I believe they faced in the beginning a new year with a new supervisor. Each school opening causes some anxiety in its staff. My staff had that plus the added pressure of dealing with new expectations and requests from me. They as a group met their responsibilities with enthusiasm and support for each other, their colleagues, and most importantly our students and our parents."

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 💡 Kevin Fenlon earned his iLife '09 certification from Apple Training Center.
- 💡 Joanne Koch attended the state mandated HSPA training on September 15 in Hanover Park.
- 💡 Mary Hassenplug and Andrew Lubchansky attended a conference entitled "Smart Ed-Tech Strategies for Tough Times," looking at ways to increase student achievement through technology.
- 💡 Linda Abrams, Gene Emering, Glenn Grieco, and Christina Puzio attended the "Moodle" professional development session conducted by Andrew Lubchansky during September. All remaining department members will attend the Moodle Training Session on October 12.
- 💡 Colleen Parriott, Dave Kientzler, Andy Marancik and Tom Costello completed the Harry Wong Classroom Management Course.
- 💡 Joy Carter, Lisabeth Muller, Rebecca Patterson, Liana Heller, Ed Blevins, Tim Merrill, and Rachel Price completed the CORR course on Quadrant D lessons.
- 💡 Rachel Price took summer graduate courses and will move to Master's + 20.
- 💡 Rebecca Patterson is currently taking a graduate class in Educational Research and Statistics.
- 💡 Colleen Parriott completed the Moodle course and model schools video course.
- 💡 Art Mina completed his Master's Degree in Educational Technology from Walden University.
- 💡 Chris Henry and Jackie Sutton attended the Sussex County Pass-It-Along Meeting at Vo-Tech on October 1, 2009.
- 💡 Denise Wilson, Jen Britt, Jeanne Heinke and Joan Smith attended an on-line inservice on Procedures for Administering the Alternative Proficiency Assessment. In addition, as a team, they have met with their supervisor and each other for what will be on-going support to develop and complete the required Portfolios for the 2009-2010 school year.

MEDIA RECOGNITION

- The New Jersey Herald, September 30, 2009: *"Project more than just window dressing"*
- The Advertiser News, September 30, 2009: *"Running Hard"*
- The New Jersey Herald, September 22, 2009: *"New way to deal with pressure"*
- The New Jersey Herald, September 15, 2009: *"Wildcats hungry for another title"*
- The Advertiser News, September 9, 2009: *"Back to School"*

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

- 👤 Media Technology 1, 2, and 3 have become Educational Partners with SCCC, Media Maker Video Production, EOS Lighting and Video Maker Magazine.
- 👤 The High Point 2010 Perkins Spending Plan for \$45,000 has been approved by the Department of Education.
- 👤 Media 2 and 3 students will be recording, editing, and producing a program commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts on October 3, 2009.
- 👤 The English Department will engage in numerous workshops on using technology in the classroom during the October 12 inservice day.
- 👤 The Math Department has set up on-line textbooks with video tutorials for all sections of Algebra I CPA and Geometry CPA. These textbooks are linked directly to the High Point website. Additionally, the department plans to have all Pre-Calculus textbooks with on-line tutorials set up by the end of October.
- 👤 All of the Biology teachers met in August to review and update their course outlines and curriculum guides and relate these tools to the End Of Course Assessment in Biology.
- 👤 The Science Research Club is conducting primary research in Molecular Biology. Students are working on the identification of genes from duckweed. Students meet weekly for lecture from September – December. Students must also meet weekly during that time to perform DNA extraction and purification (mini-prep), restriction digests, gel electrophoresis, and bioinformatics analysis of sequence results. Students dedicate 3 or more hours a week working on their research in hopes that they discover a gene and ultimately publish their results in the National Center of Biotechnology Information database. This database provides genetic information for scientists across the world. Rutgers remains the only university sponsoring a program which allows students to publish into the NCBI database. High Point is 1 of 20 schools participating in the program. This year, the club has grown to 20 members. These students are working in teams of 2 or 3 students. The supplies for these experiments are provided by Rutgers University through a grant from the National Science Foundation and support from GE Healthcare.
- 👤 The Science Department received 24 free Forensic Science books from Bergen County Vo-Tech. These books were donated from the textbook sharing website.
- 👤 The Science Department received a donation of an old fire extinguisher from Decker Fire and Safety Equipment Company in Newton. This will be used to demonstrate lab safety if a fire were to happen.
- 👤 Charlie Krause ('99 grad) came to Mr. Ryan's and Mr. Thomas' Civics classes to give a presentation on his community service experience. Most recently he has been working 18 months for a non-profit orphanage in Guatemala pro bono. He came home and held a fund-raising event that raised \$3000 to help build a new building at their complex and is traveling back to Central and South America to continue volunteering for communities across the region.
- 👤 The Homework Program was staffed with certified teachers in each content subject for two days per week to support at-risk students. In addition, we revised the accountability process with the goal in mind to improve communication among the teachers, the students, the parents, counselors, and case managers. The program begins the week of October 19, 2009.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 📅 Testing dates coming up are as follows: HSPA - October 6, 7, & 8; SAT - October 10; and PSAT - October 17.
- 📅 Madelaine Travaille will be hosting a Molecular Biology Workshop here at High Point for the Princeton University Satellite Learning Center. She will be doing DNA extraction, crime scene investigation using PCR, GMO food analysis, DNA bioinformatics, and 3-D protein modeling. This program is held after school and is free to High Point employees and teachers within our sending district.
- 📅 A Parent Advisory Meeting will be held October 29, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the Café Annex.
- 📅 Mr. Langan's American Conflict classes will visit West Point.
- 📅 The Fall Drama will feature a production of *The Man Who Came to Dinner* on October 30, 31, and November 1.
- 📅 High Point will host French singer songwriter Eric Vincent on November 9.