

THE UPPER  
DUBLIN  
EDUCATION  
FOUNDATION  
2018-2019



# OUR MISSION

*is to enhance the experiences of students in the Upper Dublin School District and fund innovative learning opportunities.*

# OUR IMPACT

- *Cardinal Opportunities*
- *Educator Grant Program*
- *Greenfield Youth Film Festival*
- *North Hills Education Program*
- *Supporting strategic District initiatives & more*

# CARDINAL OPPORTUNITIES

Thirteen high school students benefited from the Cardinal Opportunities mentoring program in 2018-2019. This year, the program had three graduates who will each be attending college in the Fall. The program strives to provide Upper Dublin High School students a better chance to succeed with the assistance of supportive, objective and caring community volunteers. The mentors help the students prepare for the world of high school, post-secondary education or employment. The goals of this



program include: empowering students to use their potential, exposing students to options and opportunities, helping students focus on the future, assisting students in exploring realistic goals, helping students develop self-esteem and encouraging enriching experiences. Cardinal Opportunities receives funding from United Way contributions.

# EDUCATOR GRANTS

During this school year, we awarded 21 grants totaling nearly \$24,000. The UDEF Grant program encourages innovation and helps fund unique learning opportunities throughout the District that are not addressed in existing school programs.

Adam Brittain (MGES): **Staging Solos: Using Puppeteering to Develop Singing Skills**

Trish Chialastri (TFES): **Sensory Pathway Hallway**

Adam Doan (MGES): **LEGO Mindstorm**

Elementary Art Department: **Monet Today Traveling Art Exhibit**

Stacey Lavenberg (FWES): **Flexible Seating: Finding Our 'Smart Spots'**

Jennifer Leszczynski (FWES): **Headphones for 9th grade Academic Literacy course**

Lauren LeVeque (SRMS): **Digital Recorders for Interpersonal Communication Practice and Assessment**

Lauren LeVeque (SRMS): **Spot It en Espanol game**

Laurie McGettigan/Samantha Connelly (SRMS): **Ozobots Personal Narratives: Integrated Literacy and Coding Classroom**

Tre Milrod (JTES): **Makedo Toolkits**

Liz Padova (FWES): **Pottery Wheel**

Doug Sample (UDHS): **Standing Waves in Air Columns using LabQuest Function Generator**



Doug Sample (UDHS): **Freefall and Projectiles**

Frances Schwabenland (SRMS): **The Creative Classroom for Project Based Learning**

Erica Stianchi (MGES): **Interactive Learning with Student Choice**

Bret Stover (UDHS): **Go Pro Waterproof Video Camera for Lifeguard & PE Classes**

Melissa Traber/1stGrade Team (JTES): **Morning STEAM Think Tubs**

Tina Tofel (SRMS): **Flexible Seating**

Mitch Will (MGES): **Ozobots: The Concrete Key to Coding**

Judith Winship (UDHS): **Energy Flows/Matter Cycles: From Seed to You**

Carol Zambelli (FWES): **Standing Desks for Special Education Classroom**

# NORTH HILLS EDUCATION & RECREATION CENTER

With the help of a Montgomery County Community Development Block Grant (\$25,000) and funding from the School District of Upper Dublin and the Township of Upper Dublin, the North Hills After School and Teen Program served nearly 50 children ages 6-19, helping to level the playing field for children in need in our community. In addition, the Greenfield Foundation awarded UDEF a generous \$25,000 grant to help fund this crucial program. In 2018-2019, our certified teachers and aides provided almost 3,350 hours of academic assistance and homework support; about 1,700 hours of access to our computer lab, internet and printers; more than 1,100 hours of reading and literacy support; more than 1,200 hours of supervised recreation; and nearly 1,900 hours of mentoring services.



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The North Hills Summer Camp offers academic continuity through a dynamic summer program. In the summer of 2018, we provided nearly 50 students with 1,680 hours of academic programming from certified teachers; nearly 850 hours of reading and literacy programming and more than 3,750 hours of supervised recreation and fun!



# GREENFIELD YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL

Twenty-three high schools in the Philadelphia region participated in the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Greenfield Youth Film Festival. The program, a partnership between the Greenfield Foundation, UDEF and the School District of Upper Dublin, includes a full-day academic workshop led by industry experts and college professors and culminates with an Academy Awards-style evening. Designed to educate students about the many facets of filmmaking, the program supports and guides students as they create their own short films and gives them a platform for creative expression. The Greenfield Youth Film Festival (GYFF) is made possible through a grant from the Greenfield Foundation.



# PERSONALIZED LEARNING

UDEF strives to fund programs that enable the District to pilot innovative programs that promote the strategic vision of the District. In the 2018-2019 school year, UDEF supported the District's personalized and project-based learning initiative at Sandy Run Middle School through a \$25,000 grant. This learning model empowers students to take a more active role in their education, enabling them to become co-designers in their learning experience. The grant funded professional development which enabled our teachers to learn how to best roll-out and implement this initiative at Sandy Run.

# UPPER DUBLIN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI HALL OF FAME



Sixteen alumni were inducted into the prestigious Upper Dublin High School Alumni Hall of Fame on April 5, 2019. The program, co-sponsored by the School District and the Upper Dublin Education Foundation, celebrates the success of Cardinal alumni while providing positive role models and promoting excellence and inspiration for our current students. The induction event included a forum for students to interact with the distinguished alumni during assemblies and classes throughout the day.

The 2019 inductees were selected according to six categories: Arts, Entertainment and Communications; Business and Law; Education; Government and Military; Medicine, Science and Technology; and Philanthropy and Community Service. The inaugural class of 21 alumni was inducted in March 2017; the next class will be inducted in 2021. The community is encouraged to nominate alumni who have achieved distinction, have accomplished something outstanding or have made a significant contribution within their professions, in their communities or in the world.

# SCHOLARSHIPS

UDEF awarded scholarships in 2019 to the following students:

Zora Mitchell, Cardinal Opportunities Scholarship

Jake Stein, Cardinal Opportunities Scholarship

Michael Tolomeo, Cardinal Opportunities Scholarship

Alex Wallack, UDEF Music Award

Aidan Hopkins, Bobby McIlvaine Award

Ryan Goodman, UD Medal Winner Scholarship

Hannah Xiao, UD Medal Winner Scholarship



# WE ARE GRATEFUL

for the generous support of our community.

A high-flying, slam-dunking, rim-rattling basketball show came to town when the world-famous Harlem Wizards took on our Upper Dublin teachers. The Upper Dublin Education Foundation and the Upper Dublin Education Association teamed up for this fun-filled fundraiser, presented by Burn Brae Day Camp. Proceeds of nearly \$15,000 benefited the UDEF Educator Grants program and UDEA student scholarships. The event featured a dazzling demonstration of hoops artistry, a pregame "Wiz Kids" warm-up, contests, comedy, awesome slam dunks, audience participation, merchandise giveaways, and more.

- Presenting Sponsor: Burn Brae Day Camp
- Slam Dunk Sponsors: Fireside Bar & Grille; Unique Indoor Comfort.
- Hoops Sponsors: Andy Vitella, State Farm Insurance, Dresher Dental, Edward Jones Financial Advisor Michael Pironte, Lakeview Dental, NovaCare Rehabilitation, Realtors Rhonda and Larry Rosenthal and Tiffany's Bakery.
- A special thanks to Jon Waxman of Lee's Hoagies and the Levinowitz Family.



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More than 500 students, in all levels of musical instruction -- elementary, middle, and high school -- performed on the same stage, highlighted by a spectacular grand finale. The Vocal Concert highlighted music from popular television shows. The Instrumental (Band) Concert focused on popular music from musical theatre. Proceeds from the concerts, more than \$10,500, benefit the District's music program through the purchase and repair of instruments, music accessories and software.





Hosted by UDEF and Upper Dublin Township, Monte Carlo Night raised more than \$48,000 in net income, with half benefitting UD schools and half going to local charities selected by the Upper Dublin Board of Commissioners. More than 250 guests enjoyed casino games with professional dealers, bidding on silent auctions, and wining, dining and dancing at the beautiful Mercedes-Benz dealership of Fort Washington.

- Premier Host: Mercedes-Benz of Fort Washington
- Lead Sponsors: Aquinas Realty Partners, The Goldenberg Group Guidi Homes and South Bay Partners
- Major Sponsors: BET Investments - Dublin Terrace; D'Huy Engineering, Inc.
- Event Sponsors: Boles, Smyth Associates; McMahon Transportation Engineers & Planners
- Entertainment & Gaming Sponsors: Wisler Pearlstine LLP; Breslin Architects
- Food & Beverage Sponsors: Two 17 Photo & Cinema, Sal Paone Builder, Signature Smile, Saul Ewing LLP, Toll Brothers and High Swartz LLP, Sal Paone Builders
- We are also grateful to the plethora of local businesses who contributed to our online auction and prize baskets.



Hosted with the School District of Upper Dublin, Upper Dublin Township and the Fort Washington Business Alliance, the 35th Annual Upper Dublin Medals Reception and Ceremony celebrated extraordinary members of our Upper Dublin community. This inspirational event brought in a net revenue of more than \$8,700. The 2019 winners are: Citizen, Howard Schmuckler; Non-profit, Peace & Shake; Educator, Erin Loch; and Students, Ryan Goodman and Hannah Xiao.

Major event sponsors included

- Platinum: BET Investments
- Silver: Sal Paone Builder
- Bronze: George's Market at Dreshertown and Temple University Ambler
- Friends: Ambler Area YMCA and Boles, Smyth Associates
- We appreciate additional support from Timoney Knox, LLP; Kirkland Printing & Business Solutions, and the Ambler Flower Shop.



Beginning with a 350 meter pool swim located in the UDHS Athletic Complex, the race also features an 8.3 mile bike and 5k run through the neighborhoods of Fort Washington. Clearly committed to public education, the Upper Dublin Township Commissioners selected UDEF to receive half of the race's proceeds, which resulted in a \$8,000 donation.

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In addition to the funds raised at our special events, UDEF is supported by our community through contributions for our annual appeal; Bricks & Pavers Program; and Staff Tribute Program. We have also received generous support from businesses, foundations and government grants including:

- Greenfield Foundation
- Joseph Alexander Foundation
- Donna Perone Memorial Fund
- Montgomery County Community Development Block Grant
- United Way
- EITC: Ambler Savings Bank
- EITC: First Priority Bank

**THANK YOU**  
for a great year!