

NA Meets 1999-00 APS School-Based Employee Incentive Award Criteria

As part of the APS plan to improve student and school performance, the system has set achievement targets for each school in key areas, including such variables as performance on norm-referenced tests and attendance.

The following are key areas:

1. Georgia High School Graduation Tests: Students must be administered the GHSGT in five areas and achieve a passing score in each as one requirement for a Georgia high school diploma.
2. Advanced Placement (AP) Enrollment and Examination Performance: AP results are based on scores from the previous year, while the AP enrollment results are based on the current school year information.
3. Scholastic Assessment Tests (SAT): The SAT is a college entrance exam offered through the College Board. Students must register for the test and pay a fee.
4. 1999-00 Progression Status Report: Students may progress from one grade to another in grades 9-12 by earning the required number of Carnegie units.
5. Number of Graduates and Types of Credentials Earned.
6. Post-Secondary Education, Career, and Employment Pursuits of Graduates: Class of 1999.
7. Student and Staff attendance.

Data from these areas were compiled and those schools meeting at least 70% of the key areas were considered to have achieved the Superintendent's incentive award. NAHS achieved 71.4%. The only other high school to do so was Grady.

Renee Contreras is NAHS' STAR Student

Senior Renee Contreras has been selected as North Atlanta's STAR student. The **Student Teacher Achievement Recognition** program is a statewide program that honors seniors in each of Georgia's public and private high schools who score the highest in their school on the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test).

Renee has been accepted at the University of Georgia and selected as a prestigious Foundation Fellow, a scholarship program that includes study abroad. At press time she was still awaiting word on some of her other college applications before making a final decision on which college to attend.

Last fall, Renee spent the semester studying Spanish at Complutense University in Madrid, Spain. This semester she is completing her high school requirements and earning college credit by taking courses at Georgia State University.

In addition to honoring outstanding students, the STAR program also identifies and rewards excellence in teaching. Each STAR student selects the STAR teacher who has encouraged her the most or had the greatest influence on her. Renee chose English instructor John Denine as her STAR teacher.

The 40-year old STAR program was originated by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce with financial support from foundations, corporations and businesses. Some 200 community clubs, organizations, businesses and individuals serve as sponsors and district chairs.

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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
May	April 16

Shopping at Publix Raises \$\$

It really does add up when we remember to show our partnership cards at check-out! We have earned almost \$7000 since the Publix Partners program began. In just the last two quarters of 2000 we earned \$951.10.

Please remember to use your card every time you buy groceries. If you need more cards, they are available in the school office or by calling call Holly Kelly (404-351-2387).

Juniors Slated for College/Career Counseling

During the next few months, the counselor aides will be meeting with all Juniors to help them with the process of making plans for post High School graduation. Whether your student is interested in a 2 or 4 year college, technology training, military service, or going straight into the workforce, these counselor aides can help them reach their goals.

Please be sure your student attends all his or her appointments to take advantage of this resource. Parents are also welcome to visit the college/career room located across from the Media Center.

Parisian Celebrates Education

celebrateEDUCATION, held on March 3 raised \$175 for the NAHS PTSA through this Parisian-sponsored fundraiser. A special thanks to Torri Hill who handled the majority of ticket sales for our school.

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Celebrating African American History

Mr. Williamson's ethnic study classes did a great job displaying their knowledge by making show-boards to go with their research papers in honor of Black History month. Each student was given a variety of topics to choose from, including organizations, events, politicians, musicians, authors, athletes, civil rights leaders, and more.

The students really demonstrated their creativity in organizing their work onto the show-boards, which were displayed in the Lecture Hall on February 28. The quality of the work was excellent. Prizes were awarded to the top three projects and the student's "attention to detail" in their projects made it clear that they had put tremendous effort into their work and were serious about competing.

Congratulations to the winners! Thank you to all the judges and teachers who showed support and made this project fair possible.

First place: Jenny Milucky for "Aretha Franklin"—Chapter 11 Gift Certificate for *The African American Century* (book)

Second place: Veronica Gray for "History of Gospel Music"—Chick-fil-A meal passes and two Coke Museum passes

Third place: (tie) Nicole Turner for "Langston Hughes" and Camille Branton for "Dizzy Gillespie"—Large pizza from Pizza Hut

A tremendous thank you goes to all the sponsors who provided our students with the prizes listed above. We appreciate your support!

Mr. Donnie Lanier of Chick-fil-A/Howell Mill Rd.

Ms. Dianna Billings of Chapter 11/West Paces Ferry

Mr. Demetrius Warren of Pizza Hut/Collier Rd.

NAHS Mock Trial Team Members Win Awards

Congratulations to the North Atlanta Mock Trial Team for an amazing regional competition held at the Fulton County Court House. Specific congratulations go to award winning lawyers Quinae McCommons and Ronnie Gosselin, and award winning witnesses Shanita Douglas and Caitlin VonHedemann.

Super Exchange V is Coming to NAHS

During Super Exchange V, April 20-30, 2001, NAHS will host the IBP Diploma Convention or Super Exchange V, with nineteen secondary school delegations from sixteen countries, totaling 21 teachers and 69 students, 90 delegates in all. They will be staying with NAHS host families during the ten-day stay. IBP partner schools are from Kazakhstan, Russia, Israel, Estonia, Latvia, Germany, England, Canada, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Brazil. One teacher and two students from a business-focus school in South Africa, Egypt, China and Chile will also be coming.

The theme for this year's conference is "E-Commerce: Empowering Youth Through Technology & Trade." Each delegation will develop five product pages of national crafts, an e-order form, and select an online order processing system in a week of seminars and hands-on applications. Information technology/web design/e-commerce specialists will assist the delegates with their "e-commerce start-ups" and a SE V digital scrapbook. The Lecture Hall and third floor computer lab will become a hotbed of creativity, talent and technology in action. The Challenge program, Performing Arts and IBP will produce the SE V Welcoming Assembly scheduled for Monday, April 23, 10-11:00 AM.

As Dr. Heller explained, "SE V's scale and scope provide a world class opportunity to finally achieve ... the natural synergy between the arts and internationalism. The sheer magnitude of providing home stays for 90 guests, coordinating seven or eight mass feedings, transporting 90 guests to academic, cultural and social events, entertaining them and making them feel important will involve us all in a significant intercultural experience."

Host students, teachers and families will open their hearts and homes to strangers to make them feel like family for eight-ten days. These hosts will also be invited to four receptions with their guests over the course of the convention. A complete schedule of events can be found at the IBP website at: www.actco.org

Congratulations to the Krenshaw Campbell and Bill Pratt for winning second place in the FBLA Region 7 Competition in Desktop Publishing

Important Dates

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
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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
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August

- 13 First Day of Fall Semester

Girls Soccer

Varsity

April

- 9 @ St. Pius * 5:30 PM
12 vs. Tucker* @ N. Dekalb Stadium 5:00 PM
16 @ South Atlanta * 5:00 PM
21 vs. Clarkston* @ N. Dekalb Stadium 12:00 PM
24 @ Dunwoody * 5:30 PM

Boys Soccer

Varsity

April

- 9 @ St. Pius * 7:30 PM
12 @ Tucker * @ N. Dekalb Stadium 7:00 PM
17 @ South Atlanta * 5:00 PM
21 vs. Clarkston* @ Avondale 2:00 PM
24 @ Dunwoody* @ N. Dekalb Stadium 7:30 PM

Baseball

Varsity

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

* Region Game

Golf

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

Science and Mathematics Congress Winners

Senior Division

Grace Hixson	2nd Place	Biochemistry
Doemini Mosley	2nd Place	Earth & Space Science
Caitlin VonHedemann	3rd Place	Earth & Space Science
Courtney Merrow	3rd Place	Environmental Science
Patti Bunya	2nd Place	Environmental Science
Dimitar Petlechkov	3rd Place	Environmental Science
Brad Buffington	1st Place	Environmental Science— Intel Certificate of Excellence
Yaqutallah Ibraheem	1st Place	Mathematics
Makeda Agonafer	1st Place	Microbiology
Anna Kimsey	1st Place	Mathematics
Albert d'Heurle	3rd Place	Physics

Junior Division

Hannah Baker	1st Place	Junior Physical Science
Tomeka Jordan	1st Place	Junior Mathematics
Michael Kelly	1st Place	Junior Mathematics
John Pollock	1st Place	Junior Mathematics (Division Trophy)
Ari Gordin & Matthew Stills	1st Place	Junior Team Project

Science/Math/Engineering Fair Participants (UGA) April 5-7

Anna Kimsey—Mathematics
Yaqutallah Ibraheem—Mathematics
Makeda Agonafer—Microbiology

Congratulations to the NAHS JROTC Drill Team for competing and placing in the Area 6 Georgia Army JROTC Drill Meet: 1st place in the Demilitarized Arms Squad Standard Drill; 1st Place in the Demilitarized Arms Exhibition Drill; 3rd Place in the Demilitarized Platoon Exhibition Drill; 4th Place in the Alternative Arms Individual Exhibition Drill.

Academic Decathlon Team Places Eighth in GA

Congratulations to North Atlanta's Academic Decathlon team: Sheena Roper, Sara Mayeux, Rashida Bell, Brandi Jordan, Thomas Cuffie, Kim Nettles, Anthony Jordan, Sivram Prasad and Alana Reeves, for winning first place in the APS' System Elimination Round. The Academic Decathlon is a competition in which high school students compete in ten events, individually and as a team. The team is made up of nine team members consisting of three "A" students, three "B" students and three "C" students. Our team was composed of all seniors who will be missed very much next year.

Students were tested individually with written tests in six academic areas including fine arts, social science, economics, language and literature, science and math. In communication, students participate in speech, interviews and essays. The last competition, super quiz, has both a written test and an oral relay portion in which they are challenged in front of a live audience.

The elimination process was based on written tests in the six academic areas and the written test of the super quiz. Coaches, John Denine (English Dept.) and Sharon Morrison (Challenge Program Teacher) are proud of such a bright, enthusiastic team. Their dedication to prepare and commitment to succeed paid off as we took seventh place in Division I, which consisted of fourteen schools with an enrollment of 1300+ students, and eighth place out of both divisions that included all 26 schools represented at the state competition. Go Warriors!

Our thanks goes to these students for the hard work, their parents and Mr. Rutledge for all their support. Congratulations Decathletes!

Lady Warriors Win 2nd Place in AAAA Basketball Championship

After taking the lead for most of the Class AAAA state championship game in the Macon Coliseum on March 10, the Lady Warriors suffered a heartbreaking loss to Central Gwinnett, 61-55 in the final quarter of the game. Central Gwinnett came back from a five-point deficit midway through the fourth quarter to beat North Atlanta. The victory came a year after Central was whipped 60-38 by North Atlanta in the AAA title game. Since being embarrassed in the state championship game a year ago, the Central Gwinnett girls had focused on settling the score, training to beat North Atlanta's trademark full court press and relentless offense.

The game was close from the tip, with North Atlanta leading most of the game but never by more than five. Nine North Atlanta players scored, including Kiona Glass and Danyelle Ingram with 10 each.

In the semifinal game on March 8, the Lady Warriors pulled out a 64-54 overtime

victory over Creekside, the defending state AAAA champs. According to the *Atlanta Journal Constitution's* Maiya Hayes, "The Warriors ran away with the game in overtime, thanks to Danyelle Ingram's eight points in the period. Ingram had an impressive game defensively and offensively, leading her team with 29 points—13 in the third quarter — and making several key steals."

Danyelle Ingram was also selected as the *Northside Neighbor's* Athlete of the Week, February 21, 2001.



Marlene Karas/ AJC STAFF

Danyelle Ingram fights off Central Gwinnett's Michelle Conklin in the State AAAA Basketball Championship.

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