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## STUDENTS RECEIVE SCIENCE AWARD



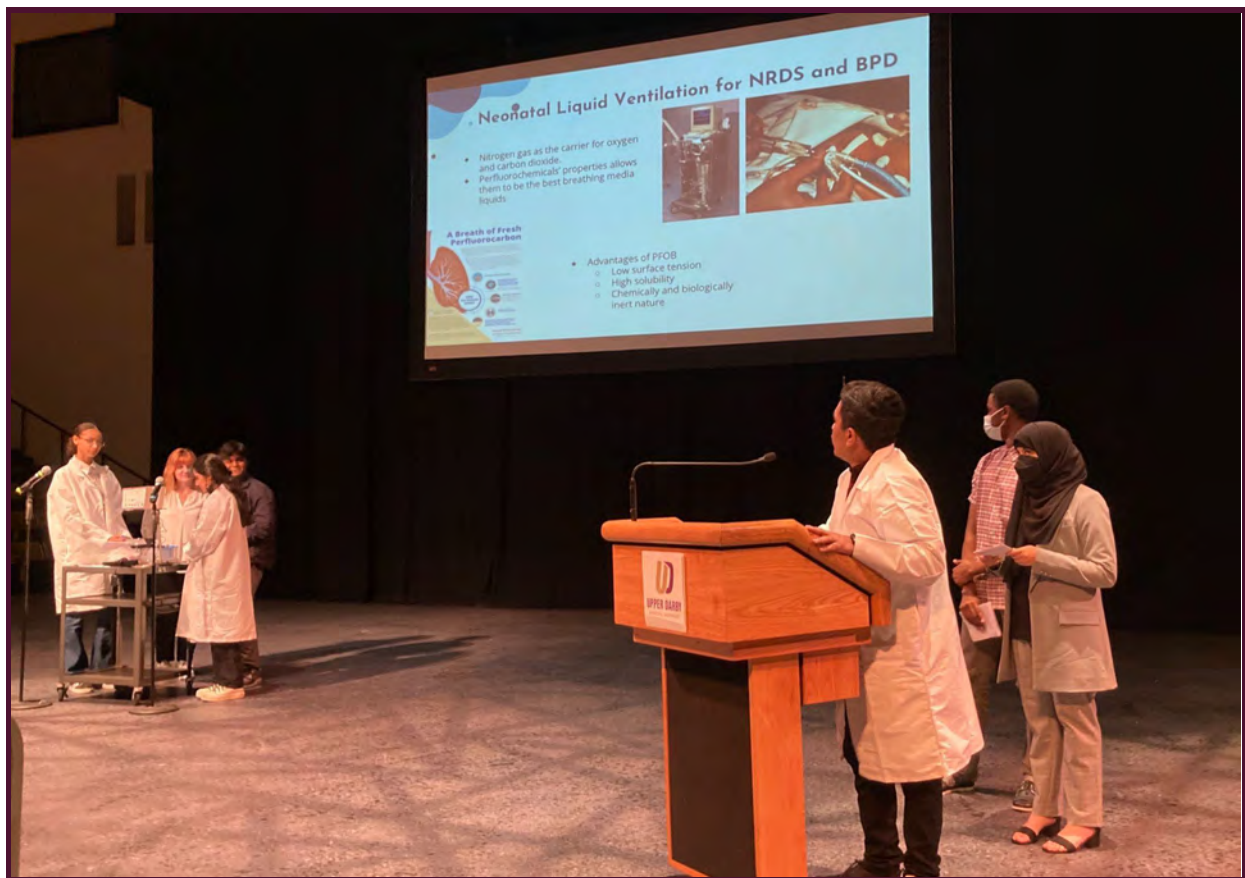
Congratulations to our Upper Darby HS students for receiving the Creative Clinical Science Award at the 18th Annual Annenberg Science Symposium, sponsored by Main Line Health. The event, held for the first time in our Performing Arts Center, included Villa Maria Academy and Penncrest High School teams. With guidance from Dr. Linda Sacks,

Neonatologist, and Dr. Thomas Shaffer, Professor of Pediatrics and Physiology at A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children, our group researched Neonatal Liquid Ventilation as a treatment for Respiratory Distress Syndrome and Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia. Our students gave an eloquent and entertaining informational presentation, including a detailed slideshow, skit, and animations depicting gas exchange in the alveolus. We are so proud of you!

The group is pictured below with Sharon Hangliter, Clinical Nutrition Manager, and Dr. Patrick Ross, Chairman of the Department of Surgery in the Main Line Health system.

Junior Joel Tomy is pictured below at the podium, presenting details on Neonatal Liquid Ventilation

Thank you, Ms. Burns, and congratulations, Royals!



# SPECIAL EDUCATION CORNER



On Friday, 4/29, Mrs. Reidy's class held a grocery shopping scavenger hunt challenge at Acme. Congratulations to Jishan, Takeer, Christopher, Charly and James who found all of the items on their shopping list first! Winners were able to choose a prize from the candy aisle.



What's cooking in Autistic Support? Why, it's whole wheat pancakes! As part of the life skills being taught to our Autistic Support students, the class makes a nice breakfast for itself in the apartment. Other recipes the class has made include apple crisp and cheesy zucchini coins! These cooking classes not only teaches the mechanics of preparing food, but is a great exercise in teamwork, and utilizes math and critical thinking skills.

And congratulations to our special programs students for their participation in the April Showers/Rain Rally event on April 22. They raised \$5,495 (out of a \$5,000 goal), donated by their sponsors (many from UDHS). All money was donated to Special Olympics/Unified Sports. Our students had a blast! Our special programs would like to thank everyone who sponsored our students: your donation goes towards a wonderful program that supports our special athletes! Our department winner is our SPED Team, which donated \$848! Way to go SPED!





# ACADEMIC WINS

## UDHS Celebrates Its Engineering Program with Boeing



The Upper Darby High School Engineering Program celebrates its 26th year in cooperation with Boeing Helicopters. This year, students in the Upper Darby High School Engineering Program completed two workshops at Upper Darby High School, covering topics such as rotorcraft, aerodynamics, electronics, and careers in engineering. Students Liam Duarte, Gnimdou Keleleng, Marcus Kennedy, Nvafeomo Konneh, Abrar Mustofa Laskar, Sean McIvor, Aiman Hossain Raisa, Mohammed Tayub-Ur Rashid, Michael Richardson, Shaqib Salahuddin, Shane Francis Soley, Khali Thorpe, Anthony Titio, Brandon Watson, Aaron Isaiah White, Xinqing Xu, Terrell Stevens,, and Marese Voss completed these workshops along with Boeing employees Mary Ann Skehan, Juan Flores-Salazar, and Orlando Romero Escobar. The participants in this program also received a tour of the Boeing facility to view the manufacturing process for the Chinook and Osprey rotorcraft and to discuss their aspirations for careers in engineering-related fields.

## UDHS Students Welcomed to French Honor Society

The Upper Darby High School Chapter of the National French Honor Society was pleased to welcome seven new members on tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 6PM at an induction ceremony in the high school library. New members are Rayan Hansall, Gurneet Kaur, Winnie Liang, David Mathis, Elise Olmstead, Justin Pulia-Fernandez, and Mahnoor Ramzan. To qualify for the society, students must attain a minimum grade of 90% in each French class; should be enrolled in an advanced French class; an overall GPA of 3.0; participation in the World Languages Celebration, National

French Exam, and/or peer tutoring; and a faculty letter of recommendation. The induction ceremony was led by faculty advisor and French teacher Carol Lantieri, and chapter president Timothy Tran, vice president Faiza Ansari, and secretary Anna Fattizzo.



## UD'S GOT TALENT NIGHT A BIG SUCCESS



Congratulations to all of our UD's Got Talent participants from April 28. The winner was Carly Wetzel, who captured the crowd with her rendition of *The Villian I Appear to Be*. Serving as judges were Ms. Berger, Mr. Miles and Mr. Levinson. Mikhaela McKinnie, Julianna Huynh, and Alonzo Goode acted as hosts. One highlight of the evening was a duet between Mr. Hensil and Alonzo Goode. This entertaining event was organized by Mr. Nielsen.

## LIBRARY NOTES

### Latest News

–Who is watching #BookTok videos? Every week we have students who come into the library and are surprised they can borrow books that caught their attention on BookTok. If you are part of the movement to cut back on your digital time and read more, drop by the Library to look over our current best selling and award winning books.



–Our library has added hundreds of new books this school year. Over 160 titles were published in 2021 or 2022. Stop in to see our new book displays!

–Although we can't loan books to students over the summer, the local public libraries have teen collections and summer programming. Visit the Sellers, Municipal, or Primos branches to see what they have to offer. You can also access UDHS Library Audio and eBooks through our MackinVia and Sora links on the school library webpage. <https://www.upperdarbysd.org/udhs/library>.

–We don't check out books for students to read over the summer...but we have some free books students can take home. Don't miss out on our great summer book giveaway! We have pulled all sorts of good reads (fantasy, mystery, romance—a little bit of everything). Students can stop by and pick out a summer book (available since May 9th). !





### *May's Book Recommendation*

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. To learn more (or to read to your students), check out the book *On a Scale of One to Ten*, by Ceylon Scott.

From the Amazon Review: *Tamar is admitted to Lime Grove, a psychiatric hospital for teenagers. Lime Grove is home to a number of teenagers with a variety of problems: anorexia, bipolar disorder, behavior issues. Tamar will come to know them all very well. But there's one question she can't... won't answer: What happened to her friend Iris? As Tamar's emotional angst becomes more and more clear to her, she'll have to figure out a path to forgiveness. A shocking, moving, and darkly funny depiction of life in a psychiatric world.*

## SAVE THE DATES

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

UDHS Arts Festival—May 21st

Senior Prom—June 4th

After Senior Prom Party—June 4th/5th at Midnight

Graduation—June 9th

Last Day of Classes—June 10th



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