



# Eagle's Nest



HIGH POINT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Black History Month Is a Favorite Month

The spring semester is filled with lots of fun and notable annual events, and none is more meaningful than observing Black History Month each February to recognize and honor the historically invaluable contributions made to African American culture. This year, our students were invited to participate in the school-wide activity of creating an amazing quilt featuring inspirational Black role models they admire. A small project? Maybe. But as the indomitable Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. famously said, **"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."** We think this quilt is so great, it will be hung in the school as part of our permanent art collection.



## Artistically Gifted

Every year, ASAH hosts **Special Education Week** throughout New Jersey to honor students, educators, parents, schools, and school board members who contribute to the high-quality special education services in our state. Observed the week of May 8–14, this year's theme is **"Education Is the Key to Success,"** and as a part of the annual celebration, ASAH holds an art contest in March to assemble a gallery of submissions centered on that theme. More than 300 submissions came in this year, four of them—we're happy to say!—from our own High Point students. Even more, Rihanna Potts, Gabriel Canada, and Daniel McCarthy all received honorable mentions, and Felipe DeNorais (*pictured below holding up his award-winning painting*) was granted a third-place prize. Congratulations to our budding artists who bring to life the creativity we regularly encourage on campus.



## Brand-New Shared Partnership Program

At High Road School, we take our shared partnership programs very seriously, because they seriously contribute to our students' future career aspirations and opportunities. That's why we're delighted to announce the most recent collaboration we've entered into with the **Branford Institute**, a vocational school that provides quality healthcare training programs in a wide variety of specialty areas. With two locations in Paterson and Elizabeth, Branford equips students to become top-notch practitioners in such roles as patient care technician, certified nursing assistant, dental X-ray technician, diagnostic sonographer, and more. Another specialty curriculum? Phlebotomy. And we are beyond proud to report that our first Branford student, Keyona Bryan, recently became certified as a phlebotomist and is now continuing on in the EKG component of the program. Keyona may be the first but certainly not the last of our students who will benefit immensely from Branford's Medical Training School, and we couldn't be more grateful for this partnership.



SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, June 17





## Culinary Department Treats “Most Improved” Students

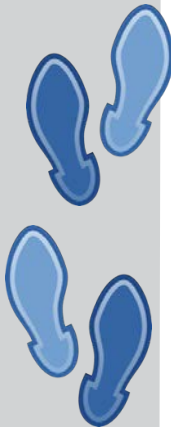


High Point’s **Culinary Arts Program**—one of our flagship career readiness tracks—is always looking for reasons to create a showstopping spread and feed our school community ... in more ways than one! This time, standout culinary student Jonathan Flores joined forces with his teacher, Chef Duym, to celebrate a handful of our students who have shown exemplary commitment to improvement across all areas of their educational program and maintenance of their good standing in our school-wide behavioral program. To reward them for all their hard work and dedication, a delicious savory meal accompanied by scrumptious desserts were prepared in their honor. “Cheers”—we mean “Yum”—to that!



### Stepping Up Our Game!

This semester saw the implementation of a project-based model of instruction (PBI) that our students loved and learned from in equal measure. More specifically, our “**Sneaker Design Unit**” hit the ground running in February and didn’t cross the finish line until the end of April! As part of the marketing-focused unit, students learned skills and concepts in the related fields of manufacturing, advertising, and retail and conducted research in such areas as new sneaker technologies, product and logo design, and cost analysis. For the latter part of the unit, each student was given a pair of slip-on athletic shoes to decorate and market with their new knowledge, culminating in our school-wide **Best Sneaker Design Competition**. Congratulations to our winners: Jahmir Campbell and Yasmine Wahab (tied for 1st place); Brian Collazos (2nd place); and Cassie Gardenhire (3rd place).



### Appreciating Our Staff

Our students weren’t the only ones nourished by the talents of our on-site culinary expert, Chef Duym, last month. To commemorate our incredible staff, we held a **Staff Appreciation Day** on campus on March 4, during which our faculty all sat down together to enjoy a homemade lunch of comfort foods for the extraordinary individuals who comfort and care for our students every day. We’re so fortunate to have a staff that’s so devoted to our students—thankful for the unity we feel and the sense of family we all share.

