



Purple &
Gold

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NADIR MYERS SCORES CAREER 1,000 POINTS!



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Congratulations to UDHS Senior Nadir Myers, who scored his 1,000 career point in a game against Ridley Park High School on January 3, 2023. Myers scored a total of 30 points in the game, which the Royals won with a score of 82-60!

SPECIAL EDUCATION CORNER

Unified Bocce Team Plays its First Game

The Unified Bocce team, led by captains Victor Tran and Anthony Simeone, competed in their first match against Penncrest High School and had a blast! The athletes did an exceptional job putting all of their learned skills to task. Athletes Carlton Wakefield and Matthew Vasquez had some really close shots in the last frame of the game. The Penncrest Lions came out on top, defeating the Upper Darby Royals 10-3. We had plenty of fans in the stands, including Dr. Alloway, Ms. Sitek, Security Officer Ms. Dom, her basketball team, and lots of their friends and family.

Come out to be a fan in the stands at our next Bocce match on Wednesday 01/25 at Haverford High School, or on 02/02 at Marple Newtown High School.

Unified Bocce is always looking for more players. The team meets regularly on Tuesdays in Room 172 for practice. Reach out to Ms. Goerlach at tgoerlach@upperdarbysd.org or Ms. Conley at jconley@upperdarbysd.org with any questions!



The bocce in play!



Carlton and his teammates await their turn

Upcoming Polar Plunge

The Polar Plunge is taking place on Friday, February 10th at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. Students from the Autistic Support and Life Skills programs, along with their buddies on the girl's tennis, lacrosse, and soccer teams, will take the plunge in this #BeBold #GetCold challenge!

Currently, we are in 9th place overall with \$1,940 raised for far by our plunging team!

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

UDHS National French Honor Society Induction



The Upper Darby High School chapter of the National French Honor Society, La Société Honoraire de Français, was pleased to welcome three new members on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 5:00 PM at an induction ceremony in the high school library. New members are Leilia Dennis, Vanessa Mondesir, and Md. Saminur Rahman.

La Société Honoraire de Français (SHF) is a national honor society sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. According to its constitution, the aim of this organization shall be to stimulate interest in the study of French, to promote high standards of scholarship, to reward scholastic achievements, to create enthusiasm for and an understanding of Francophone cultures, and to promote international friendship. The motto of La Société Honoraire de Français, “Avoir une autre langue, c’est posséder une deuxième âme.”, means “To have another language is to possess a second soul.”

The membership requirements are:

1. Minimum grade of 90% in each French class.

2. Students should be enrolled in an advanced French class.
3. Overall G.P.A. 3.0
4. Service - Participation in the following: World Languages Celebration, National French Exam and/or Peer tutoring.
5. A faculty letter of recommendation.

The induction ceremony was led by faculty advisor and UDHS French teacher, Carol Lantieri, and chapter officers President Grace Shuster, Vice-President Faiza Ansari, and Secretary Nhi Lang. Parents, friends, current members of the National French Honor Society and the National Spanish Honor Society, UDHS Principal Dr. Matthew Alloway, and UDHS World Languages Department Chairperson Michelle Aldorasi, attended the induction. Following the ceremony, the new inductees and guests enjoyed French refreshments of madeleines and chocolate-filled crepes. Félicitations et bienvenue!

LIBRARY NOTES

We are updating our collection and have a variety of books available as little gifts from UDHS (for staff and students). Stop by soon and pick something out to add to your own shelves.

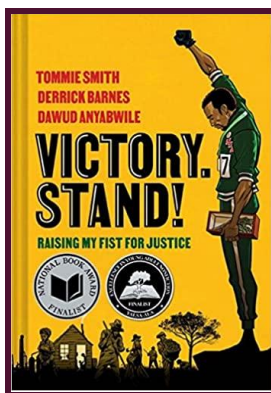


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UDSD Google credentials provide access to enhanced features.

The Librarian's Pick for January:

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy, we are spotlighting *Victory. Stand! Raising My Fist For Justice*, by Tommie Smith, with Derrick Barnes and Dawud Anyabwile



"In his phenomenal graphic memoir, "Victory. Stand! Raising My Fist for Justice," Smith teams up with the award-winning author Derrick Barnes to tell his own riveting story of balancing athletic prowess and social activism. . . . Anyabwile's stirring black-and-white illustrations propel this magnificently paced story, and underscore the infuriating professional repercussions of Smith's activism. . . . Timely and timeless, Smith's "Victory. Stand!" is a must read not just for sports fans but for everyone." *New York Times Book Review*

SHOUT OUTS

The Special Education Department would like to give a shout out to Ms. Taylor Goerach. This Life Skills 18-21 teacher is all about her students, as seen by her tireless work with them and with Special Olympics, specifically the Unified Bocce Team. Says colleague Ms. Fairchild, "I nominate Ms. Goerlach for her dedication to Bocce and for trying to make our school a unified place."



Ms. Goerlach and one of her students.

"Shout Outs" is a new feature to this newsletter. If you have one, please email dzoccola@upperdarby.org.

SAVE THE DATES

Mark your calendars for some big dates coming up in the UDHS social calendar:

- January 24–School Board Meeting
- January 26–Operation Royal Pride
- January 28–Winter Formal
- February 1–Faculty Meeting
- February 4–Winter Formal Snow Day
- February 8–Home and School Association Meeting
- February 9–Spring Open House
- February 10–Student Administration Day
- February 14–School Board Meeting
- February 15–Early Dismissal (1PM)



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