



Purple &
Gold

April 2023

APRIL SHOWERS FUNDRAISER BRINGS IN NEARLY \$5,000!



Everyone had a blast at the fundraiser, which also included dancing and games.

In recognition and celebration of Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month, students and faculty from Upper Darby High School held an April Showers fundraiser to benefit Special Olympics and Unified Sports!

Staff and students from the Autistic Support and Life Skills classes, as well as members of the UDHS Girls' soccer and lacrosse teams, teamed up and "ran through the raindrops," which in reality were fire hoses held by members of the Upper Darby Fire Department)

The top fundraisers were Dakota Taylor (also our top fundraiser in 2022) with \$1,054, Mr. Christopher Blinn with \$421, and Mr. Mahoney from the business department with \$351. Winning the "Top Department" award was the Special Education department, which raised a total of \$714.92. Thanks to all who participated and made it such a special day.



The adults (including this fireman) enjoyed the events as much as the students did!





Even Dr. Alloway and Ms. Williams got into the act!

PROM DRESS DRIVE



Please consider donating clean prom-appropriate dresses and/or accessories for this year's UDHS Prom Dress Boutique. Staff donations could be dropped off at the main entrance, Room 151, or the Library. Antigone Gabriel and Julia Rion will be accepting donations through Friday, April 28th.

If you would like to share the included image on social media, please ask that the public drop off dresses only in the morning at the front entrance.

A flyer has been sent with information about boutique hours (prom dresses and accessories are available to all UDHS students attending our prom).

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

2023 Global Economic Forum

On Tuesday, March 28, Upper Darby students competed yesterday at the 2023 Global Economic Forum (GEF) at Drexel University. The GEF is a high school simulation program focused on the creation, presentation, and marketing of policy solutions to pressing issues facing the global community. Students collaborated with their peers for fictitious funding from the World Bank, creating policy proposals on their assigned topic and presenting their solutions to a panel of judges. This year's program concerned three topics of critical global importance: the intellectual property and distribution of medicines, unemployment and workforce development, and food insecurity. Pictured in the photo on the left: Mike Tully, Kevin Rihel, Khandakar Mahin, Iftakar Tarunno, Micah Clark-Kahler, Ben Maitre



PMEA All-State Concert Band and Orchestra



Congratulations to students Brahin Ahmaddiya, Emily Fischbach, and Steven Guard, who performed at the Kalahari Resort in the Poconos on Saturday, April 22, as part of the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association's All-State Concert Band and Orchestra! Congratulations also goes out to the Upper Darby High School Director of Bands Doug Ballard.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CORNER



The students in Mr. Hudnut's Autistic Support Vocational Skills class have been very busy this spring. We started out by making Leprechauns and Celtic Knots to hang in the windows. Boy, the light shining through our creations left some nice shadows! Then we learned how to do Rorschach mirror images and created a nice landscape using 3 shapes, a circle, a triangle and a rectangle. When folded over and then opened back up, an image that looked like a sunset over a lake in the forest was revealed. Finally, we got down to some tool work again. The students love working with tools. We have been learning how to use different sockets and wrenches to take apart and rebuild wooden planks. The students take apart all of the nuts, bolts, and washers, then clean up the wood before rebuilding the structure. We even began having to see who can turn a wrench with speed and precision. Some great partnerships developed and even a few solo carpenters emerged!



SAVE THE DATES

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

April 24 and 25–Spring MAP Testing

April 26–UDHS Faculty ARG/Track 1 Meeting

April 27–UD's Got Talent

April 30–Home & School Flea Market

May 3–UDHS Faculty Meeting

May 7–Choral Music Flea Market

May 9–School Board Meeting

May 10–Early dismissal (1PM)

May 11–9th grade assembly

May 12–Post-secondary pride day

May 13–UD BOP Flea Market

May 13–Junior Prom



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