

# *Cougar Connection*

April 2014



*High Point Christian Academy is committed to Christ-centered, quality education and academic excellence in partnership with family and church within a loving, caring atmosphere.*

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### **PRESCHOOL VOTED BEST IN HIGH POINT**

With almost 7,000 local votes, HPCA Preschool was voted as the best preschool in High Point in the 2014 TMoM Choice Awards contest! The Cougar Cubs have been learning and having fun this month. They had Circus Day with the teachers dressed as circus workers and Future Community Workers Day with the fire trucks and firemen visiting.

[Click here to see pictures of our cubs.](#)



### **DUKE FOOTBALL PLAYER SHARES IN CHAPEL**

Dave Harding, Offensive Guard for Duke University, spoke to Middle and High School students at chapel. Dave is a nephew to HPCA Head of School Richard Hardee. He graduated from Duke in May 2013 with a degree in Public Policy Studies while minoring in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies. Dave stayed for a fifth year to play football and to pursue a graduate degree in Political Science. Dave has outstanding stats for football, is a 3-time Academic All-ACC selection, and was recently awarded the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team, which pays tribute to the positive impact young athletes have had on their communities and the lives of others. [Read more about Dave Harding and his accomplishments.](#)



### **INFORMATION ON HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT**

HPCA currently has 18 international students from Canada, China, South Korea, Mexico, and Vietnam. In the past, students from Nigeria, Japan, Lithuania, Spain, Croatia, and Guatemala have attended HPCA. Each of these students needs a local family to offer a nurturing and supportive home. If you are interested, there is an Informational Session on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the HS Media Center. You may also contact Christina Bradley at [cbradley@newoasisedu.com](mailto:cbradley@newoasisedu.com) or Sally Nance at [snance@hpcacougars.org](mailto:snance@hpcacougars.org).



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[FACULTY MEMBERS VOLUNTEER IN THE TREE TOPS DURING ICE STORM](#)

[AUCTION WINNER PULLS FIRE ALARM!](#)

### **5<sup>TH</sup> GRADER QUALIFIES FOR NATIONAL SPELLING BEE**

Grace Sosa, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at HPCA, placed 4th at the Southeast Regional Spelling Bee in Atlanta, GA. She was one of the 70 spellers from Christian Schools in the southeast region. Grace advances to Dallas, TX on May 3 to represent HPCA in the ACSI National Spelling Bee. Grace also has participated in the Math Olympics, Geography Bee, Speech Meet, and an Elementary Art Show.



### **ENVIROTHON TEAM QUALIFIES FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!**

The “Buckminsterfullerenes” High Point Christian team placed sixth out of 27 teams in the competition. The Envirothon is a hands-on environmental education program for high school and middle school students. It is sponsored by the NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts and the Division of Soil & Water Conservation of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Placing among the top seven teams at an area competition allows the students to go on to compete at the state level. [Read more about the team and their participation.](#)



### **4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GETS SPECIAL ACCESS AT CAPITOL IN RALEIGH**

While on the Raleigh field trip, 4<sup>th</sup> grade students visit the Capitol, Legislative Building, Museum of History, and the Natural Science Museum. This academic experience gives students an appreciation for our state government as well as giving them exposure to other highlights of the Piedmont Region. [See more pictures.](#)



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[SPEECH MEET](#)

[TWO 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE WINNERS AT MATH OLYMPICS](#)

### **CHOIR TRAVELED TO DISNEY AND RECEIVED SUPERIOR RATINGS**

HPCA high school choir enjoyed downtown Orlando, Hollywood Studios, Magic Kingdom, and Epcot. They performed at the Saratoga Springs Performance Hall, and the Women’s Ensemble and Concert Choir each earned a Superior rating. The Concert Choir also earned Best in Class award, and Rachel Williams and Imani Steward won Outstanding Vocal Soloist Awards. [Read more about their adventures and accomplishments, and view some pictures.](#)



## **BAND PERFORMED AT SIX FLAGS OVER GEORGIA**

The high school band recently returned from the Six-Flags Over Georgia music festival where they received an "Excellent" rating. The band is led by seniors (pictured here L to R) Chandler Starr, Curt Hanes, Rachel Kim, Richard Sheffield, and Langston Styles.



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[MS ART SHOW](#)

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[ELEMENTARY ART ON DISPLAY](#)

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## **ALL-STAR BASKETBALL MVP!**

Senior Joey McLean was chosen to play in the 2014 Men's Triad All-Star Basketball game. His East All-Stars team won the championship, and Joey was named MVP with 28 points and 8 rebounds.



## **FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE BALL PARK**

On Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Cougar Boosters hosted a Family Fun Day at the Ball Park. The Varsity Baseball team played a double header, and the weather was perfect for a cookout. The Boosters had Ballpark favorites - hotdogs, cotton candy, popcorn, and snow cones!



## **COUGAR NEWS**

- Brayden Masten and Stevie Williams committed to play basketball at Brevard College.
- Curtland Hanes committed with Pfeiffer University for swimming.
- Sophomore Ben Robertson jumped 6'6" at his second track meet and broke the school record!

[More Athletics links..](#)

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## SHOUT OUT TO ALUMNI

We are in search of alumni HPCA Senior Class Student Government Officers and Representatives. Please send us an email at [advancement@hpcacougars.org](mailto:advancement@hpcacougars.org). We would like all alumni to complete the [online info form](#).

## ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

[LINK TO READ ABOUT THESE AND OTHER ALUMNI](#)

**Caroline Hager** (2009) currently teaches Kindergarten in Greensboro, NC.

**Cameron Cecil** (2010) attends UNC-Wilmington and is majoring in Entrepreneurship and Business Mgmt.

**Hannah Reynolds** (2009) currently teaches high school English in Greenville, SC.

**Trent Gabriel** (2011) attends UNC-Chapel Hill and is majoring in Exercise and Sport Science.



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