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International Baccalaureate Directors Pay a Visit

On Wednesday, January 28th, Dr. Frutiger and I.B. students **Simon Bakaric**, **Leonidas Efstathiou**, **Sam Jasper** and **Whitney Raynor** attended a breakfast meeting at Atlanta International School at which the guest of honor was Mr. George Walker, the Director General of the International Baccalaureate Organization headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. He was in town to promote the support of I.B. schools, and planned to meet with principals and superintendents of metropolitan area school systems that evening. During the morning, however, he wanted to speak directly to I.B. students about his view of international education. After hearing Mr. Walker speak, our students participated in a question-answer session.



I.B. senior **Simon Bakaric**, second from right, welcomes honored guests to North Atlanta. Pictured with him are (L-R): **Bradley Richardson** (Regional Director for I.B. North America), **George Walker** (Director General of the I.B.O.), **Monique Seefried** (President of the Board of I.B.O.) and **Andrew Bollington** (I.B.O. Director of Strategic Planning).

That afternoon NAHS welcomed Mr. Walker and three other I.B.O. directors to the oldest I.B. school in the Southeast. Joining him were Mr. Bradley Richardson, Regional Director for I.B. North America; Mr. Andrew Bollington, Director of Strategic Planning; and Ms. Monique Seefried, President of the I.B.O. Board and Director of Atlanta International School's Center for the Advancement and Study of International Education.

While they were here they visited the classes of Mr. **Yeargin**, Mr. **Denine**, Ms. **Gilley**, Ms. **Stewart** and Mr. **Featherstone**. Mr. Walker reported that he was very pleased with what he saw at North Atlanta and intimated that he was so interested in Mr. Denine's Theory of Knowledge class that he would have liked to stay and participate along with the students.

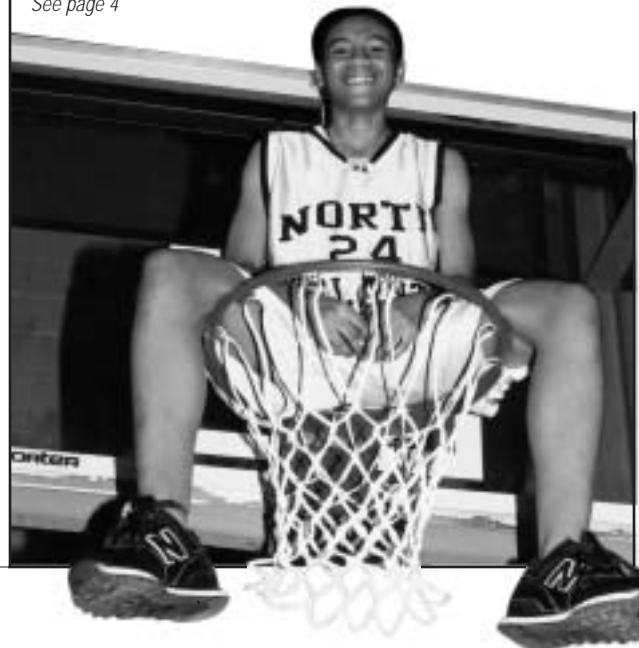
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From the Principal's Desk

Shaping up with "Readerobics"

We're trying new strategies to promote student and staff achievement. Last semester we implemented "Drop Everything and Write," with documented success. Now it's time to turn our attention to reading. Like any other skill, reading improves with practice. So parents, students, and staff together created "Readerobics," a school-wide initiative to encourage students and staff to read more as a conditioning step to improve reading proficiency.

Since February 17th the entire school has engaged in daily pleasure reading from 11:00 - 11:20 a.m. Thanks to parents' generous response to our request for donated books, we have a broad variety of material, and students are able to keep books they have chosen. Waffle House has supplied coupon bookmarks to reward students who turn in book summaries when they have finished.

Join our daily "workout" to pump up literacy!

TESTING SCHEDULE: MARCH-MAY, 2004

Be ready, be rested, and BE THERE

MARCH

- 22 (Mon) GHS GT Language Arts
- 23 (Tue) GHS GT Math
- 24 (Wed) GHS GT Social Studies
- 25 (Thu) GHS GT Science
- 26 (Fri) GHS GT Make-up

APRIL

- 26 (Mon) EOCT Amer Lit
- 27 (Tue) EOCT US History
- 30 (Fri) EOCT Economics

MAY

- 3 (Mon) EOCT; AP English Lang; AP French
- 4 (Tue) EOCT; IB English; AP Spanish; AP Statistics
- 5 (Wed) EOCT; Final Exams (12); AP Calculus; AP World Hist; AP Music Theory
- 6 (Thu) EOCT; Final Exams (12); AP English Lit; AP French Lit; IB Math I
- 7 (Fri) EOCT; Re-tests (12); AP US History; IB Math II
- 10 (Mon) EOCT; AP Biology; AP Physics; IB English
- 11 (Tue) EOCT; AP Chemistry; AP Env Science; IB Biology
- 12 (Wed) REP (9, 10); IB History; IB Biology
- 13 (Thu) REP (9, 10); AP Macro Econ; AP Micro Econ; IB History
- 14 (Fri) AP Spanish Lit; IB French
- 17 (Mon) IB Arabic; IB Chinese
- 18 (Tue) IB Chemistry
- 19 (Wed) IB Chemistry; Final Exams (9-11)
- 20 (Thu) IB Spanish; IB Economics; Final Exams (9-11)
- 21 (Fri) IB Econ; Final Exams (9-11); *Last Day of School*
- 24 (Mon) AP Make-up exams; *Graduation*
- 25 (Tue) AP Make-up exams

Warrior Wisdom:

The best prep for tests:

1. *Get a good sleep the night before a test.*
2. *Eat a good breakfast the day of a test.*
3. *During the test, take deep breaths, smile (!), and do your best.*

GHS GT: Georgia High School Graduation Test
 EOCT: End of Course Test IB: International Baccalaureate
 REP: Remedial Education Program AP: Advanced Placement
 (Note: Test dates are subject to change)

PTSA Officer Job Descriptions

Following are brief summaries of the duties of each elected position. If one of these interests you, please contact the nominating committee. (See "PTSA Pursuits," p. 3)

President/Co-President – Develop a year-long plan of action; oversee and interact with all PTSA officers and activities; interact with school administration.

Secretary – Write up meeting minutes and present at subsequent meeting; handle correspondence as requested by President/Co-Presidents.

Treasurer – Handle bank account and all transactions into and out of account; prepare monthly reports and present reports to PTSA meetings; prepare reports for and file annual tax return.

VP Activities – (Meeting Programs, Reflections, Senior Events & Activities): Initiate special activities; oversee and interact with committee chairs for this area; make reports for them if they can't be at a PTSA meeting.

VP Communications – (Newsletter, Directory, Web Site, *Department Liaisons): Oversee and interact with committee chairs for this area; make reports for them if they can't be at a PTSA meeting.

VP Development – (Membership, Fund Raising, Business Partners, Teacher Grants, Book Fairs): Initiate and coordinate fundraising efforts; oversee and interact with committee chairs for this area; make reports for them if they can't be at a PTSA meeting.

VP Support – (Hospitality, Appreciation, Volunteers, Parent Ambassadors): Oversee and interact with these committee chairs; make reports for them if they can't be at a PTSA meeting.

***VP PTSA** – Represent the NAHS PTSA at local, district, and other council meetings; attend official meetings and trainings; advise other PTSA officers according to national standards.

***VP Liaisons** – Facilitate the communication among and representation of the various academic, athletic and educational components of NAHS; coordinate with the PTSA.

** These are proposed offices, to be voted upon as a By-laws change in the March PTSA regular membership meeting. The proposed VP-Liaisons would become responsible for the Department Liaison chairs currently serving under the VP-Communications.*

FACULTY ADVANCEMENTS

Paulette Owens of the Language Arts department has been selected for the eighth edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2004*.

Michael Maze, who specializes in On-the-Job Training for the Career Ed department, recently received his Ed. D. in Educational Administration (K-12) from the University of Sarasota in Sarasota, FL.

Congratulations to both!



"Goldens" had a ball at the Key Club Valentine party.

PTSA Stands for Everyone

A Message from the Co-Presidents

Dear NAHS Families, March, 2004

Time really flies when you're having fun. Our PTSA has been very busy since the last edition of our newsletter. As we approach the mid-semester break, March 8th, our seniors are starting to wrap up their tenure at NAHS and we are preparing to close out our school year and welcome a new slate of officers.

Our nominating committee was elected on Feb. 17th, and members have already begun the task of collecting names to do the important work of providing leadership for our organization. We had a record number of members nominated to serve on our nominating committee and we were delighted with this level of participation.

Our bylaws committee recommended the addition of two Vice Presidents to make sure that all areas of concern for our organization have adequate coverage. A description of the officer positions is on p. 2 of this newsletter or you can find it under PTSA on our website.

Due to budgetary constraints, we had to scale back on some of the programs and services that we had in our original budget. However, we are still hopeful that we will be able to raise additional funds through fundraisers, dues and donations. We are soliciting funds to raise our Scholarship Fund back to its original level. If you would like to earmark your contribution for our Scholarship Fund, please contact our treasurer, **Carolyn Cushing**.

Our Parent Ambassadors, led by **Cynthia Shelton, Sherrie Jordan, and Bettye Harlow**, coordinated hospitality for the Center for the Arts Tour Show debut on Friday, Feb. 6th. The show received rave reviews and the hospitality was a work of "style and class," according to Reggie Colbert, our Performing Arts Magnet Coordinator. Parent Ambassadors have held a series of "fireside chats" to exchange information about the programs and activities at North Atlanta. To find out more, contact Bettye Harlow at 404.310.0633 or Sherrie Jordan in our Parent Center.

We hosted a coffee talk for Sutton Middle School's PTA in our Media Center on Feb. 17th. Our principal, members of our faculty, and representatives from the Parent Center gave everyone an overview of the myriad of wonderful resources available at NAHS. They were also treated to a tour of our building and our lobby area which houses the outstanding creative works of **Natalie Brandhorst's** art students.

As we approach mid-semester, we urge parents and students to be aware of our school exam schedule, as well as our very important state and end-of-course tests. The schedule is in this newsletter and posted on the web for your review.

To find out more and to be an integral part of our PTSA, come and join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m.

Sincerely, Your PTSA Co-Presidents

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PTSA Pursuits

■ **Nominating Committee Formed** - Five active PTSA members and two alternates have been chosen to present a slate of officers for membership approval at the April meeting. They will spend the next six weeks identifying and recruiting the leadership for our 2004-05 organization.

If you are interested in being a candidate for a PTSA office please contact one of the Nominating Committee members and fill in the nomination form, which can be found on NAHS website or in the Parent Resource Center, and return to the Nominations Chairperson, Justina Mann, by March 19, 2004.

Justina Mann, Chair (justinax@bellsouth.net or 404.814.1818)

Bettye Harlow

Sherrie Jordan

Wanda Rasheed

Cynthia Shelton

■ **Reminder: Student Directories are Ready!!** - To get your directory: Go to the Parent Center in the Main Office and speak with Mrs. Sherrie Jordan. If someone in your family has already joined the PTSA, Mrs. Jordan will get your directory for you. (Maximum 1 per family) If no one in your family has joined the PTSA, bring \$10 to Mrs. Sherrie Jordan in the Parent Center in the main office, fill out a PTSA envelope, and you will be given a directory (limited supply).

■ **A Special Note about PTSA Scholarships and the Defensive Driving Course** - Due to a budget crunch, the PTSA voted on Feb. 17th to reduce budget allocations for some previously planned expenses including Defensive Driving and Scholarships. If you wish to help get the funding back up for these expenditures, we encourage you to make a donation in any amount and earmark the amount for these particular items. You may designate multiple items if you wish. Make checks payable to NAHS PTSA.

■ **A Sweet Valentine's Day for our Faculty & Staff** - Many thanks to parents **Judy Bozarth, Nancy Bramlett, Tara Campbell, Raines Carter, Anne Gordy, Bettye Harlow, and Sandy Logsdon** for donating and presenting Valentine's Day treats to our wonderful administration, faculty & staff. NAHS teachers and administrators, it was a small token of our GREAT appreciation for ALL you do!!

■ **Sandy Driscoll Memorial Fund Benches Installed** - In loving memory of parent Sandy Driscoll, who passed away in August, 2002, before assuming office as PTSA Co-President, four beautiful benches have been placed at the Lecture Hall entrance to the school. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to Sandy's memorial fund, to Smith & Hawken for donating the hardware, and to **Becky and Dave Orrison** for selecting and installing this wonderful addition to our campus.

Our Profound Gratitude

to **Deborah Jennings** who found a way to "fund" a desired project we had to cut from the budget. Her son, sophomore **Antonio Jennings**, has donated CallingPost minutes from his ministry to the PTSA for use through June. This will allow us an efficient way to contact every family for important monthly messages. When you get a call from CallingPost, listen! And thank Antonio for helping us stay connected.

IN THE WARR-ZONE

Take me out to the ball game...

Come March 4th it's "Play ball!" for the North Atlanta varsity baseball team. It opens the 2004 season against Washington in the APS tournament, where the Warriors are the defending champs. Head Coach **Mike Maroto** expects a veteran team to take the field, with about a dozen players returning from last year's successful season that saw NAHS go to the state tournament for the first time. Among those returning are co-captains **Leonardo Ware** (pitcher/outfield) and **Brendan Bates** (catcher). Games start at 4:30 p.m. until Daylight Savings, when they'll start at 5:00. Come on out and root for the home team!

Varsity Baseball 2004 Schedule

APS Tournament:

Thu Mar 4	@ Washington	Mon Apr 26	@ Mays
Sat Mar 6	@ Crim	Wed Apr 28	Westlake
Tue Mar 9	Douglass	Fri Apr 30	@ Clarkston
Thu Mar 11	Grady	Mon May 3	@ Druid Hills
Championship TBA		Wed May 5	Stone Mountain

Regular Season:

Mon Mar 15	@ Tri-Cities	Junior Varsity Baseball 2004 Schedule	
Thu Mar 18	Cedar Grove	Tue Mar 16	Southside
Wed Mar 24	@ MLK	Thu Mar 18	@ Therrell
Fri Mar 26	@ McNair	Tue Mar 23	@ Douglass
Mon Mar 29	Creekside	Tue Mar 30	@ Mays
Wed Mar 31	@ Columbia	Thu Apr 1	@ Washington
Fri Apr 2	Washington	Tue Apr 13	S. Atlanta
Mon Apr 12	@ S. Atlanta	Thu Apr 15	@ Southside
Wed Apr 14	Mays	Tue Apr 20	Therrell
Fri Apr 16	@ Westlake	Thu Apr 22	Douglass
Mon Apr 19	Clarkston	Tue Apr 27	vs Grady @ Kennedy M.S.
Wed Apr 21	Druid Hills	Thu Apr 29	Mays
Fri Apr 23	@ Stone Mountain	Sat May 1	Therrell (12:00 p.m.)



Leonardo Ware, Luke Mayeaux, Brendan Bates and Josh Brown are warming up for the 2004 baseball season.

Girls Varsity Soccer Kicks Off

Thu Mar 4	5:30 @ Forsyth Central	Fri Mar 26	5:00 @ Blessed Trinity
Wed Mar 10	5:00 Grady	Tue Mar 30	4:30 Creekside
Mon Mar 15	5:00 @ North Springs	Thu Apr 1	5:00 @ Campbell
Thu Mar 18	5:00 Druid Hills	Tue Apr 13	5:30 @ Cross Keys
Tue Mar 23	4:30 @ Mays	Thu Apr 15	4:00 Holy Innocents'
Wed Mar 24	5:30 @ Westlake	Apr 16, 20, 23	TBA Playoffs



The North Atlanta girls basketball team beat Newton 64 - 42 to advance to the next round of state championship competition. Friday, February 28th they are scheduled to play St. Pius as they press on. Pictured below (left to right) are Shantrelle Matthews, Candace Walker, Coach Washington, Dominique Willis, Courtney Jackson, and Shanrika Hardeman. Go girls!



Small in number but big in spirit, North Atlanta's wrestling team competed at state on February 20th and 21st. Senior Kent Flanders (right) placed 7th in his class. Pictured above (left to right), Daniel Orrison, Coach Richardson, Kent Flanders, Max Pelosi, Ari Gordin, and Daniel Barton.



Academic Achievements

■ Two of our students in the Career Technology Department are participating in the **Youth Technology Fair** on Saturday, February 28th. **Julian Nash** will build a computer and **Wesley Holland** will create a Web Page. Prizes for place-winners and finalists include laptops, PCs, digital cameras, and MP3 players.

■ **Ms. Kara Harris' Chemistry students** are studying the elements and have produced a giant, wall-sized periodic table full of interesting facts about each element. It's worth the climb to the fourth floor to view this attractive and informative display, in the hall across from Room 431.

■ Our **Academic Decathlon Team** placed second overall at the district competition on Feb. 16, 2004, taking home FIRST PLACE team honors in Economics, Art, and Super Quiz, and many individual honors, listed below. Academic Decathlon is a national program of competition in ten subject areas: Art, Science, Economics, Language Arts, Super Quiz, Math, Music, Speech, Interview, and Essay. Thanks to Social Studies teacher **Susan Shelton**, who coaches these academic whiz kids. Congratulations to the team and to these individual winners:

Latonya Moore - 1st place Honors Science

Simone Stone - 1st place Honors Art; 2nd place Honors Language Arts and Super Quiz

Apollo Clark - 1st place Varsity Mathematics, Art, Economics, Science, and Super Quiz; and 3rd place Varsity Language Arts

Teresa Fike - 2nd place Honors Art

Ed Hula - 2nd place Scholastic Art and Super Quiz

Scharneka Watson - 3rd place Varsity Art

Emily Farnsworth - 2nd place Varsity Super Quiz



North Atlanta JVs wrapped up an exciting season with a game against Crim. Above, Alex Cornett scores for the Warriors.

Particularly for Parents

"Girl Talk - Boy Talk"

On Friday, April 30th, the entire school will divide in two, boys apart from girls, for separate classes, general sessions, and workshops targeted for each group. They'll even eat lunch separately. Special activities and speakers will guide our children through discussion and understanding of teenage issues and life strategies. Our students greatly anticipate and appreciate this annual event.

YOU can help!! We are in the planning stages, and really need YOUR help to make this a huge success. If you would like to assist in any way, please call **Rita Ballard** in the Parent Center at 404.351.0895 ext. 2049, or **JeTanne Dugger** at 404.542.6531.

Who's in Charge?

Access to public education is a government-protected benefit of American citizenship. That also means it is affected by politics and politicians. As a voter, you DO have influence. Keep informed of what's happening at the Capitol (both State and Federal) that involves our children and our schools, and voice your opinion to elected officials. These links can help you do both:

www.georgiapta.org/legnews.html

www.gaschoolcouncil.org/ and look under "Headline News"

From Our Local School Council

Parents are needed as volunteers on two panels (committees) to provide input on two very important areas of concern at our school. These panels will consist of faculty, students, staff, parents, and administrators.

One panel will address the issue of Academic Integrity. This panel will develop a standard school-wide policy on the issue of cheating. Email your name, suggestions, and/or comments to **Wanda Rasheed** (wbrasheed@hotmail.com).

The second panel will examine the current Block Schedule of classes currently taking place at North Atlanta. This panel will consider ways for improving the scheduling of classes and make recommendations to the administration as well as to APS. Volunteers are asked to contact **John Denine** (jdenine@atlanta.k12.ga.us) at (404) 351-0895 and leave a message.

Parent Resource Center

These opportunities are provided free by the Parent Resource Center. The only catch is, they have no value unless you take advantage of them!

Family Matters Workshops:

Thursday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. - Registration for 2004-05 classes

Thursday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m. - Help your child find a summer job

Parent Technology Training:

This ongoing class in basic office and computer skills covers everything from PowerPoint to digital imaging. Career Ed teacher **Michael Maze** welcomes everyone, whether you are a beginner or want to brush up. In Room 265 — Mondays 5:00-9:30 p.m.; Tuesdays 5:00-8:00; Wednesdays 5:00-9:30; Thursdays 5:00-9:00. Contact Dr. Maze at mmaze99@yahoo.com or the Parent Resource Center at 404.351.0895 ext. 2049.

The Reward Is In The Doing

Every parent who has volunteered to assist Special Ed teacher **Lisa Oglesby** on her weekly community trips has responded with great enjoyment and a desire to sign up for more. Ms Oglesby is short-handed and really must have a parent volunteer to help take her students to the grocery store, a restaurant, the bank, the library, etc., where they learn basic life skills so they will be able to live on their own as adults. We need volunteers for the remainder of the year. You may choose Tuesday or Wednesday, leaving NAHS at 10 AM and returning 12-12:30 PM. Please let **Pam Woodley** (404.231.0223) know when you can help!

The North Atlanta family extends our deepest sympathy to Junior A bby A Idridge, whose mother, Brooke, passed away on February 18, 2004.

INTERNATIONAL INSIGHT

Great Decisions Made Every Tuesday

Again this year the Center for International Studies is sponsoring a Great Decisions discussion group. The group meets every Tuesday evening in the Media Center conference room from 7:30 to 9:00 PM to discuss a foreign policy topic that is prominent in the news. The participants are typically a cross section of adult Atlantans who share a common interest in foreign policy topics and decisions. Topics already discussed include weapons of mass destruction, and the relationship between the media and foreign policy.

In the third session, eleven International Studies sophomores joined the discussion group. **Dr. Frutiger** reports that he was very proud of the level of insight and understanding that our students exhibited during the discussion. "The adult participants were very impressed with the quality of the students' input, though many were surprised at how 'conservative' our students tend to be in their world views," Dr. Frutiger recounted. He hopes that more students — and parents — will participate as the evening discussions continue through March 23rd.

International Business Internships

Each year during the second semester, International Business seniors serve an internship in the offices of a number of non-profit organizations. This year 23 business seniors are interning with such organizations as the Latin American Association, Grady Hospital, MARTA, and Friendship Force, or with public officials such as Judge Myra Dixon. These students leave school each day at 2:00 to work (unpaid) for a minimum of eight hours per week for 16 weeks. During that time they keep a log of their hours and a journal in which they write regular entries about what they have learned so far. Dr. Frutiger then evaluates the journals and logs for grade assessments.

The senior interns this year are **Baeda Agonafer, Nels Anderson, Mohamed Aynab, Mendel Bain, Felicia Baker, Camille Barnette, Katoyia Bellamy, Kristle Craig, Jalavious Daniel, Aimee Dodson, Frewoini Gebremeskel, Nermin Gupe, Kordia Hardy, Kimberly Harris, Mario Jackson, Letoya Lindsey, Brian Moorman, Daniel Orrison, Lauren Wagner, Christina Wiley, Christina Willcox, Kevette Woolfalk, and Kristopher Wright.**

What is RVI?



RVI stands for *Related Vocational Instruction*, a program of services designed to support students with disabilities who are enrolled in a Technology/Career curriculum. Students in the RVI program at North Atlanta participate in many events throughout the year.

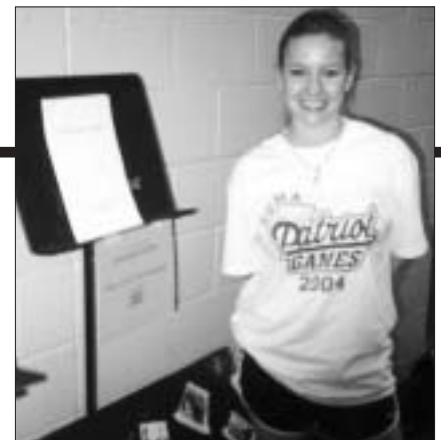
On October 15, 2003, three students spent National Disability Mentoring Day at SunTrust Bank in downtown Atlanta. **Jarvis Brown** made such an impression on the employees they are still talking about him!

In November, three students attended the two-day Fall Leadership Conference in Athens, GA, to learn and strengthen their leadership skills. The cost of this conference (\$85 per student) is defrayed by generous donations from faculty members or family friends. This year one of our outstanding PTSA supporters, **Pam Woodley**, helped **Kendra Range** attend for the first time.

On March 5th six students will participate in the city-wide RVI competition in downtown Atlanta. The students are preparing for three events — Job Interview, Prepared Speech (Public Speaking), and Occupational Creative Thinking. The city competition prepares students for the State Leadership Conference that will be held in May on Jekyll Island. Our students won several trophies at last year's conference. The four-day conference usually costs each attendee \$180. Again we rely on generous donations from our faculty, friends, and supporters to be able to take the maximum of eight students.

If you have any questions about our program or are interested in helping sponsor a student for the RVI State Leadership Conference, please contact **Angela Rucker**, RVI Coordinator, at arucker@atlanta.k12.ga.us or call 404.351.0895 ext. 2057 and leave a message. We would appreciate your helping us achieve our dreams by April 2, 2004.

*Christina Hemingway,
fresh from soccer
practice, presents her
paper at NHD.*



"Exploration, Encounter, Exchange"

This is the 2003-04 theme of National History Day, whose organizers describe it as "not just one day, but a yearlong educational program that engages students in the process of discovery and interpretation of historical topics." Participants research and produce exhibits, papers, film documentaries, or performances for evaluation at local, state, and national competitions.

The program intrigued **Ms. Andrea Childress** for her history classes. "I liked the idea of having so many different categories for presentation format. And the theme is broad enough that students can make up the questions as well as find the answers."

Her students presented their projects at a public reception on February 19th for the first stage of competition. While *Trinity* (**Charles Shelton** at the piano, **Avery Cody** on bass, and **Kris Rahming** on drums) played jazz-fusion in the background, friends, families, and judges inspected the research papers and board exhibits. The audience then gathered to view a videotape submission and two skits.

The projects covered a wide range of topics, from business to social issues to the arts. Many students remarked how their research had inspired even more interest in their topics. "Every time I learned something, it made me want to know

more," claimed Demario Jones, whose eye-catching Harlem Renaissance exhibit took 3rd place. "I discovered that history repeats itself."

Winning 1st place was a beautiful photo history of Auburn Avenue created by **Sabirah Jones, Najeeba Abdullah, Nzingha Murphy, and Aminah Murphy**. 2nd place went to

SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS

Florida Dance Theatre

On Saturday, March 13th, North Atlanta's Center for the Arts will host a workshop for metro area dance students. The workshop will run from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m., and is open to all arts magnet schools in the Atlanta area as well as private schools offering dance in their curriculum. Members of the Florida Dance Theatre are coming as guest instructors, and will present an evening performance at 6:30 p.m.

Workshop fees include the performance. Advance registration prices are \$55.00 for NAHS students, \$65.00 for dancers from other schools, and \$75.00 for walk-in registration the day of the workshop. Places are limited, so contact Dance instructor **Sarah Haslock** *immediately* if you are interested. For more information, or to reserve a spot, please call the school or email her at smhaslock@hotmail.com.

The public is cordially invited to join us for the evening performance in the Robert Shaw Theatre. Tickets are available at the door: \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students.



Florida Dance Theatre

Hitting the High Notes

Congratulations to **Daniel Harper**, trumpet, who will represent North Atlanta and the Center for the Arts in the GMEA All-State Symphonic Band performing April 29 - May 1 in Savannah, GA. Students chosen for this ensemble are considered the top musicians in the state, having successfully passed several rounds of rigorous competition before highly selective panels of Georgia music educators.

Tour Show Debuts "One Nation"

Twenty singers and dancers opened the Tour Show season with selections of American music spanning over fifty years. From the '50s ballad "Maria" to the hot title song of "Chicago," the song list and dance numbers delighted the opening night audience. Members of the band and orchestra provided live backup for the performance, directed by **Ms. Rushia Evans**.

Hats off to **DeAngelo Barkley**, **Shuntae Battle**, **Charles Billings**, **Amber Broderick**, **Shena Brown**, **Adrian Dodson**, **Tommy Hill**, **Allison Irby**, **Alexandria Joe**, **Jeremy Johnson**, **DeAnn Jones**, **Meshawn Jones**, **Tiffany Lasky-Tumarkin**, **Brittany Lewis**, **Michelle Patrick**, **DeAngelo Rolax**, **Jessica Scudder**, **Christina Taylor**, and **Christina Turner** for a great beginning; and to **T'Andra Taylor** as sound and lighting tech.

A glorious reception followed the performance, arranged by PTSA Hospitality Chair **Cynthia Shelton** and a team of parent assistants. Many thanks to Publix, Café Intermezzo, Cheesecake Factory, Henri's Bakery, Invitations Catering, Starbucks Coffee, and Caribou Coffee for their generous contributions to an elegant event.

Grace Notes

At the Alvin Ailey dance auditions North Atlanta's Center for the Arts was represented in large numbers, and it was a great experience for our students. Junior **Jessica Scudder** and Senior **Christina Taylor** both won spots in the world renowned, outstanding summer institute. Christina was also admitted into Ailey's BFA program at Fordham University.

In March the Dance department will attend Ballethnic Dance Company's "The Leopard Tale." The production is an inspiring mixture of ballet and African dance styles. NAHS students **Tendayi Kuumba**, **Kai Richardson**, and **Zakiyyah Kelly**, will be dancing in the production.

Jazmine Reynolds, **Kosonya Moss**, and **Vonetta Towns** for their thought-provoking, four-scene skit, "Nigger: Different Cultures, Different Interpretations." **Sydney Wesley's** paper on "Wal-Mart: Employee Friendly and Customer Driven or Ruthless Competitor?" and **Maurice Harris'** paper on "Hip Hop's Evolution and Its Effect on Pop Culture" both received Honorable Mention.

All of the award winners will go to the regional competition at Kennesaw State University on February 28th. Special thanks to KSU hosts Dotty Bonds and Gayle Wheeler for attending, and Pete McDade from Perimeter College and GSU's Dr. Robert Howard for judging National History Day at NAHS.



North Atlanta students share a moment on the benches dedicated to the memory of parent **Sandy Driscoll**.

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March

- 3 (Wed) 3:45 - 4:30 - Optional Parent/Teacher Conferences, Grades 9 & 11
- 8-9 (M/T) Teacher planning day, Monday OR Tuesday. Listen for announcement for no school.
- 16 (Tue) PTSA Regular Mtg. 7PM; Performance & Fine Arts Depts
- 17 (Wed) NAPPS at WT Jackson ES, Noon
- 22-26 (M-F) GA High School Graduation Tests - ALL WEEK!! **STUDENTS MUST BE PRESENT**

April

- 5-9 (M-F) Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
- 18 (Sun) Georgia PTA Reflections Awards Reception at NAHS
- 20 (Tue) PTSA Regular Meeting - 7 pm; '04 - '05 Slate of Officers presented; Support Staff Presentation
- 21 (Wed) Noon, NAPPS at Sarah Smith ES
- 21 (Wed) 3:45 - 4:30 - Optional Parent/Teacher Conferences, **All Grades**

May

- 5 (Wed) 3:45 - 4:30 - Optional Parent/Teacher Conferences, **All Grades**
- 18 (Tues) PTSA Regular Mtg. - 7 pm; Health, PE & ROTC pres.
- 21 (Fri) Last Day of School; Senior Lunch
- 22 (Sat) Senior Picnic
- 24 (Mon) Graduation



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DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL NEWSLETTER: Wednesday, March 17th - 12:00 Noon

Submit information and articles by placing in the PTSA NEWSLETTER mailbox in the office, or by emailing hmeredith@mindspring.com



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JROTC Instructors Honored

The APS JROTC instructor group was treated to a biscuit breakfast with Scott Slade of WSB Radio 750 during their monthly meeting on January 30th. The ajjobs' Breakfast Break program identifies and honors metro offices and professional groups "for what they contribute to their communities and the people of Atlanta."

These dedicated instructors lead a remarkable program of leadership training at North Atlanta and other APS high schools. The JROTC curriculum teaches – and the instructors model – the value of citizenship, leadership, service to the community, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment.