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Newsweek Magazine
“Top 1,000 High Schools”

2004 and 2005
Atlanta Magazine
“Best High School”

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First Graduates of Northview



In May, 2003, Northview High School had its charter graduating class, the first seniors to complete their high school education in the year-old high school. Last May 28th, the Northview community witnessed the commencement of its *First Graduates*, the first seniors to complete all four years of their high school education here.

Held for the first time at the Gwinnett Arena, the ceremony started at 3 pm with the processional, followed by the presentation of colors by the NHS-JROTC and the singing of the national anthem. Senior class president Alfred Richardson delivered the welcome speech while student government president Kimi Trinidad introduced the special guests. The Counseling Department proceeded to recognize individually the students who received scholarships. Elizabeth Zervakos, accompanied by Clera Ryu, led the singing of the Alma Mater before the presentation of medallions to Salutatorian Mai Wang and Valedictorian Bruce Yang.

Fulton County Board of Education member Liz Hausmann and area superintendent Rande Nagler spoke of how admirably this class has helped transform Northview High School into a powerhouse in just four short years: sole recipient of the Governor’s Cup two years in a row, a Top 1000 High Schools in America by Newsweek Magazine for the past two years and a Best High School by Atlanta Magazine for the past two years, among many other recognitions.

Bruce Yang, Caitlin Hansen, Ying Ying Lu and Christina Swoope took turns in sharing their thoughts with their fellow graduates. They were followed by a vocal number by Garland Hunt who wrote and sang the original song *The Journey*. He was accompanied by co-composer Dave Naylor at the piano, Stephanie Hao at the violin and David Kim at the flute.

The following awards were then presented:
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From the Principal's Desk:

Greetings Fellow Titans! Where has the time gone? The first seniors to have spent all four years at Northview are now graduating. Our senior class, as those before them, have accomplished much and have proven themselves to be an outstanding group of young people. I know that you join all of us in wishing the best for them in all that they do.



Our seniors leave behind a legacy that includes the only school to have received the *Governor's Cup* twice, a school that for two consecutive years was named by Newsweek Magazine as one of the *Top 1,000 US High Schools* and Atlanta Magazine as a *Best School*. Our orchestra was the third from Georgia since 1945 selected to perform at the *Midwest International Band and Orchestra Conference*, our JROTC has been ranked by *The Marshall Foundation* in the top ten nationally, and our school is home of the *National Quiznet Academic Team*. Athletics have earned *State Championship Titles* in Boy's Golf, Girl's Golf, Ice Hockey, Roller Hockey, Boy's Tennis, and Volleyball as well as *State Runner-up Titles* in Debate and Girl's Swimming.

Please remember that this is only the first chapter of our journey to excellence, a journey that has no end. After four years of *Northview Firsts* it is time for the next generation to embrace their legacy. Complacency is not an option; please be assured that every year will be better than those before.

Parental and community support have made it possible for our staff to do what they do best. The accomplishments of our PTSA, Athletic Booster Clubs, and Fine Arts Association are many, and words can not begin to adequately express my appreciation for all that has been accomplished. As we move forward in fulfilling our mission, continued support from our parents and community will play just as an important role in our success as in the past. Please be ready to support and serve in any ways you are able.

As always, if I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to ask. Together, we will continue *Ever Upward and Onward!*

Mr. Z.

PTSA Co-Presidents' Message



As another school year comes to an end, the PTSA extends a message of appreciation to an AWESOME group of devoted parents, teachers and staff members. We can, once again, be very proud of another excellent school year because of the combined efforts of all to provide a quality education for our Northview High School students. The PTSA could not have done its part without all of your volunteer assistance.

Your efforts this year paid off in other ways that you may not be aware of. The NHS PTSA was recently recognized by the 10th District of the Georgia PTA as the recipient of many area awards. We received awards in Arts in Education, Communication, Education Enrichment, Health/Youth Service, Membership, Parent/Family Involvement and we were recognized as one of the Outstanding Local Units in the District, which comprises all of Fulton County. We also received a 2nd place award within the entire Georgia PTA for our Cultural Arts programs at the school. Congratulations to the entire PTSA for their wonderful accomplishments and to all the outstanding volunteers that make these programs and events possible.

Now it is time, though, for you to relax and enjoy the summer off with your children, as you have earned this deserved break. Please know, however, that we will need your help again come August for the 2006-2007 school year. In fact, a new executive board has been elected and they are busy getting ready to ensure that next year is as successful as years past. Next year's PTSA Executive Board members are:

Co- President	- Julie Pitman - Sandi Rose
Co-VPs of Communications	- Martha Bernstein - Susanne Warren
Co-VPs of Membership	- Helen Eng - Molly Ruttle
VP of School Services	- Andrea Lutz

Co-VPs of Hospitality	- Kathy Elwell - Aldona Moss
Co-VPs of Student Enrichment	- Ruth Petrillo - Deb Powell
VP of Student Services	- Arlene Jerome
Corresponding Secretary	- Julie Meinert
Recording Secretary	- Becky Beaver
Treasurer	- Jeri Colton
Parliamentarian	- Maria Orlando

Welcome to the new Board!!

We know we can count on our parents to give this new executive board the same level of outstanding support you have given to this year's board. Likewise, we hope you will give some thought over the summer as to where you would like to volunteer next year and we encourage you to contact members of the new board over the summer with your interests and/or questions. There are many ways to get involved, so we hope you will find a way that best fits your time, talents and interests. Contact information for these new members will be posted to the PTSA pages of the NHS website shortly.

As we close, we do want to extend our sincere appreciation to this year's board members for their organization, ideas, time, and efforts. Their service to the PTSA and the school has been invaluable. Please join us in thanking them for their service: Joy Mejias, Celia Pitcher, Margaret Harris Barfell, Jenny Kadow, Susan Whitman, Kathy Elwell, Aldona Moss, Sharyl Dawes, Helen Eng, Molly Ruttle, Julie Meinert, Chris Martineck, Jeri Colton and Ruth Petrillo. On behalf of the outgoing PTSA Executive Board, we would again like to thank you for your support of the many old and new programs offered this year.

Until next year...be safe and enjoy your summer!

Julie Pitman
Sandi Rose
Co-Presidents NHS PTSA 2005-2006



Meet your Counselors

Counseling Office Telephone Number: (770) 497-3828 ext. 131 or (770) 497-3842
 CEEB School Code: 111148

The Counseling Department provides leadership at Northview High School through the implementation of a developmental, preventive, and crisis intervention program designed to further social, emotional, and intellectual development in students. Counselors conduct individual counseling, group counseling, classroom advisement, and consultation with school staff, parents, and community resources.

Students are assigned to counselors according to the first letter of their last name:

<u>COUNSELOR</u>	<u>CASELOAD</u>	<u>Telephone Number</u>
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Renee Ferrerio ferrerio@fulton.k12.ga.us	H - Le	770-497-3828 ext. 132
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Kurus Jamison jamison@fulton.k12.ga.us	P - Sh	770-497-3828 ext. 135
Steven Creel creel@fulton.k12.ga.us	Si - Z	770-497-3828 ext. 133
Alan Hogan hogana@fulton.k12.ga.us	<i>Special Projects</i>	770-497-3828 ext. 146
Jenny Cole colev@fulton.k12.ga.us	<i>Special Projects</i>	770-497-3828 ext. 138
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Janet Rocker rocker@fulton.k12.ga.us	<i>Secretary</i>	770-497-3828 ext. 131
Polly Singletary singletary@fulton.k12.ga.us	<i>School Social Worker</i>	770-497-3828 ext. 151

SUMMER COUNSELING OFFICE HOURS

The Counseling Office will be open on Wednesdays from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm the following dates in the summer:

June 7 June 14 June 21 June 28 July 12 July 19

The purpose of summer hours are to enroll new students, but if a student or parent has a concern and would like to speak or meet with a counselor during the summer, he or she may call and make an appointment – (770) 497-3828. Counselors return full-time on Wednesday, July 26, 2006 and school begins Monday, August 14, 2006.

SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION

Site: Alpharetta High School

Semester I: June 5 – 22

Semester II: June 23 – July 14
(no classes on July 5)

Summer School Hours: 7:30 am – 12:30 pm

Cost: 1 credit/unit = \$450 per course
(\$370 free meal criteria)

½ credit/unit = \$225 per semester course
(\$185 free meal criteria)

Registration Period: April 24 – June 1.
Register with counselor!

All courses may be taken by students who need to repeat the courses. Certain classes may be taken by students taking the course for the first time. Some courses require an End of the Course Test (EOCT).

Ramblings of a School Counselor

Graduation is a milestone. Nevertheless, one has to ask, “What makes that a milestone?” Is it a time of completion, have I reached the goal, or is it simply a marker? Is it, “I have no more assignments, no more teachers telling me what to do.”? No, no, not at all, grasshopper! The struggles and strivings are always there.

Dream! Dream the big dream for if this dream can be accomplished alone, your dream is too small. Big dreams require action, hard work and struggle. Understand that with each struggle, there will be learning, tension and stress. Learning is not confined to these 12 years or these four walls. Learning is life- long and can happen anywhere. When you are ready to learn you will find a teacher no matter your station in life.

Yes, you have made your first of many steps to come. You have laid

the first foundation of the future that lies before you. Upon this foundation, you will build your dream however big or small. You will go forward, and equip yourself to find and fulfill your dream. You will strive, for it is in striving we arise to a greater challenge. This is where excellence will be found. In the words of Walt Whitman, he says, “*Now understand me well---it is provided in the essence of things that from any fruition of success, no matter what, shall come forth something to make a greater struggle necessary.*” There are no straight paths, no certainties in our next step, but there is striving. Relish in your successes along the way but do not wallow or become complacent in them, otherwise, that will be it. Live the good life with integrity.

I hope that in your strivings you will be happy. This happiness is not simply the giddy laugh of a young child or the windfall of a sudden good fortune. This happiness revolves around the simple idea of something to do (purpose), something to hope for (a dream), and someone to love. It takes

all three to find and keep happiness in one’s life. Go forward, graduates. I congratulate you all, but the fight is not over, it is simply beginning. I leave you with these words...

“If I have accomplished anything in life it is because I have been willing to work hard. I never yet started anything doubtingly, and I have always believed in keeping at things with vim. There is no royal strewn flower road to success, and if there is I have not found it, for what success I have obtained is the result of many sleepless nights and real hard work.” Madam C.J. Walker

Milestones are simply life’s markers. Make the best of each one along the way.

Your friend,
Steven D. Creel, Counselor

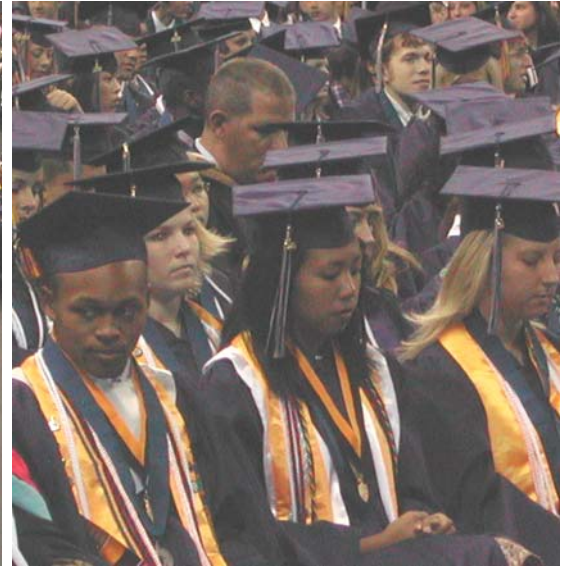


Rising Seniors: How to be Effective This Summer

As we vastly approach summer, it is important to think about what colleges you will apply to in the fall. Have you narrowed down the list, visited the campuses, and investigated the costs of attending those colleges? If your answer is no, then you need to accomplish these things over the summer. Once you’ve done so, you should look at each college’s application from the past year and compare the essays. If you find that the applications ask similar questions, then begin working on your essays so that by the time you return in the fall your English teacher, counselor, etc. can proofread them and help you to refine them. By doing so, you will have more free time in the fall to investigate scholarship opportunities and visit your final list of college campuses. By following these suggestions, you will feel more relaxed and at ease with the application process when fall rolls around. Good luck!

Gail Polizzi, College and Career Center Coordinator

NHS Graduation 2006



Congratulations, Class of 2006!

VIP Night PTSA Hosts Magnificent Reception

By Sharyl Dawes, VP Student Enrichment

This year's VIP celebration lasted a quick 45 minutes and then parents, students and faculty enjoyed sandwiches, desserts, drinks, fruit and veggies hosted by the PTSA. Connie Leff chaired the event. Committee members Joanne Kazovsisar, Deb Powell, Scarlett Thompson, Lauren Salter, Michael Dawes and Mr. Yung helped her with a very elegant, fun-filled event.

Students didn't know which teacher nominated them for the VIP award until the reception. It gave the reception a very joyous and celebratory atmosphere as parents enjoyed the photo ops and getting to know the faculty better.



Mr. Yun, Connie Leff and Lauren Salter set up tables prior to event.

Miss NHS Pageant

The fourth annual Miss NHS pageant was held Friday, February 10, 2006, in the Northview High School auditorium. Fifteen talented and beautiful ladies competed for the title of Miss NHS. The pageant consisted of a talent/interview competition, a formal wear competition, and an *on the spot* response to questions drawn from a fishbowl.

This year's Top 5 finalists included Amanda Casto, Ana Maria Dumitru, Kacie Whigham, Kristen Pike, and Elizabeth Zervakos. Amanda played the piano, Ana Maria recited an original poem, Kacie and Kristen sang, and Elizabeth twirled the baton for the talent portion. After much deliberation, the judges selected junior Amanda Casto as Miss NHS 2006. She was crowned by Alfred Richardson, senior class president.

The audience was allowed to vote on the girl whom they thought should win Miss NHS. This award, called the *People's Choice Award*, went to Arielle Newby. The *Spirit of the Pageant* award, so called because it is given to the girl with the most go-getter attitude in regards to ticket sales and a helpful attitude, went to Lauren Koester.

The pageant was emceed by Mr. Adam Seid, faculty member, and Lauren Koester, senior class council member. All proceeds from the pageant benefited the senior class of 2006, which is sponsored by Ms. Stephanie McCall. Teacher Kelly Paynter served as pageant director.

During intermission, members of the senior class modeled evening gowns as a pre-prom fashion show. *After Hours* of North Point mall generously donated the tuxedos for our handsome escorts. Caitlin Hansen, senior class council member, emceed the fashion show. Many thanks to the efforts of all who were involved, attended or helped with this event.



Photo Ops Galore. Michael Dawes poses with Miss Mia Rosenwasser, Honors Spanish teacher, one of the teachers who nominated him for VIP. Michael stayed late to clean up and carried heavy crates for the PTSA moms.



Yun Family volunteered to pour lemonade. Jin Oh Yun won a VIP award.

Northview Orchestras

The Northview Orchestras have ended the 05-06 school year with a flourish! Over Spring Break, the Chamber Orchestra traveled to Austria to participate in Mozart: 2006 – a celebration of his 250th birthday. The tour took the group to performance venues in Salzburg, Bad Ischl, Vienna, and Prague, Czech Republic.

The trip began with a two hour clinic with Dr. Joseph Walnig, a world-renowned expert on the music of Mozart and the orchestra director of the Mozarteum Conservatory in Salzburg. The students spent the entire clinic in wrapped attention as he brought to life Mozart's Divertimento in F Major, K. 138. The workshop was a great start to our tour inspiring the students to play at their best during each concert. Our first concert was in the Austrian resort town of Bad Ischl, where composer Anton Bruckner served as organist for many years.

Our next event was an incredible dinner in Vienna. After hearing a recording of the ensemble, retired Viennese opera star, Dr. Jutta, Unkaart-Siefert, offered to host the entire 47 person entourage at her fabulous apartment on the "Ring." The dinner was outstanding and the students serenaded the good doctor afterwards. Upon our departure, Dr. Unkaart-Siefert commented that "this was a wonderful eighteenth century evening!"

The next day in Vienna was our busiest, including two performances. The first perform-



The Chamber Orchestra relaxes following dinner with Viennese Opera Star – Dr. Jutta Unkaart-Siefert

ance of the morning included an exchange with the students of the Musikgymnasium – the high school conservatory for music in Vienna. Our students spent time sharing their views on a variety of topics with the Viennese students. After the classroom exchange, we played a fantastic concert for a very appreciative music student audience. Our program included half Mozart music and half American music. A highlight of all of the performances was a contemporary string quartet performance of Bond's "Explosive." The quartet members included Stephanie Hao, Shaolong Wang, Sarah Ryu, and Ben Chen.

Later that afternoon, the orchestra performed at the Orangerie of Schonbrun Palace (Summer Palace of Empress Maria Theresa.) The Orangerie was one of the Viennese venues in which Mozart conducted his own music. It was also the location of the infamous piano duel between Mozart and Sa-

lieri, in which Salieri was reported to have "won." The orchestra performed for an enthusiastic packed house. Upon leaving a guest commented to me in a thick German accent that "the only thing wrong with this concert was that it wasn't long enough – we want more!"

The sight seeing tours were also very entertaining and educational. We visited several sites where Mozart lived, many beautiful churches, abbeys, palaces, and fortresses. We also visited the museum of ancient instruments in Vienna where we saw an entire set of Stradivarius instruments.

The tour concluded in Prague with a performance at the historic St. Nicholas Church on the main town square which was bustling with its Easter market. Prague's tour included a visit to the homes and tombs of famous Czech composers Antonin Dvorak and Bedrich Smetana. We also got to experience the

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Northview Chorus News

The Northview High School Choral Department, led by choral director Barbara Moras, has had a very busy year. The choral students presented their annual Fall Concert in October, followed by the Second Annual Cabaret Show in November. This was a fundraising event, catered by Ippolito's Restaurant. The Cabaret Show was a delightful evening of show tunes presented entirely by chorus students. Highlights of the evening were Sammy Caldwell singing *Defying Gravity* from *Wicked* and Christina Pasqualone singing *Your Daddy's Son* from *Ragtime*. Proceeds from the event helped defray the cost of chorus activities.

The Holiday Concert in December featured several soloists including Alfred Richardson, Elizabeth Pishal and Charlotte Pozzi. The Chamber Chorus joined forces with some orchestra students in a wonderful arrangement by John Leavitt of *O Holy Night*.

All choral groups participated in the GMEA Large Group Performance Evaluation in March at Mays HS. The Chamber Chorus, Womens Ensemble and Concert Choir all returned with superior ratings.

Also, in March, the Fine Arts Department presented its Spring Musical, *Guys and Dolls*, directed by drama teacher Paul McClain and choral director Barbara Moras. The show featured seniors Alfred Richardson as Nathan Detroit, Cristy Breyman as Miss Adelaide, Sarah Grace as Sarah Brown and junior John Yi as Sky Masterston. A cast and crew of 50+ students performed on the Northview auditorium to standing room only audiences.

Six chorus students participated in the Georgia Music Educators Association All-State event in March.

John Aguilar, Trevor Goble, John Yi, Janelle Ooten, Elizabeth Miller and Mary Wang attended the weekend event in Savannah. The students spent two days rehearsing with their respective clinicians and ended with a final concert for the public.

Several chorus students had the unique opportunity to perform with Broadway veterans and local celebrities at the *Broadway in the Burbs* concert to benefit the new Johns Creek Playhouse. Ms. Moras not only prepared the students to perform *Seasons of Love* with David Kater and *Give My Regards to Broadway* but also played the keyboard in the band. Sarah Grace, a member of the Mixed Choir, received a scholarship to attend the Broadway Boot Camp this summer and had the honor of singing *For Good* from *Wicked* with Jodi Benson, the voice of *The Little Mermaid*.

On April 18th, 58 chorus, band and orchestra students were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Membership to this national organization is by recommendation only based on musicianship, performance, scholarship, attitude and contributions to the music department. Students were nominated by their respective chorus, band or orchestra director. A recital was also presented at this event by current members who performed various styles of music.

The Chamber Choir spent April 20-23 in Myrtle Beach, SC at the Fiesta-val music festival. They performed two selections, *She Walks in Beauty* by David Foltz and *Battle of Jericho* arranged by Moses Hogan. The chorus, under the direction of Barbara Moras, received superior ratings by three judges and a second place overall

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fervor of World Cup level soccer as the two teams vying to play for the Czech Republic squared off the day we performed.

Although the Austrian tour was one of the year's highlights, it was just one of the many great things in our department. Our orchestra students excelled in the Fulton County Honor Orchestra and the Georgia All-State Orchestras. We had many

students participate in the Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra, the Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra, the Ludwig Orchestra, the Buckhead Youth Orchestra, and the Emory Youth Orchestra. And, of course, we had many outstanding performances at concerts and festivals as well. Several of our students will be going on to study music in college and many more will be continuing to play their instruments in college ensembles while majoring

in other areas.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Elaine Shing, Sean Li, and Dang Nguyen for their acceptance into the orchestra component of the Governor's Honors Program. Have a great summer and we'll be back for another great musical year!

By: Tim Aucoin
Northview High School
Fine Arts Department Chair

Unseen and Behind the Scene, PTSA makes it happen

By Sharyl Dawes, Vice President
Student Enrichment

During Honors Night, most eyes are on our fabulous students and their achievements. After the two hour presentation, PTSA hosts a reception in the food court. We want to thank those hard working volunteers who put in a total of 30 hours to prepare and clean up for this year's event.

Polly Linthicum has chaired this committee for three years. Helping on her committee were Bev Melching, Susan Taylor, Mary Mullenbach, Scarlett Thompson, Beth Barnwell and Corey Barnwell.



Mr. Z stops back in the kitchen to thank Sharyl Dawes and Polly Linthicum.



Bev Melching sets up for the reception.



Susan Taylor finishes pouring lemonade.

PTSA Mini-Grants

PTSA granted the Mini-Grants Program \$9000.00. All funds were allocated to teachers who made requests to promote programs or projects that were creative and innovative teaching ideas that cannot be funded by department budgets

PTSA funds allocated to the media center were used to purchase a poster printer for the school which has already been used intensively by many departments of the school and by the sports programs.

Members Musing with Mister Z

A column for PTSA members only. If you have any questions for our principal, Mr. Zervakos, with answers that would be of great interest to the majority of our membership, send them to jocelyn@mejias.com. (Co-VP Communications Northview HS PTSA)

Questions and their answers will be edited and printed as space permits. Membership status of all contributors will be verified against the PTSA member database.

PTSA Member:

I recently received an email stating that ParentConnect will not be available after May 23rd. Why?

Mr. Z:

ParentConnect collects data from an electronic gradebook used by our teachers. As final exams are graded, staff members begin the process of averaging and posting grades to student transcripts. From that point, the school is then able to produce report cards. This process is known as the exporting of grades. During the export process, ParentConnect is not able to draw data from the teacher gradebooks.

The need for ParentConnect is minimal during exam periods as students should be aware of their cumulative averages by that time. In addition to PC information available until exams, students or parents may request a printed progress report from individual teachers. Also, parents of students who are in danger of failing also are contacted by phone or email well in advance of final exams. If a final grade is needed regarding summer school enrollment, eligibility, etc, prior to report card distribution that information can be obtained on an as needed basis.

DRIVE SMART

DRIVE SMART is a program designed to address teen driving ~ the rules, the risks and the reality of driver inexperience.

As you may recall from early spring, the school administration now requires that all students, who wish to receive a parking permit, attend the PTSA sponsored DRIVE SMART program. The program was initially held on March 23rd, but was videotaped for future showings.

Students who were unable to attend the program in the spring should plan to attend one of the summer showings of this insightful program. The presentations will be held on Wednesday, June 14th, and Wednesday, July 19th, at 9:00am and again at 3:00pm on both days.

While this program is required for students, we certainly hope parents will accompany their child to this program, as DRIVE SMART will bring together a panel of speakers who will address many different aspects of the driving experience. This program is insightful and will provide more information on new teen driving laws, liability for parents of teens involved in accidents, and importantly, how to assist parents in identifying and managing teen driving risk. In addition, the program will cover the rules and regulations of parking at Northview.

As always, we appreciate your support and we hope this program makes a difference in reducing accidents and saving lives in our community.

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Principal's Leadership Award

Richardson, Alfred

Governors Excellence in Citizenship Award

Trinidad, Kimberly

Ray Croc Award

Kaveney, James

Promethean Award

Flanagan, Mark

Faculty Cup

Miller, Jennifer

PTSA Cup

Nyhof, Jillian

Journal Cup

Swoope, Christina

The diplomas were released by Ms. Hausmann and Ms. Nagler, and the graduates marched across the stage to receive their diplomas as their names were called. The ceremony finally closed with the tassel ceremony led by senior class vice-president Evan Mathis, and the recessional.

NORTHVIEW TRACK & FIELD

This is Coach Babb, Sprints /Hurdles/Jumps/Relays Coach at Northview HS. Our season is almost over and I have good news to share on how the Northview teams did at the 7AAAAA Regional Meets.

On the girls' side, we took a very young team (one senior, two juniors and the rest freshmen and sophomores) to Varsity Region and they placed 6th out of 11 teams scoring 23 points to finish highest of the three North Fulton schools. The top individual placer for the Northview girls was junior Ciara Alley who was the 800 meter champion and State Meet qualifier in 2:25.93. Fellow junior Geales Goodwin, one of the states top distance runners, also had a strong showing placing 3rd in the 3200 meter run and 5th in the 1600. Also scoring for the Titans were freshman Quanesia Coleman who placed 6th in the long jump and also advanced to the finals of the 400 meter dash along with teammate, sophomore, Alex Paans who placed 5th in the 400. Additional placers for Northview were sophomore Katelyn Fish (6th in the 100 hurdles) and the 4 x 400 relay team (Alley, Coleman, Paans and freshman Olivia Mah) which placed 6th. Two other freshmen also advanced to finals, Katy Click in the 300 hurdles and Aubrey Andrews in the 800 meters.

The Varsity Boys team placed 8th out of 11 teams scoring 37 points. The Titans were paced by two State Meet qualifiers in junior Jameson Elder who advanced for the second time in the high jump with a school record jump of 6'2" which was good for second place and sophomore Will Smith who leaped a school record 43' 4 3/4" in the triple jump also placing second. The top point scorer for Northview was hardworking senior Jared Thompson who placed 4th in the long jump (20'11 1/2"), 4th in the 200 meters (23.02), 5th in the 400 meters (51.86 after running a school record 50.68 in the trials) and the anchor leg on the 4 x 100 relay as well as a leg on the 4 x 400 relay.

Sophomore David Polstra moved the school record for the pole vault up to 13 feet while placing 4th in the event. An additional 4th place medal was earned by junior Dean Nordheim in the 800 meters with another school record performance of 2:01.86. Senior Matt Joos took 6th in the high jump with a jump of 5' 10". The 4 x 100 relay team consisting of seniors Thompson, Joos, Tom Shi and sophomore Smith qualified 8th in the trials but took the 5th spot in the finals. Sophomore Cameron Grace was a qualifier to the triple jump finals finishing 7th at 41' 4". Also of note were the excellent performances by

freshman Spencer Carter who set school records in the 1600 meter (4:39) and 3200 meter (10:23).

The JV Boys made quite a bit of noise in their meet scoring 62 points and finishing in a tie for 5th place (out of 11) with Dacula. Northview dominated the jumps with sophomores Jordan Edelstein (40' 11 1/2") and Aaron Ruffin (39'8") placing 1-2 in the triple jump. Freshman Graham Elder (younger brother of Jameson, the eldest Elder) took the high jump with a leap of 5'10" and freshman Lawrence Nicholson went 18'3" to win the long jump with Edelstein placing 4th in the event. Other notable performances were provided by sophomore Ben Hoffman who placed 3rd out of 65 entrants in the 100 meter dash and 6th in the 200. Ruffin placed 5th in the 110 meter hurdles and the 4 x 100 relay team of freshman Jared Davidson, Hoffman, Ruffin and Nicholson took 5th overall.

Submitted by:
Coach Babb



GOLF TEAM WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



The Lady Titan Golf Team traveled to Jekyll Island to play for the State Championship against fifteen other teams in the state, including two time defending State Champ, Glynn Academy. Everyone thought that Glynn Academy, playing on their home course and easily winning the last two state titles, would be unbeatable again. But, the Northview Girls Team of Joy Kim, Nina

Yoo, Ginny Thompson, and Eunice Lee were not to be denied. The Lady Titans shot 153 after 18 holes to tie Glynn Academy and force a playoff. However, lightning and torrential rains came in and forced the officials to declare the golf course “unplayable”, declaring both teams as State Champions. Joy Kim tied for low medalist with a score of “72” and Nina Yoo shot an “81” to bring the State Title to Northview.

Upcoming Baseball Opportunities



The Northview Dugout Club sponsors several opportunities for students who are interested in playing baseball. For more information on these programs, please check our website at www.northviewbaseball.com.

2006 Fall Baseball: For the third year, we will be offering Fall Baseball for rising freshmen zoned for Northview. Please check our website under *Fall Baseball*. See us at our booth at the freshman orientation for more information.

2007 Junior Titan Baseball: For the first time this year, the Northview Dugout Club sponsored a Junior Titan feeder baseball program. If you have a rising 6th, 7th or 8th grader who loves to play baseball and would like to become a Jr. Titan for the 2007 spring season, please check our website under *Jr Titans* for more details about our August tryouts and our overall program.

Parent To Parent Program

By Sharyl Dawes, Vice President of Student Enrichment

Peg Kohn has chaired the *Parent to Parent* program for Northview's PTSA since its inception in Spring 2005. The goal of the program is to provide a parenting program that provides parents the opportunity to network with other parents within the community.

In a relaxed setting and after viewing a series of eight tapes on various subjects, parents can discuss strategies that have been successful and effective in dealing with teenagers. Parents also have the opportunity to learn new ways of communicating and interacting with their teens through conversations with other parents.

To date, over 50 Northview HS parents have attended the program. The facilitators are parents who have attended the program. This allows an ongoing process of parent involvement and communication. Parents who have gone through the program are better informed, more vigilant in their supervision, and more supportive of their sons and daughters.

Northview HS is very committed to bringing parents together and educating them about the effects of alcohol, drugs, violence, and sexual behaviors on their children. *Parent to Parent* helps provide parents with the tools they need to protect and guide their children in today's society and lends support for the hard choices parents are forced to make.

If you would like to participate in *Parent to Parent*, look for the program to be offered again in Fall 2006 by the PTSA.

Reflections

Thanks to Laura Chiu, Reflections Chair, for an active and successful Reflections Art Contest. She has chaired Reflections for two years now and has done an outstanding job. This year's theme was "I Wonder Why." Two NHS winners Lauren Song and Sunny Ren advanced to the state competition and won!! Lauren Song placed first and Sunny Ren placed 3rd in state in Visual Arts. Lauren Song advances to the National competition. ***We congratulate Lauren Song on her accomplishment!!!!***

Health & Safety

Kim McNaron, Health & Safety Committee Chair, did an incredible job of providing students with on-going health programs throughout the year. The programs benefited students, parents and teachers. Programs supported by the Health & Safety Committee included: Eating Disorder Awareness, Alcohol Awareness, Buzz Free Prom, Self Defense Classes, Skin Cancer Awareness, Blood Drives and The Great American Smokeout. The Health & Safety Committee joined forces with SADD for a number of programs such as The Great American Smokeout and the Buzz Free Prom campaign. This committee's goal was to bring awareness and educate our students while providing positive influences for lifelong healthy habits by focusing on National Campaigns and specific goal oriented health programs. Kim McNaron, *Health & Safety Chair*, states, "Our volunteers are committed across the lines of age and diversity; volunteers were not only parents, but students and teachers alike. Teachers worked the blood drives on their day off; students missed lunch to serve; parents sacrificed to come and make a positive difference. While I know that the implementation of any or all of these programs may not change everyone, every one whose health or safety is changed positively is well worth it. Each one who is changed changes others; now that is success!"

Cultural Arts

Under the direction of Pat Boegel, Cultural Arts Chair, NHS placed 2nd with the Georgia PTA and 10th District Award in the "Arts in Education" category. Congratulations!

Throughout the year, Pat Boegel worked closely with the school's departmental heads and a number of culturally enriching art programs evolved. Many of the programs added insight to what the students were already learning in the classroom, providing a cross-curriculum perspective. At the request of Social Studies Department Head Ms. Elizabeth Russell, three "Rosa Parks" assembly performances were presented. At the request of Ms. Lonna Upton, two days with Mark Twain seminars and workshops entertained our English and Drama students. Shakespeare workshops were added later in the year to further enhance the

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classroom curriculum. In May, during Poetry Jam, the PTSA sponsored Tamara Madison Shaw, an award winning poet; Ms. Shaw offered assistance and advice to our young poets at Northview.

Thanks to Pat Boegel for her commitment to the students of Northview and for her leadership in both selecting and providing these wonderful art programs for our students, with the assistance and guidance of Ms. Lonna Upton.

SKIN CANCER AWARENESS CLINIC

Thanks to Dermatology Center of Atlanta for partnering with us to host a Skin Cancer Awareness clinic. Joining us during lunch were Dr. Leslie Gray, Lisa Prestwood NP-C, Tiffany Cohen PA-C, office manager Melinda Lomax, and medical assistant Madonna Bevil. They provided students with the latest information on how to protect their skin from harmful UVB (burning) and UVA (aging) rays. After determining the statistics of Northview students using tanning beds, they were quick to inform the teenagers that they are like aging machines and their risk of Melanoma increases tremendously.

Health and Safety provided SPF 15 lip balm and t-shirts, while Dr. Gray and her staff equipped them with sunscreen, self tanners and locker mirrors. Students had lots of questions on skin care. Dr. Leslie Gray can be reached at 770.497.0699 or www.dermatology-atlanta.com

Self-defense Clinic

Special thanks to Northview's own Captain Daniels for leading a Self Defense Clinic for Senior Girls and to Emory John's Creek Hospital for partnering with Health and Safety to provide an additional clinic for grades 9-11. The students had a great time learning skills of defense and tips on lowering risks. This was made possible by school clinic staff Beth Ireland and Nancy Click. You are all appreciated. In addition, Health and Safety thanks each volunteer who gave so generously of themselves for our students. You're the best!

NHS STUDENT SERVICES

We would like to thank the following people for their contribution and efforts in making these activities a success. None of it would have been possible without you:

Kris Dower and Stephanie Serowitz - 9th Grade Activity Dipping Dots ice cream for our freshmen.

Donna McCarthy and Committee - 10th Grade Activity Carvel ice cream treats for our sophomores at lunchtime.

Paige Rhode and Committee - 11th Grade Activity Chick-fil-a breakfast sandwiches for the juniors

Talley Nevels - Student Activities Chair Help coordinate all the above activities.

Becky Beaver and Renee Connors - Senior Treats Treats for our seniors every month

Submitted by: Helen Eng and Molly Ruttle
Co-VPs Student Services

Project Graduation

Margaret Barfell-Harris and Bev Miller, Project Graduation Chairs, did an incredible job of chairing the 2006 Project Graduation Committee. This committee turned an entire school year of planning and fundraising into an awesome **Project Graduation 2006** at Jillians! Project Graduation is a PTSA sponsored drug-free graduation celebration for the senior class.

Fundraising began in early fall with the sale of Forum coupon books and poinsettias. Committee funds also were generated through "Struck by a Titan" campaign. In the spring, a very successful carwash was also added. All four fundraisers along with the sale of Project Graduation tickets and donations made this year's Project Graduation possible. In addition to fundraising, Committee members worked all year-long in other committees such as Entertainment, Publicity, Fundraising and Gift & Donations. A Junior Liaison parent, along with other junior parents also helped the night of the celebration.

This wonderful group of dedicated parents worked enthusiastically to provide the senior class of 2006 with a memorable evening filled with food, entertainment and a last opportunity for class members to celebrate together. **A huge thank you goes out to all the Project Graduation committee members for their generosity of time and commitment to the senior class of 2006! THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**



"Up All Night" 2006

Northview's Project Graduation Committee is pleased to give you an update on "Up All Night" 2006. For those of you not familiar with this event, Project Graduation (PG) is the all night graduation party at Jillian's for our NHS Seniors. It is a PTSA-sponsored program originally initiated by the National Highway & Safety Administration to provide a safe alternative for graduation night activities. PG is the PTSA's way of congratulating graduates with a substance-free, entertaining all night "lock-in" graduation party. NHS' PG event has been held at Jillian's for the last 3 years and has been very successful with the attendance numbers growing dramatically each year.

As of the date of this writing, May 15th, we have **310 Seniors signed up to attend!!** This is awesome and registrations continue to come in each day. Our Seniors will have the entire run of the place, all to themselves, at Jillian's starting at midnight Sunday and ending at 6 am. Monday. The entertainment committee has also arranged great fun with a show by a hypnotist, a strolling magician, and a casino area. The bowling lanes will be open along with blackjack and poker tournaments, as well as the games and pool tables. Dinner is served upon their arrival at midnight and breakfast is also provided at 5:00 am. Additionally, and to add

to the excitement, there are prizes given away all throughout the night such as iPod nanos, iPod speaker systems, flat screen TVs, DVD players, digital cameras, projection alarm clocks, laptop backpacks, microwaves, gift cards and the list goes on and on!! This event provides a fun and safe concluding celebration for, and as, the Class of 2006!

The Project Graduation Committee Chairs, Margaret Harris Barfell and Bev Miller, would like to thank the entire PG Committee and in particular, the committee chairpersons and subcommittee chairs, who have worked very hard all year to make this event a success. The committee chairpersons are:

Fundraising, Wendi Brasfield & Pam Waken; Subcommittees: Jim Bostedo, car wash; Maria Paris, Poinsettia sale; Katherine Schlemmer, Forum Coupon Book sales; Sandy Mears and Nancy Hart, Struck by a Titan. All these parents together raised \$6,000 through their dedicated efforts! Thanks to all of you!

Entertainment: Toni Joyner
Publicity: Karen Jordan
Secretary: Sue Caldwell
Jr. Parent Coordinator: Laura Austin
Gifts/Corporate Donations: Erin Hanson and Nena Byers

Erin and Nena have worked very hard and spent a lot of hours on their

commitment to PG - which has included some fun as well. They have been asking for corporate donations and purchasing all the gifts for the big night. A very special thank you goes to these two ladies as their job has probably been the most time-consuming. Can you imagine going out and actually purchasing 310 gifts, housing them, tagging and inventorying them, and transporting to Jillian's... whew!! They have been incredibly successful, as you can tell from the list of prizes to be awarded the night of PG. They would like to recognize and say a particular thank you to their "donors" for helping the PG committee and rewarding our Seniors with such great gifts.

We'd also like to sincerely thank Mr. Bobby McVey for the donation of the artwork for the NHS PG logo which will be passed down to next year's committee and the next and the next, etc. You helped create another "first" at Northview and we thank you!

To all, including the staff at NHS who have assisted with Project Graduation, we sincerely thank you for your efforts on behalf of the graduates of the Class of 2006!

Submitted by:
 Margaret Harris-Barfell
 Beverly Miller
 Co-Chairs Project Graduation

The Northview Project Graduation corporate and individual donors are:

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Northview School Services

The NHS School Services Committee and Chairpersons have done an incredible job once again this year for Northview. Wow . . . what awesome volunteers we have! Huge *Thank You* goes to:

Karen Jordan, Office Volunteer committee chair for the last 4 years and what a tremendous job she has done! Karen has kept the front office staffed continuously with volunteers since the summer of 2002 right before Northview opened its doors for the very first time!! She sets up the schedules for the volunteers all year and trains them as well. The volunteers are always knowledgeable, dependable and courteous and Karen is always organized and on top of everything! Thank you to all of the office volunteers as well - you ALL have done a great job and I know how much the NHS front office staff really, really appreciates all of you.

Brenda Harvey, Career Center committee chair has chaired this committee for 2 years and has done an outstanding job. Brenda schedules volunteers to work in the Career Center to help our Juniors and Seniors prepare for the college application process as well as assists with the College Fair and Career Day at NHS which have been unbelievably successful. Gail Polizzi, NHS Career Counseling Center Advisor, said, "Brenda will be missed by all who have been fortunate to get to know her at Northview". Again, thanks to Brenda and all of the Career Center volunteers!

Susan Boyle, Campus Beautification committee chair for the last 3 years! Susan has worked closely with Mr. Zervakos and her co-chair, Mr. Tom Randall, during the last several years and boy, what a difference in the look of our campus today because of their joint efforts! Mrs. Boyle says, "Tom has been pivotal in obtaining plants and creating designs that include the majority of plantings around the school buildings, the stadium and practice fields". Big thanks also go to all the volunteers, parents and students alike, who came out and worked with Susan and Tom at all of the *Hands On Northview* events which occur twice yearly. Beautiful job - well done!

Thanks again to all of you,
Margaret Harris Barfell
Jenny Kadow
Co-VPs School Services
PTSA

**“Thank You”
from the Class of 2006**



Broadway actors **David Kater, Jodi, Ray Benson, and Heather Powell** take their closing bows to great applause at "Broadway in the Burbs," the March 26 concert fundraiser for the Johns Creek Playhouse.

Johns Creek Playhouse

Broadway in the 'Burbs

The two performances Sunday, March 26 of Broadway in the Burbs - a concert fundraiser for the upcoming Johns Creek Playhouse - were a big hit with North Fulton families and fans of Broadway show tunes.

Joining Broadway actors Jodi Benson, David Kater, Ray Benson, Heather Powell were television actress/singer Debra Stipe and regional theatre actor/Johns Creek Playhouse Artistic Director Russ Williamson.

Linda Uzelac of the Dunwoody Stage Door Players was the Musical Director.

The Johns Creek Playhouse - a community theatre currently under construction at Medlock Bridge and Abbotts Bridge - is scheduled to open this summer. Their next fundraiser "Stroll in the Park" was held May 13 at Dean Gardens in Johns Creek.



Fred Van Patten, left, of AXA Advisors presents a \$1,000 scholarship to Northview's **Sarah Grace**, 2nd from left, to attend Triple Threat Academy this summer. Johns Creek Playhouse Executive Director **Geoff Berlin**, center, Public Relations Director **Cherie Heringer** and Community Affairs Director **Kim Renner**, right, join them for the presentation.

Triple Threat Academy - a series of theater workshops - will be held this summer at the Playhouse's on-site studio, presented by the Los Angeles/North Fulton-based The Broadway Company.

For information on all upcoming events and programs contact Playhouse Artistic Director Russ Williamson at 770-317-6328.



Jodi Benson - the voice of Ariel in Disney's classic animated movie *The Little Mermaid* - signs autographs for her young fans backstage post-performance.

The
Broadcast and
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Production Department of Northview

High School has teamed up with VideoBuz this year to provide you with videos of school events. All productions are produced and edited by students in the program and all profits from the sales of these DVDs go directly to help fund the Broadcast and Video Production Department. The following is a list of 2005-2006 productions currently available at VideoBuz:

Fall Chorus Concert
Fall Orchestra Concert
Fall Band Concert
The Cabaret Show
Winter Jazz Band Concert
Winter Chorus Concert
Ten Little Indians
Guys and Dolls
Mr. NHS
Miss NHS
Spring Jazz Band Concert
Black History Month Activities

Highlight Tapes

Football
Volleyball
Girls Basketball
Boys Basketball
Wrestling
Ice Hockey

VideoBuz (770-623-9016) is located ¼ mile west from Northview behind the Bank of America on Medlock Bridge Road.

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VOLUNTEER HOURS

Thank you to all the parents for the generous and countless hours you volunteer for Northview High School operations and events. These hours are very important to our school as they make up one component of the Golden Apple Award. This prestigious award helps determine grants and other financial contributions that are awarded to the school.

All other hours spent at home and off-campus need to be recorded at the end of the month in an email to Monireh Y. Adloo at monirehh@comcast.net. We cannot let all of these precious hours go unrecorded. If you have any questions, please email Monireh or call her at 678-923-9460. Thanks for all you do for the children of NHS!

*We wish you a very
safe and
wonderful summer*

NHS Upcoming Events

Wednesday, June 14th 9:00 am & 3:00 pm
Drive Smart Program presentation

Wednesday, July 19th 9:00 am & 3:00 pm
Drive Smart Program presentation

Tuesday, August 8th 7:00 pm
Information Day for Freshmen

Wednesday, August 9th 9:00 am - 10:00 am *Orientation - Seniors only*
10:00 am - 1:00 pm *Orientation - Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors*

School begins on Monday, August 14th, 2006 at 8:30 am

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