



Western Region at a Glance

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Fourteen elementary schools, including **two** magnet programs featuring Spanish Immersion and performing arts and **one** International Baccalaureate program

Four middle schools, including one International Baccalaureate program and one magnet program

Three traditional high schools, **one** middle college, **one** academy and **one** magnet school

One alternative school to help promote student achievement



Western Region Points of Pride

Johnson Street Global Studies was one of three Guilford County magnet schools to be recognized as a 2009 School of Distinction by Magnet Schools of America.

Northwest High was included in *Newsweek's* Top High Schools list. Northwest has made the prestigious list for four consecutive years.

Oak Ridge Elementary and **Northwest Middle** were two of 10 GCS schools to be named 2009 Honor Schools of Excellence, the highest level a school can obtain on the ABCs.

Kirkman Park Elementary was selected as the first recipient of the High Point Principals' Fund Grant provided by The High Point Community Foundation. This grant was awarded to support Kirkman Park Elementary's fifth-grade field trip to Washington, D.C. During the trip, students toured Mt. Vernon and the nation's capital, visiting such historic sites as the Smithsonian Museums, the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial, the Capitol, the World War II Memorial, the White House and numerous other sites.

Northwest High was one of only 25 schools selected nationwide as High Schools That Work (HSTW) Pacesetter Schools. The Southern Regional Education Board gives the award each year to schools for improving school practices and raising student achievement.

The Middle College at GTCC-High Point was one of the state's first middle colleges where students can earn college credit while working toward their high school diploma. The non-traditional setting and smaller classes allow students to receive more individual attention.

High Point elementary and middle school students celebrated the city's 150th birthday as GCS curriculum specialists and teachers developed five days of lesson plans full of hands-on activities in honor of the sesquicentennial.

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Our Students Show Intelligence Plus Character

Joyce Gomez, a 2009 graduate of **High Point Central High**, received the Bob Brown United Way Scholarship at High Point University. The scholarship, worth \$20,000, is awarded yearly to an incoming college freshman who has been involved in a United Way agency as a volunteer or a client.

Cassady Tetsworth, a rising senior at **Northwest High** and a Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Youth Advisory Board member, testified in Washington, D.C. on a panel made up of administrators, advocates and students who encouraged Congress to examine strategies for limiting violence, bullying and harassment in the nation's schools.

Ferndale Middle's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Chapter placed first in the state for the middle level computer slideshow competition. Led by Juanette Capers, a business and marketing teacher at Ferndale, the team placed third in the state for community service, and placed first in the region in Business Math.

Chelsea Hansen and **Rachel Thompson**, juniors at **Penn-Griffin School for the Arts**, placed second and received honorable mention, respectively, in the Poet Laureate Contest sponsored by the North Carolina English Teachers Association.

Teaching Excellence By Example

Revonda Johnson, principal at **High Point Central High**, was awarded the 2009 Humanitarian of the Year award. Johnson received the award during the city's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration at the High Point Theatre.

Principal **Ken Wheat** of **Dean B. Pruette SCALE Academy** was a 2008-09 Principal of the Year finalist.

Kathleen (Katie) Eckersley was one of three GCS teachers chosen for the Kenan Fellows Program for Curriculum and Leadership Development at North Carolina State University. A chemistry teacher at **High Point Central High**, she will engage in a two-year fellowship to develop innovative curricula for use in North Carolina classrooms.

Mike Connors, guitar teacher at **Penn-Griffin School for the Arts**, won the Scottish harp Competition at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, and received a scholarship to study harp next summer at the Ohio Scottish Arts School at Oberlin College.

