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Meet NA's Teacher of the Year: Ms. Katie Hines

by Rebecca Callum-Penso

A star has been born at North Atlanta. A star teacher that is! Ms. Hines, an NAHS staff member of 10 years, and a teacher of over thirty years, has been chosen as the 2001-2002 Teacher of the Year. Ms. Hines expresses that she "was quite honored that my colleagues felt that I possessed some of these qualities." The qualities needed to be considered for this honor are: "being exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, respected and admired by students and colleagues, and energetic."

A member of the Student Support Team, she also happens to be a supporter of the NA athletic and Performing Arts program. While there are no new responsibilities that come along with being the Teacher of the Year, according to Ms. Bryant, Ms. Hines has and will continue to receive recognition for her honor at "faculty meetings and other special events."

Ms. Hines conveys that she enjoys teaching "very much," especially at North Atlanta. Her favorite aspect of the school is that, "There is a vested interest in the well-being of the school. The stakeholders continue to strive for excellence. It is a school with cultural diversity and a warm and caring school environment." The aspect that she feels is in need of improvement is that, "All students need to take a vested interest in learning."

It seems that this year's Teacher of the Year decision was pretty easy!



Katie Hines is NAHS 2001-02 Teacher of the Year

Nominees Sought for PTSA officers

The North Atlanta High PTSA nominating committee is working on putting together a slate of officers and committee chairmen for next the school year. Those interested in contributing to the school have a chance to do so. We would like to have two people in as many positions as possible to spread the workload. Nominations will be completed at the March 21 meeting, with the election to be at the April 18 meeting.

Please consider volunteering for any position you are interested in. If it's not on our list, we can create new positions to adequately cover all areas where parents want to participate.

You can self-nominate by contacting one of the members of our nominating committee:

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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 1999-2000 school year are as follows:

Issue	Deadline
April.....	March 18
May.....	April 19

Publicity Video Planned

The Northside Parents in Public Schools (NAPPS) would like to produce some videos to promote our public schools in North Atlanta. Initial considerations include one for K-12 video and one focusing on North Atlanta High School. If you would like to be on this task force, please contact Sandy Driscoll.

Run Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life 2002 will be held at E Rivers Elementary School May 17-18.

This fund-raising event involves teams of 10-15 people, from businesses, churches, schools, industry, neighborhoods, families and clubs. The teams camp out, grill out, eat together, and play together while keeping at least one member from the team on the track throughout the all-night event.

For more information, contact Estee Liebross at the American Cancer Society (404-315-1123, ext. 112 or email eliebross@cancer.org

Telephone Directories Have Been Distributed

If you haven't seen your North Atlanta High directory — look in your student's room.

Directories were distributed by homerooms to all PTSA member families in February.

Special thanks to Linda Buford and Genee Dunn for all the data input, Bill Wise for formatting the whole file and getting it ready for the printers, Moore Printing for their quick turn-around, and Harry Norman Realtors for subsidizing our printing expense.

New PTSA Members

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Teacher Appreciation Co-chair Named

Willie May Baker is the new co-chair for Teacher Appreciation activities.

NA Students Excel in Annual Language Competition

The annual Foreign Language Forum was held on Jan. 26 at Brookwood High School. North Atlanta sent students to be evaluated in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, and Spanish. Their evaluations were based on individual interviews in their chosen language with a judge. Unfortunately, there was not a judge for Arabic, so those students will be taped for a later judging. Our other students represented NAHS's foreign language program extremely well.

CHINESE SUPERIOR

Lincoln Ferguson
Ashley Moore.

EXCELLENT

Richard Lorenc
Davis Weitz

GERMAN SUPERIOR

Dajana Marincic
Nikola Jankoc

FRENCH SUPERIOR

Hannah Baker
Michael Kelly
Chanel Scott
William Franchot
Alison Hunter
Dajana Marincic
Roman Alvarado
Emily Driscoll
Claire Kennedy

EXCELLENT

Brandon Bates
Whitney Raynor
Milton Browning
Abigail Aldridge
April Welch.

GOOD

Takeisha Buckley
Heather Brightharp
Brandon Johnson.

SPANISH SUPERIOR

Dajana Marincic
Nicola Jankoc
Ronnie Gosselin
Tiffany Hatch
Sara Cantrell.

EXCELLENT

Jarret Horne
Kimie Bunya

GOOD

Christina Cumming
Marisa Buford
Katie Roling
Ave Murray

Dajana Marincic competed in three languages—French, German, and Spanish—and received Superior ratings in all three.

Special thanks to our teachers who accompanied our students and assisted with the judging: Fred King, Philippe Maury, and Mme. D'McLetchie

STAR Student Named

Senior Jarrett Horne was honored as North Atlanta's STAR student at a luncheon Feb. 26 along with other STAR students from Atlanta Public Schools, Lovett and Westminster.

Jarrett, who received a certificate and an engraved memento, selected Todd Hawley, now at Oglethorpe County High, as her STAR teacher. Mr. Hawley was Jarrett's AP U.S. history teacher last year. He was her chaperone when she spent three weeks in Cadiz, Spain, and was the sponsor when she went to Close-Up Washington last year.

To be selected as a STAR student, sponsored by Kiwanis Clubs, a student must have the highest SAT score in one sitting through the November test date of her senior year and be in the top 10 percent of her class.

Jarrett has also been selected as the state honoree from Georgia for the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. She will receive a silver medalion, an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. and \$1,000.

One high school and one middle school student from each state are selected to compete for the National Honoree Awards to be presented in Washington in May.

This is the seventh year for this program that recognizes outstanding community service by young people. Jarrett, an honor student in the performing arts program, has been a volunteer at Hospice Atlanta since she was 13. She also serves as a District 4 representative for the Fulton County Youth Commission and volunteers as a teachers' assistant at the Alliance Theater.



STAR Jarrett Horne

Important Dates for 2002

March

- 15 Teacher Planning Day—Students Off
 16 SAT
 19 Great Decisions Discussion Series: Energy and the Environment 7:30-9:00 PM
 21 **Monthly PTSA Meeting Media Center 7:00 PM**

April

- 3 NAPPS Monthly Meeting, Jackson E.S. Noon
 6 ACT
 8-12 Spring Holidays
 18 **Monthly PTSA Meeting Media Center 7:00 PM**
 20 Junior/Senior Prom 8:00 PM-Midnight Westin Peachtree Hotel
 29 Top 10% Banquet

May

- 4 SAT @ NAHS
 9 ALL Sports Banquet Gym & Cafeteria 7:00 PM
 16 **Monthly PTSA Meeting Media Center 7:00 PM**
 17-18 American Cancer Society Relay for Life @ E Rivers Elementary School
 22-24 Final Exams
 24 Last Day of School
 28 Graduation Civic Center 8:30 PM

Congratulations

The boys' varsity soccer team took first place in the APS City Championships on Feb. 23, beating Grady HS. The NAHS girls' soccer team was awarded second place. Both teams hope to soon be playing on the newly renovated soccer field at NAHS.

Thanks to Our Sponsors

Thanks to the following businesses for donating prizes to the Black History Trivia Contest and Research Project Displays: Starbucks, West Paces Ferry Road, Renee Onah; Chapter 11, Northside Drive, Diana Billings; Pizza Hut, Collier Road, Mike Milam; Kinkos, Windy Hill Road, Stephanie Walls; Chick-fil-A, Howell Mill Road, John Diamond; Parkway Pointe Cinema, Cobb Parkway, Larry Smith.

Grand Opening Scheduled for Baseball Field

The grand opening celebration for North Atlanta's new baseball field will be April 3, when the Warriors nine takes on McNair in a region game.

Before the grand opening, the Warriors will have already hosted several opponents on the new field, which has new sod, fencing and an infield. The dimensions of the field have also been lengthened.

"We've come a long way baby," outgoing baseball booster club President Howard Zandman said about the new field. "We can be proud to send a team out there on a field that's very playable." He commended Athletics Director Mike Walker for his efforts in bringing the renovation to reality.

Coach Walker said that a new scoreboard was expected to be installed before the first game, March 4 against Therrell. He also mentioned the possibility of having lights installed around the field so early season games wouldn't have to be called before completion because of darkness.

New booster club officers are Michael Petrobon, president; Kenny Richardson, vice president; Lincoln Bates, secretary; and Linda Massengill, treasurer.

Varsity Baseball

March

- 14 vs. Harper Archer 4:30 PM
 21 vs. Douglass 4:30 PM
 27 vs. Mays 4:45 PM
 29 vs. Dunwoody 4:30 PM

April

- 1 @ S. Atlanta (Fulton Field) 5:00 PM
 3 vs. McNair 4:30 PM
 5 @ North Springs 4:30 PM
 15 vs. Stone Mountain 4:45 PM
 17 @ St. Pius 4:30 PM
 19 vs. Washington 4:30 PM
 22 @ Columbia 5:00 PM
 24 @ Tucker 4:30 PM
 26 @ Clarkston 4:30 PM
 29 vs. Cedar Grove 4:30 PM

May

- 1 @ Blessed Trinity 5:00 PM
 3 vs. Marist 4:30 PM

Sports Schedules

Girls Soccer

Varsity

March

15	@ Mays	4:30 PM
16	@ Blessed Trinity	2:00 PM
18	@ St. Pius	5:30 PM
22	@ Marist	4:45 PM
30	@ Lakeside/Evans, Augusta	3:00 PM

April

5	@ Tucker (Adams Stadium)	6:00 PM
16	vs. South Atlanta	4:30 PM
17	@ Holy Innocents	4:30 PM
19, 23, 26	Region Tournament	TBA

May

1, 7, 11, 15, 18 State Tournament

Junior Varsity

March

19	@ Grady	4:30 PM
23	@ Marist	11:00 AM
27	vs. St. Pius	4:00 PM
30	@ Lakeside/Evans, Augusta	1:00 PM

April

1	vs. Riverwood	5:00 PM
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Tennis*

March

14	vs. St. Pius @ DeKalb Tennis Center
21	vs. Dunwoody
26	vs. Grady
27	@ Marist

*All matches held at 4:15 PM

Boys Soccer

Varsity

March

15	@ Washington	4:30 PM
16	@ Blessed Trinity	4:00 PM
18	@ St. Pius	7:00 PM
23	@ Marist	3:00 PM
28	vs. Clarkston	5:00 PM

April

2	vs. Southside	4:30 PM
4	@ Tucker	8:00 PM
17	vs. South Atlanta	5:00 PM
19	Region Quarterfinals	TBA
23	Region Semi-Finals	TBA
26	Region Finals	TBA

Junior Varsity

March

16	@ Blessed Trinity	12:30 PM
19	@ S. Cobb	4:30 PM
21	@ Decatur	4:30 PM
23	@ Marist	11:00 PM
27	vs. St. Pius	5:30 PM
29	@ Tri-Cities	5:30 PM

April

3	vs. Grady	5:00 PM
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Track

March

19	vs. Southside, Harper-Archer @ Lakewood	5:00 PM
23	Dalton Relays @ Dalton	TBA
26	vs. Harper-Archer, Mays @ Lakewood	5:00 PM

April

2-4	Atlanta Track Classic @ Lakewood	5:00 PM each day
13	@ Jefferson Relays, Jefferson.	TBA

Be sure to check the website at
<http://www.northatlantahigh.org>
 for the most current information and schedules

NA Principal Reaches out to Harper-Archer Students

North Atlanta Principal Delphia Bryant told the North Atlanta PTSA last month that “I embrace the students from Harper-Archer and I want everyone to embrace our new North Atlanta family.”

She said she is seeking volunteers from parents, students and the staff for a special three-day orientation program for Harper-Archer students before the new school year. She said as few as 100 and as many as 200 students could be coming to North Atlanta following the close of Harper-Archer. Harper-Archer students “may choose not to attend North Atlanta,” she said.

Mrs. Bryant said that if a student at Harper-Archer is taking a curriculum such as graphics arts not offered at North Atlanta, he would have to attend some other school offering the program.

She said she’s also seeking volunteers, including parents and students, to help select the new performing arts coordinator. She said the committee would interview applicants and select two or three final candidates, from whom she will choose the new coordinator. She said she plans a similar process for the hiring of new teachers.

Mrs. Bryant also advised parents that 10th and 11th grade students had been given their advanced placement course offerings for next year and needed to complete their applications for the courses. She also called for volunteers to help complete a course catalog for North Atlanta. “This will be something as flashy, exciting and bright as the other schools around here,” she said. A student contest is also on to design a new North Atlanta logo she said.

On another note, she warned seniors about not succumbing to “senioritis.” Any student who fails a class because of flagging interest will not be given credit, she warned, even it means the student won’t graduate.



The girls Junior Varsity basketball team took the APS City Championship in February.

Recruits for International Studies Program Sought

Every spring the International Studies Program begins its campaign to find and recruit outstanding students for the International Studies Program. Two Saturday Magnet Fairs were scheduled for February 23 at Grady High School and March 2 at Washington High School. At these fairs and at numerous Middle School meetings with parents and students, materials are handed out and the best students are invited to apply for the International Studies Program.

In this process, of course, there is an opportunity for parents, students and other members of the North Atlanta High family to mention the International Studies Program to students and the parents of students that might be qualified for and interested in becoming participants.

Actually, it is remarkable how many residents of the immediate North Atlanta High community have no idea of the marvelous educational opportunities available at the school. In the larger Atlanta Community, even less is known about our school’s various programs.

The application process must be completed through the student’s middle school counselor. Qualifications include a 3.0 grade point average, good attendance, teacher recommendations, counselor recommendation, an essay written by the student and standardized test scores, if they are available. Of course you can always refer anyone interested to Dr. Frutiger who will be more than glad to talk about the school’s programs. 404-351-0895.

Net-Pals Anyone?

It used to be, years ago, that students developed connections with “pen-pals” in different states or even countries. With the revolution in modern communications, the “pen-pals” system has pretty well died out but the concept is still alive.



Nowadays students around the world communicate with each other daily over the Internet. Some students have even developed a global network of email connections with other students, allowing them to keep track of what is going on in the world from a very personal perspective.

If you would like to have a global “net-pal,” please see Dr. Frutiger in the International Studies Office. Since the International Studies Office has connections with schools in England, France, Spain, Estonia, Germany, Russia, Israel, Korea, China, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, Jamaica, Trinidad-Tobago, Brazil, Dominican Republic and Nicaragua, we should be able to find you a connection with which you can begin to explore the world of international connections.

This offer is open to I.S. and non-I.S. students.

Hosts Sought for Exchange Students

Traditionally North Atlanta High School has hosted four or five foreign students from Germany, Mongolia, Bulgaria, Russia, France and other countries for a full school year through the Council Exchanges Program.

Students from abroad are already applying for the 2002-2003 school year. Participation in these exchanges means that a family will take the foreign student into their home for an entire school year and treat them as one of your own children.

Obviously this is a very powerful experience for those willing and able to make such a commitment. If you or anyone you know is interested in undertaking such an experience, please contact Dr. Doug Frutiger at the Center for International Studies. (404)-351-7789.

Optimists' Essay Contest Winners

The Buckhead Optimists Club annually supports North Atlanta High's entry in the Optimists International Essay Contest. This year the topic was, “My Place in a Changing World.” Certainly it was an appropriate topic!

Each essay had to be between 400 and 500 words in length with no grammatical or spelling errors. After winning at the local level, the first place entry from each club goes on to the district competition and may go on from there to the state, national and international competition. Ultimately, thousands of dollars in scholarship money will be awarded.

Of the entries received, first place was awarded to Jessica Davis, second place went to Jason Mather and third place went to Kenyata York. Honorable mention entries were submitted by Joy Jones, Katie Underwood, Jessica Weems and William Wynn.

The first, second and third place winners will receive monetary awards and medallions from the Buckhead Optimists at our NAHS Awards Day ceremony. They will also be honored at a Buckhead Optimists' breakfast meeting where each student will read his or her essay. Jessica Davis' entry will go on to the District Level competition.

Nominees for PTSA *(continued from p. 1)*

Here are the positions that will be open. Members serve for a one-year term and can serve for two years.

CO-PRESIDENT,
VP ACTIVITIES, Hospitality, Teacher Appreciation, Volunteers
VP COMMUNICATIONS, Directory, Newsletter, Web site
VP DEVELOPMENT, Membership, Business Partner Liaison, Fund Raising
VP SENIOR ACTIVITIES, Prom, Visions & Graduation
SECRETARY
TREASURER
Athletic Department Liaison
International Magnet Liaison
Performing Arts Magnet Liaison
Student Council Liaison
PTSA Legislative Rep
Parliamentarian

School Board Member Says Optimism High about Public Schools

Katy Pattillo, the new District 4 member of the Atlanta School Board, spoke before the North Atlanta PSTA in February, emphasizing that “there’s more optimism than there’s ever been” about the city public schools.

Pattillo, who replaced longtime School board member Anne Harper in January, says optimism is high about public schools and the school system is receiving renewed attention from business and political leaders, “people who had written off the public schools.”

She said teacher morale and facilities have emerged as top issues for Northside parents in her first month on the board. She said confusion about district lines is a strong concern.

In response to a question about the strengths and weaknesses of North Atlanta, she said she is still gathering information and would welcome the response of parents. She said that through the North Atlanta Parents for Public Schools (NAPPS), she would form a Northside task force to identify issues concerning schools from kindergarten to 12th grade. She said that a main concern is “changing the perception” of the schools.

Asked about the loss of teachers at North Atlanta the past several years, she said that teacher morale is a national issue. She said the school board will look at teacher pay and that another problem affecting teachers is “isolation, not feeling like there’s respect in the community.”

Parent David Llewellyn asked her to respond to comments made by one of her supporters during the election campaign that schools like Sutton Middle School and North Atlanta are inferior. “I don’t feel that way,” Pattillo said. “I do think they are good schools, great schools.” Later she said “Do I think there’s a perception problem? Absolutely.”

She also said her decision to place one of her children in a private school was a family decision made after “looking at her needs. It was a tough decision, one I made for my child, before I decided to run for the school board.”

Pattillo can be reached by calling 404-827-8146 or emailing kpattillo@atlanta.k12.ga.us



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School Board rep Katy Pattillo hears from NA parent Pam Woodley at the February PTSA meeting.

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