



Purple & Gold

February 2020

OH, DO YOU KNOW THE MUFFIN CLUB?

The Muffin Club, a project undertaken by The Upper Darby Autistic Support and Life Skills Classes, features a different flavor each month. Students bake, package, and deliver muffins, as well as manage the muffin fund bank account. Profits from the club fund community outings, like bowling at Playhouse Lanes in Drexel Hill and visiting The Elmwood Park Zoo. Teachers and staff are encouraged to order muffins monthly or purchase them every Wednesday for \$1.00 each.



ROYALS ON TRACK FOR MORE RECORDS



The UD boy's track team not only won the 4X200 relay, they broke the Delco 4x200 Indoor Delco Championships this month. Their time of 1:30.96 places them 3rd in the State and, when converted for a flat vs banked track, places them 1st. Their time of 3:22.95 won the meet and was a PA #1 time. Shawn Maxwell and Aaron Williams fought it out for the first two legs and with a

10 meter lead, Senior Sidney Turner got the baton and handed off to anchor leg George Okyne who held the lead in the last 400 meters for the win. Other notable performances logged at Delco included: Sidney Turner 2nd Place in the 400 meter, Eric Gurnell 4th and Dylan Blue 5th place in Pole Vault. Shawn Maxwell 6th place in 200 meter.

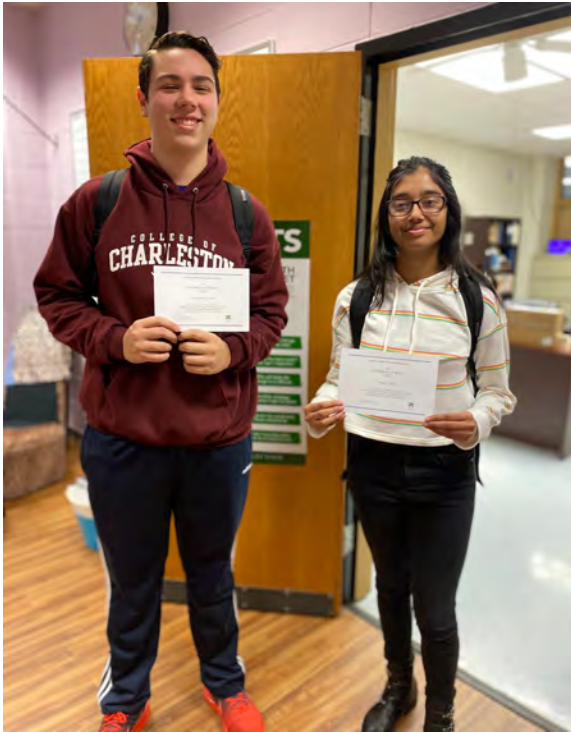
In Women's Shot Put, Senior Kayla Thorpe broke the school record in the shot put with a throw of 43 feet and one inch and qualified for indoor states and the national track meet. Jamirah Smith placed 3rd. Senior, Siani Barnes, qualified for the state meet in the triple jump and Alice Etienne ranked 2nd. Tenneh Mansary placed 2nd in the 55 Dash and Heaven Christmas placed 5th in the Pole Vault. In addition, the 4x8 team of Gabby Fralin, Denize Cisco, Alaysha Jones, and D'Nayzah Heyward made the provisional state time and placed 4th overall. The 4x400 relay team of Alaysha Jones, Denize Cisco, Camille Goodison, and D'Nayzah Heyward ran a state provisional qualification time and a season best time of 4:10 at the Ocean Breeze Invitational.



The 4x800 relay team of Gabby Fralin, Denize Cisco, Alaysha Jones, and D'Nayzah Heyward ran a state provisional time and season best time of 10:06 at the Delco Championships. Sophomore, Tenneh Mansary, is ranked 3rd in the 60 Dash in Delaware County. Sophomore, Kalila Poindexter is ranked 3rd in the pole vault in the Delaware County.

Finally, Gazmine Fralin qualified for Meet of Champs in the high jump and is ranked 3rd in the Delaware County. "The team is very excited to perform big at the end of winter season and all throughout the spring," said Coach Ezzie.

NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS



Congratulations to Chris Dwyer and Aniqah Islam for their National Merit Scholarship Finalist status!

MUSICIANS MAKE DISTRICTS



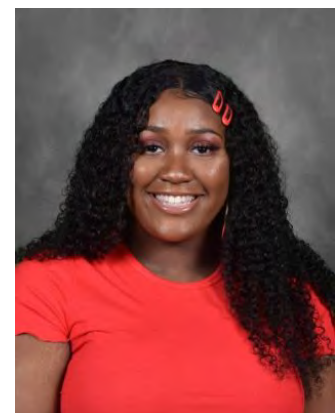
Congratulations to UDHS students Kaylen Snedeker, Rachel Hauben, Kenneth Bruce, Dylan Ford, Dan Eap (who also earned a placement as accompanist) and Michael Naddeo on making District Chorus, as well as Mary Mollichella (not pictured) who placed in District Band!

Additionally, Junior Rachel Hauben (Soprano 1) and Senior Daniel Eap (Bass 2) advanced to PMEA Region VI Chorus. Eap also advanced as an accompanist. Region VI Chorus will be performing at North Penn HS from February 27th - 29th.

FIRST PLACE IN ART SHOW



UD Junior, Skye Lawrence won first place with her digital art piece titled, 'Curls Undefined.' Her entry displayed in the Gallery at Delaware County Community College. The college hosts up to five visual art exhibitions each year showcasing the work of students as well as professional artists of national and international reputation.



UD HI-Q NIPPING AT HEELS OF PLAYOFFS

The HI-Q team delivered a strong performance in both halves of their home match against Delco Christian and Valley Forge Military Academy, scoring 41 total points. The team has 72 points with one match to go in the season, putting them right on the cusp of the playoffs. Senior leaders Katherine Chu and Sara DeMott helped put up the score, with strong aid from sophomore Nick Fattizzo and junior Hena Ansari. The group's preparation particularly on subjects outside of school like sports, geography, art history and current events helped them immensely. "With that same kind of dedication the team hopes to sneak its way into the playoffs," said Coach Joe Rigg.



A BREATHTAKING PRESENTATION



In preparation for their presentation at the Annenberg Science Symposium in March, Upper Darby students met with pulmonologist Dr. Leah Lande of Main Line Health. Dr. Lande to explore the dangers of vaping. Dr. Lande warmly related with students her extensive experience treating patients with vaping related lung injuries, explaining both diagnosis and treatment. Dr. Lande also taught the students about the dangerous chemicals in vaping and their effect, not only on the lungs, but also on the brain and the heart.

MLK DAY OF SERVICE



Students, staff and community members joined together to participate in the annual Martin Luther King Day of Service. Participants repaired, painted and beautified the school and grounds on Jan. 20, the holiday that marked the 25th anniversary of the Civil Rights leader's life and legacy. Observed each year on the third Monday in January, MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.

CATERING WITH CLASS



Just four days into the new semester, Erin McIlwain's Baking & Hospitality class found themselves catering an event for nearly 150 people: The District Twelve Orchestra Festival. Excited to take on such a large task, the students got right to work, preparing everything from scratch. In just three class periods, they shredded 80 pounds of chicken and diced 45 pounds of potatoes, preparing a menu of: pulled buffalo chicken sandwiches, pulled bbq chicken sandwiches, potato salad, sliced pickles and chocolate chip cookies. On the day of the event, the students worked tirelessly putting on the final touches, then smiling and chatting with students from other districts as they served the food. McIlwain was thrilled. "Everything went off without a hitch. We had extra food, so we decided to invite security, counselors, and admin to grab a quick bite. We *still* had more food, and one parent volunteer was able to drive the rest of the hot food to a local shelter. It was an all around great day, and it was amazing to see the students shine," McIlwain said.



UD FASHION SHOW

Upper Darby Fashionistas strutted their stuff down the runway at the student-run, 2nd Annual UD Fashion Show, hosted by this year's student leader, Jamesetta Dosii. Dosii incorporated designers from the area, as well as local vendors. Over seventy students participated this year, both as models and behind the scenes. Products included baked goods, clothing, and accessories. Music was provided by a class of 2019 graduate.



BUDDING LINGUISTS COMPETE AT NACLO

Eighteen budding linguists participated in the annual North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad Regionals, held at University of Pa. In the process of solving a series of linguistic puzzles, students exercise logic skills and learn about the diversity and consistency of language. Professional linguists create these engaging problems in dozens of obscure languages, allowing top student competitors to experience natural-language processing in the 21st century and to possibly study and work in the field. Contestants are awaiting final results.



CENTRAL LEAGUE WRESTLING CHAMPS



Congratulations to UDHS wrestlers Keito Shaw and Julien Laventure, Central League Champions in each of their weight classes and to Farhan Chowdhury, Central League Runner Up.

A ROYAL GALA 2020



Congratulations to all of the students, teachers, volunteers, and audience members who made this year's 22nd annual Upper Darby Arts & Education Foundation Gala an enormous success! This year, the gala raised over \$45,000, which will be used to fund the culmination of our K-2 literacy program, and various other grants that will benefit the students and teachers of the UDSD.

Coming in March:



- Fri Mar 6, 2020 7:30 pm
- Sat Mar 7, 2020 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm
- Sun Mar 8, 2020 2:00 pm



