

Spotlight on A.T. Kearney Partnership

North Atlanta High School and global management-consulting firm A.T. Kearney recently marked the one-year anniversary of our official partnership through the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce's Atlanta Partners for Education program. Presently, 17 Kearney employees ranging from Administrative Assistants to Vice Presidents are committed to projects at North Atlanta. They work directly with students by providing tutoring in various areas including preparation for the Georgia Graduation Tests, and assist with judging of Quiz Bowl events and the Science Fair.

"Their commitment to our students and investment in our facilities provides huge benefits to the community and we are thrilled to have them as a partner," said North Atlanta Principal George Rutledge. He added, "A.T. Kearney's acclaimed business expertise is proving to be a tremendous asset to our students and our administration."

A.T. Kearney has conducted site-based management workshops for the North Atlanta administrative team to explore ways the school can be run more like a business and learn how to best utilize existing resources. Additionally, Kearney is assisting with design and funding of a courtyard beautification project. North Atlanta's contribution to the partnership includes providing entertainment for Kearney events by various groups from North Atlanta's Performing Arts Magnet.

Randy Watson, Kearney Manager and lead contact for the partnership said, "One of the objectives of the A.T. Kearney Atlanta office is to become an active participant in the Atlanta community. We chose the education of Atlanta's children as the key focus area for our community-related initiatives. Our first education initiative was to work with the Atlanta Public School system and the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce to determine the optimal skill set for a high school graduate based on interviews with numerous Atlanta employers. Our second initiative was to form a partnership with a high school within the Atlanta Public School system. Since our official partnership signing ceremony in October 1999, A.T. Kearney has partnered with NAHS to assist with the school's Georgia High School Graduation Test objectives, introduced systemic/core process change concepts to school management, and assisted with funding to help improve the school's grounds. We continue to be excited about our partnership with NAHS. Working together, we look forward to the challenge of continuously improving the education of Atlanta's children."

The Planning Committee for partnership activities is composed of North Atlanta Principal George Rutledge, Yvonne Pringle, Math Department Chair, Dr. Douglas Frutiger, Coordinator of the Center for International Studies Magnet, Sallie Sanders, Science Department Chair, Lucy Stephens, Darren Rakestraw, Mike Maroto, Shelia Howard and Sebastian Verdis, Coordinator of the Performing Arts Magnet. Representatives from A.T. Kearney include Randy Watson, Bonita Powell, Jon Ingram, Mark Miles, Christine Ruediger, Nancy Smith, Chad Hardigree and Helen Snyder.

A.T. Kearney established itself as one of the first management consultancies more than 70 years ago, and they have consulted with many of the world's leading companies in the years since. Their 5,000 employees worldwide work in 59 cities in 35 countries in the Americas, Africa, Asia Pacific, and Europe.

Report Cards Distributed

By many accounts, our PTSA Open House, held January 25, 2001, was a great success. Thanks to each of you for your participation. Students and parents received first semester report cards, visited classroom teachers, and learned more about the school and staff's expectations at Open House. The next day, January 26, homeroom teachers distributed the remaining report cards to students. If you have not received your child's report card, please contact the school. In addition, feel free to suggest how we can improve our next Open House.

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The *NAHS Newsletter* seeks to inform current and potential NAHS parents, students, teachers and the community-at-large about the school's programs, academic achievements, clubs and extracurricular activities to promote a sense of unity and community involvement.

All news articles are due in the PTSA Newsletter mailbox in the School Office by 3:30 PM of the specified date, and are subject to editing for space, clarity and consistency. With each submission, please include your name, telephone number for any clarification needed, and the basic information on who, what, when, where and why. The *NAHS Newsletter* focuses on the achievements of NAHS students, faculty and staff, including academic and extracurricular activities. Deadlines for the remainder of the 2000-2001 school year are as follows:

Issue	Deadline
April	March 5
May	April 16

Attention Parents! Election of New PTSA Officers is Approaching

As announced at the January PTSA meeting, a Nominating Committee will meet in March to determine the slate of PTSA Board for the 2001-2002 school year. Please call Sharon Giles if you would like to serve on the nominating committee, or have someone you would like to nominate, at 404-303-1699 (H)/404-329-6260 (O), or put it in the PTSA box at the front office of NAHS.

The slate of officers will be announced at the March meeting and will be voted on at the April meeting. The Executive Board to be voted on consists of the offices of: Co-Presidents (2), Recording Secretary, and Treasurer.

After these four positions are elected at the April meeting, they will be seeking volunteers for other positions, including Vice President for Activities, Communications, Development, and Volunteers. Committee chairs are also needed for Hospitality, Teacher Appreciation, Senior Activities, Newsletter, Directory, Media, Website, and Membership. If you are interested in serving in a volunteer capacity, please contact PTSA Co-Presidents Ray Kimsey or Sharon Giles to express your interest. Your help and enthusiastic participation is always welcome.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mark Graves who was named an Outstanding Delegate at this year's Model Arab League.

PTSA Executive Board 2000-2001

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Rumors Flying in Next Drama Performance

“Old fashioned, door slamming, crockery smashing farce” is how *Time* Magazine described *Rumors* when it opened on Broadway in 1988. The Center for the Performing Arts will bring Neil Simon’s *Rumors* to the stage beginning March 15th. This contemporary farce is set in up-state New York at the 10th wedding anniversary party of the Deputy Mayor of New York and his wife.

The party never begins because the host has shot himself in the head (it’s only a flesh wound) and his wife is missing. His lawyer (Kellen Stennett) decides on a cover-up, which gets progressively more difficult to sustain as the other guests (Bailey Conway, Judson George, Jarrett Horne, Marcus Johnson, Ariel Samach, Travis Turner and Tashiya Umoja) arrive and nobody



Travis Turner, Kellen Stennett, Jarrett Horne and Judson George play guests at a party gone hysterically awry.

can remember who has been told what about whom. By the time the police (Matthew Orrison and Adriane Johnson) appear the hilarity has reached such heights that the audience can expect to be breathless with laughter.

Rumors is a departure from Simon’s typical, autobiographical comedies and followed his highly acclaimed autobiographical trilogy *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, *Biloxi Blues* and *Broadway Bound*. In a rare interview, Simon had advice for Magnet Coordinator Sebastian Verdis who is directing *Rumors*, “I’ve seen it done in Sweden, in Swedish and I couldn’t understand a word, but it was wonderful because the comedy stands by itself. They should act as if it is really happening, play it like *Hamlet* and don’t try to be funny.” Said Verdis, “I’m happy to hear that because that’s how I’ve directed Simon’s work for years.”

Performances are at 7:30 PM March 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 and a 2:30 PM matinee on Saturday March 24. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and seniors. Call (404) 355-9378 for group rates and further information.

Workshop Set for Deaf/Hard of Hearing Students to Make Transition to College

North Atlanta will be hosting “Making the Grade: High School through College,” a workshop for high school deaf/hard of hearing students, their parents and interested professionals on Saturday, April 28, at 10:00 AM. Sponsored by GABell, the local chapter of the AGBell Association for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing, the workshop will feature a disability specialist who will discuss the high school to college transition process along with the support services available to deaf/hard of hearing students during their college years. For workshop pre-registration or any questions regarding hearing loss, please contact Eileen Barrett, North Atlanta’s teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing. The pre-registration deadline is March 26, 2001.

Science Fair Winners

First Place

Evin Stennett
Emmanuel Moreno
Geneva Greene/Kalaya Reedy
Besim Berkolli
Grace Hixson
Makeda Agonafer
Morgan Scott
Roman Alvarado/Courtney Merrow
Niambi Young/Desiree Conrad
Stuart Small/Brad Buffington
Patti Bunya/Taylor Rose Ellsworth
Dimitar Petlechkov

Third Place

Lauren Kilby/Zadia Murphy
Maihuyen Le
Christina Cummings/Shanita Douglas/
Richard Lorenc/Ashley Moore
Christine Books/Elizabeth Books/Jarrett Horne
Hannah Rose Baker
Lyia Hogg
Meagan Hall/Mary Beth Dickey
Tiffany Walker/Sonata Cooper
Rebecca Callum-Penso/Rebecca Good-Woodley

Eight students won gold keys in the citywide competition: Brad Buffington, Makeda Agonafer, Hannah Rose Baker, Ari Gordin, Matthew Stills, Tomeka Jordan, Michael Kelly and John Pollock.

Congratulations to Grace Hixson who was chosen by the University of Georgia to present her science project at the Georgia Junior Science and Humanities Symposium on February 25-27. She was one of 49 students from Georgia chosen to make a presentation.

Kiwanis Club Honors Three NAHS Students for Leadership

Juniors Savannah Miller, Peter White and Karri Mupo were honored by the Peachtree Kiwanis Club at their annual awards luncheon recently. Former Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson commended the students for their exemplary leadership required of the students chosen for Student Improvement and Leadership Awards.

Students were nominated by North Atlanta faculty for the honor. The Peachtree Kiwanis Club Leadership Institute conducts monthly training sessions at the Atlanta law firm of Kilpatrick & Stockton.

Second Place

Doemini Mosley
Sheara Young
Jeanne Brackin/Quynh Nguyen/Alexandra O'Callaghan
LaKeya Stinchcomb
Margaret Aldridge/Elizabeth Brown
Davis Weitz/Liz Baghdadi/William Gignilliat
Adrian Tikvesa
Albert D'Heurle
Elizabeth Young/Claire Hines/Curtis Preston/Nadia Mohamed
Caitlin Vonhedemann
Sheleen Jetwani/Karen Jackson
Candice Alick
Homayra Ra'oof

Honorable Mention

Bashirah Mack
Bich Vu/Mesi Joiner
Katherine Dahl/Lindsey Battle/Joseph Crumbley
Zack Kennedy/Adam Zandman
Justin Giles/Hunter Grove
Marie Garvin
Kenneth Cottrell/Mark Graves



Savannah Miller, Peter White and Karri Mupo display their leadership certificates awarded by the Kiwanis Club.

Washington, D.C. Up Close and Personal

Six North Atlanta students spent the week of January 14-21, in our nation's capitol getting a close up view of the workings of our government. They were among the crowds on the National Mall on January 20 to see George W. Bush's inauguration as the nation's 43rd president and during the course of the week also met with Washington policy experts, members of Congress and other government officials. They toured the sights of Washington as well as attending the special inaugural activities that included fireworks at the Lincoln Memorial and the inaugural parade down Pennsylvania Avenue. They also attended their own semi-formal inaugural ball one evening.

Chaperoned by U.S. history teacher Todd Hawley, the group included Amanda Gentile, Jarrett Horne, Richard Lorenc, Sara Mayeux, Hill Peterson, and Jessica Su. Sara won the Brian Stone Fellowship awarded by NAHS to pay her \$1,400 cost of the trip with an essay on the personal benefits of participating in the program. Said Sara, "I thought that going to Close Up would be a good opportunity since I'm considering a career in government."



According to Mr. Hawley, the students "really believe this is a special time in Washington, particularly the transfer of power. My students are really interested in knowing the changes Bush is going to make. They see this as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

In Washington, D.C. to participate in the Close Up Program during inauguration week were Richard Lorenc, Jessica Su, Todd Hawley, Jarrett Horne, Hill Peterson, Amanda Gentile and Sara Mayeux.

This week-long study trip is part of the Close Up program which draws high school students from around the country to learn more about how the federal government works. The group was among 4,800 students and teachers representing some 210 schools nationwide who came to see history in the making. According to Close Up spokesman Dick Horton, "Inauguration time in Washington is a very, very exciting time."

The Close Up program, now in its 30th year, is operated by the Alexandria, VA-based Close Up Foundation. Atlanta's United Parcel Service is major sponsor.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Shaquita Rolland who was one of five winners of the Chevrolet "Excellence in Education" \$1,000 scholarship awards as part of the Chevrolet Youth Choir Workshop Competition, a new component of the Stellar Gospel Music Awards. Winners were required to have at least a 3.2 GPA in addition to exhibiting strengths in community leadership, extracurricular involvement, educational aspirations and a written personal statement.

Six Selected for Emory Prep Program

Congratulations to the following juniors who have been selected to participate in the Emory Prep Program, a six-week residential program on the campus of Emory University. The students will study math and science, having received a stipend for participation in the program. These six students represent the largest number NAHS has ever sent to the Emory program.

Congratulations to Sonata Cooper, LemLem Getachew, Bealelay Getachew, Fatima Henson, Karen Jackson and Brandon Smith.

Sports Schedules

Girls Soccer

Varsity

March

1	vs. North Springs @ NAHS *	4:30 PM
3	vs. Grady @ NAHS	12:00 PM
6	@ Riverwood	5:00 PM
12	vs. Stone Mountain @ NAHS *	4:30 PM
15	vs. Mays @ NAHS *	4:30 PM
19	vs. Cedar Grove @ NAHS *	4:30 PM
22	vs. Columbia @ NAHS *	4:30 PM
23	@ Columbus, GA	7:00 PM
27	vs. Marist @ NAHS *	4:30 PM

April

9	@ St. Pius *	5:30 PM
11	vs. Tucker (Location TBA) *	5:30 PM
16	@ South Atlanta *	5:00 PM
20	vs. Clarkeston * @ Dekalb Co. Stadium	5:30 PM
24	@ Dunwoody *	5:30 PM

Junior Varsity

March

3	vs. Grady @ NAHS	10:00 AM
9	@ Riverwood	5:00 PM
20	@ Grady	5:00 PM
22	@ North Springs	4:30 PM
28	@ Marietta	5:30 PM

Boys Soccer

Varsity

March

2	vs. North Springs @ NAHS *	4:30 PM
6	vs. South Cobb @ NAHS	4:30 PM
8	@ Southside	4:30 PM
13	vs. Stone Mountain @ NAHS *	4:30 PM
16	vs. Washington @ NAHS *	4:30 PM
20	vs. Cedar Grove @ NAHS *	4:30 PM
23	vs. Columbia @ NAHS *	4:30 PM
28	vs. Marist @ NAHS *	4:30 PM

April

9	@ St. Pius *	7:30 PM
11	@ Tucker *	7:30 PM
17	@ South Atlanta *	5:00 PM
20	vs. Clarkeston * @ DeKalb Co. Stadium	7:30 PM
24	@ Dunwoody *	7:30 PM

Junior Varsity

March

6	@ North Springs 9th Grade	4:30 PM
10	@ South Cobb	4:30 PM
22	@ North Springs	6:00 PM

Baseball

Varsity

March

5	vs. Grady @ NAHS (T)	4:30 PM
8	@ Mays (T)	4:30 PM
10	vs. Harper/Archer (T)	11:30 AM
14	vs. Therrell (T)	4:30 PM
17	APS Tournament Championship	TBA
30	vs. Mays *	4:30 PM

April

9	@ Dunwoody *	6:00 PM
10	@ Riverwood	5:30 PM
11	vs. South Atlanta *	4:30 PM
13	@ McNair	4:30 PM
16	vs. North Springs *	4:30 PM
18	@ Stone Mountain *	4:30 PM
20	vs. St. Pius *	4:30 PM
23	@ Washington *	4:30 PM
25	vs. Columbia *	4:30 PM
27	@ Tucker *	4:30 PM
30	vs. Clarkston *	4:30 PM

May

2	@ Cedar Grove *	4:30 PM
4	vs. Blessed Trinity *	4:30 PM
7	@ Marist *	5:00 PM

* 5-AAAA Region Games

Important Dates for 2001

March

- 2 Planning Day—No School
6 GHSGT Writing Re-Exam
7 NAPPS Meeting 11:30 AM Morris Brandon E.S.
7 GHSGT Writing Make-Up
7-9 Choral Festival @ NAHS
15 International Night
15 PTSA Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM
15-17, 22-23 Neil Simon's *Rumors* Shaw Theater 7:30 PM
(Matinee @ 2:30 PM 3/24)
16 Distinguished Lecture Series Lecture Hall
24 Elementary School Orchestra Clinic 8 AM-5 PM
26-30 Georgia Graduation Tests—All Juniors
26 GHSGT in English/Language Arts
27 GHSGT in Math
28 GHSGT in Social Studies
29 GHSGT in Science
29 Winter Sports Banquet Lecture Hall 7:00 PM
30 GHSGT Make-Up in All Subjects
31 SAT (Not @ NAHS)

April

- 2-6 Spring Holidays
7 ACT (Not @ NAHS)
11 NAPPS Meeting 11:30 AM
13 Senior Dues Last Payment Deadline
16-20 Language Arts Festival Lecture Hall
17 Chamber Music Concert UMC 7:00 PM
19 PTSA Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM
20-30 IBP Exchange
21 Junior-Senior Prom Omni Hotel 8:00 PM
28 Transition to College Workshop for Deaf/
Hard of Hearing Students 10:00 AM
30 Top 10% Banquet Lenox Marriott 7:00 PM

May

- 2-22 IB Exams
3 JROTC Awards
3-4 "Perspectives" Dance Shaw Theater 7:30 PM
5 SAT @ NAHS

- 5 Job Fair Lecture Hall 7:00 AM-5:00 PM
7-18 AP Exams
9 NAPPS Meeting 11:30 AM
10 Spring Sports Banquet Lecture Hall 7:00 PM
14 APS Youth Orchestra Concert Shaw Theater 7:30 PM
15 Orchestra Concert Northside UMC 7:00 PM
15-16 Piano Recital Lecture Hall 7:00 PM
17 Band Concert Quadrangle 7:30 PM
17 Voice Recital Northside UMC 7:00 PM
17 PTSA Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM
18 Jazz Band Concert Shaw Theater 7:30 PM
18-19 Cancer Relay for Life
21 Honors Assembly
22 Locker Clean-out
22 Visions 2001
23-25 Final Exams
25 Last Day of School

August

- 13 First Day of Fall Semester

Sports (cont.)

Golf

March

- 6 vs. Washington @ Brown's Mill 4:00 PM
8 vs. Douglas @ Bobby Jones 4:00 PM
15 vs. Douglas @ Tupp 4:00 PM
20 vs. Mays @ Bobby Jones 4:00 PM
22 vs. Washington @ Brown's Mill 4:00 PM
27 vs. Mays @ Tupp 4:00 PM

April

- 10 vs. Washington @ Brown's Mill 4:00 PM
12 vs. Washington, S. Atlanta @ B. Jones 4:00 PM
17 vs. Douglas, Therrell @ Tupp 4:00 PM
19 vs. Therrell @ Bobby Jones 4:00 PM

For the most current calendar information,
please check the North Atlanta website at:
<http://www.northatlantahigh.org>

High Performance Learning Community Assessment

Our school community is preparing to take part in the High Performance Learning Community (HiPlaces) Assessment in order to aid North Atlanta High's school improvement efforts. All school staff, administrators, students and parents are invited to participate. For this undertaking to be successful, it is most important that as many people in the school community participate as possible.

The primary purpose of the Assessment is to provide everyone with information that will enable us to understand more fully the teaching and learning process in our school, as well as the conditions that impact those processes. North Atlanta High School will join all other Atlanta Public Schools in conducting the Assessment beginning in late February and continuing through mid-March. We would greatly appreciate parents allowing your child to take part in this survey as well as your full participation in the process.

As our school prepares for the Assessment, we will continuously inform you of our progress. Please look forward to receiving parent surveys and consent letters from your child. If you do not want your child to participate in the Assessment, please send the signed letter to your child's homeroom teacher. In this case, your child will not complete the student survey. Otherwise, your child will complete a survey. We also urge you to complete the parent survey and return the survey to us within the designated time. Because parent and student input is critical to our success, we look forward to everyone's full participation in the Assessment. Please direct questions or concerns to Assistant Principal Delphia Bryant at (404) 351-0895 or emailto: dbryant@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Foreign Language Students Compete

Twenty-one NAHS students of Arabic, French and Spanish competed in the Metro Atlanta Forum foreign language contest, testing their skills in speaking and understanding the language against more than 500 students from six surrounding school districts. Our students won ten superior, nine excellent and two good ratings.

In Arabic II, Aqeelah Jones received an excellent rank and Cameron Wolfe a good rating. For Arabic III, Abdourahm Lo was ranked superior and Homayra Ra'oof was ranked excellent. Arabic IV students competing were Yaqutulla Ibraheem, superior; Reza Nadimi superior, and Benjamin Spears, excellent.

French students also placed well in the contest. In French II were: Dajana Marincic, superior; Rebekah Jackson, superior, Michael Kelly, superior; Rachel LeCroy, excellent. In French III, Christine Woods was ranked superior and Will Holland, Nicole Johnson and Amber Suitt were all ranked excellent. Competing at level IV French were Abdourahm Lo, who receive a superior, and Zach Kennedy with a good rating. Spanish students at Level III who ranked were Ronnie Gosselin, superior, Ashley Logsdon, superior, and Jessie Ford, excellent. Maria Buford won an excellent rating at Level II.

Arabic teacher M. Elghotni and French teachers Mme. Lenourichel and Mr. King served as judges for the event.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER: *March 5, 2000*



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