

April 2019

Purple & Gold

National History Day

UDHS Students competed in National History Day at the Chester County Historical Society last week with projects tied to the theme, "Triumph and Tragedy." Sakia Rahman took third place in her division, with her project on The Bangladesh Genocide. The competition included students from ninth through twelfth grades, from both Delaware and Chester Counties.

Pictured Below L to R: Sakia Rahman, Mikheala McKinnie, Vic Russell, Cora Moeller, Sue Beck



UD Students are Out of this World!

The Lunar Planetary Club is at it again! Last night they presented their original research at the monthly meeting of the Rittenhouse Astronomical Society, held at the Academy of Natural Sciences. The students spoke and fielded questions from the judges professionally, impressing the audience with their knowledge and rigor in research.



FBLA Success

Recently, UDHS FBLA students were away at their state competition. Ala Alanis Williams won 10th place in the event of Job Interview.

Additionally, in the open test sections, Cam Phan received 3rd in Human Resource Management, Allison Billie received a fourth place in Retail Management, and Sarah Ibrahim placed 8th in Human Resource Management and also 5th in Retail Management!

Nice job, Royals!

Alumni Altruism



Merlin Kochunilathil, Class of 2017, just returned from a volunteer health care experience in Peru. She stopped by on Monday to let me know how much she values her time at UDHS and how it shaped her into the person she is today. She is very well prepared for college and proud to be a UD graduate. Here is what she wrote about her week in Peru:

So my MEDLIFE week in Cusco, Peru is officially coming to an end and I LOVED every bit of it. Over my week I was able to enjoy the views Cusco had to offer but most importantly, volunteer at hygiene, education, medical and OBGYN stations in clinics stationed at San Salvador, Huavarpay and San Sebastian. The workweek also finished with a community development project in Seccsencaya. This opportunity allowed me to not only use my Spanish on a daily basis to interact with community members and patients in a health care setting but also directly see how medicine/health care is different across the world and the numerous factors such as education, life style and resources that directly affect access to care. Most importantly, I was able to be immersed in a culture so different from America's and my own culture, which I can now add to my tool belt when thinking about the world and global issues.

Delaware Valley Science Fair

Last week the winners from the county science fair went to the Delaware Valley Science Fair, with close to 1000 students from the tristate area. Upper Darby HS had 6 students win awards in this very competitive event:

9th grade:

Jenna Yocco - 2nd place in Earth & Space Science for her project titled *The Effect of Pulsar Age on Nulling Frequency*

Zach Finley - Honorable Mention in Engineering for his project titled *The Drag Coefficient*

Anna Fattizzo - 2nd place in Behavioral Science for her project titled *The Effect of Gender Stereotypes on Adjective Selection*. Anna also won the Jack Mixit Award in Behavioral Sciences.

11th grade:

Nate Polidoro - Honorable Mention in Mathematics for his project titled *Investigation of Fibonacci Variations*

Lyla Nachimson - Honorable Mention in Earth & Space Science for her project titled *Climate Change on Mars*. Lyla also won the American Meteorological Society Award.

Chris Dwyer - 3rd place in Earth & Space Science for his project titled *Determining the Redshift of Galaxies Photometrically*. Chris also won a partial scholarship to The University of the Sciences.