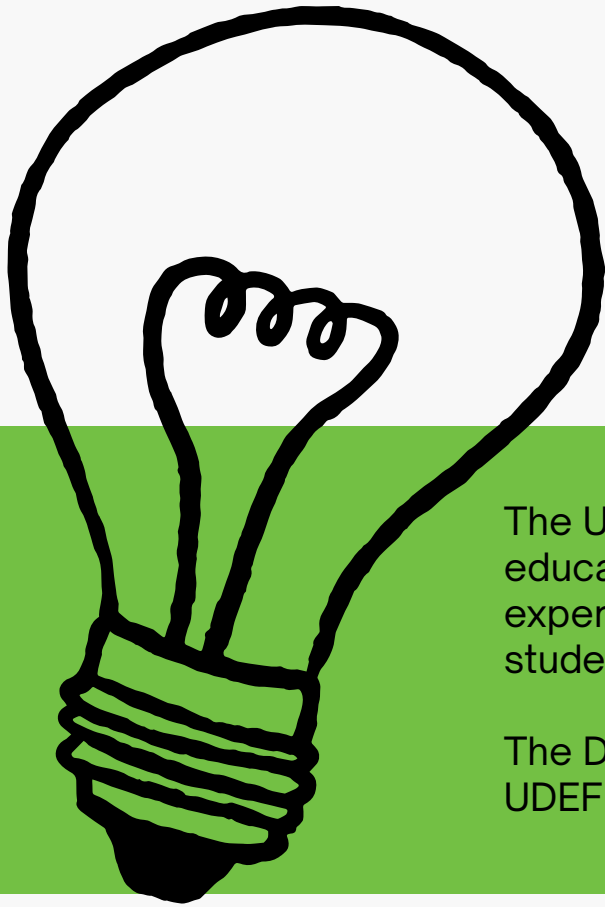




**POWERING IDEAS.
CREATING OPPORTUNITIES.
INSPIRING STUDENTS.**

Impact Report | 2025-26





The Upper Dublin Education Foundation invests in educator ideas, innovative programs and experiences that enrich learning for Upper Dublin students.

The District provides an excellent education. UDEF helps make it exceptional.

BELIEVING IN THE POWER OF A GOOD IDEA



A YEAR OF OPPORTUNITIES

From a teacher's idea to a student's first experience with coding, filmmaking, music, science or public speaking, UDEF works to create opportunities that enrich learning and expand what's possible for Upper Dublin students.

\$60K

APPROVED FOR
GRANTS

3.5K

OF ATTENDEES
AT OUR
FUNDRAISERS

6

OF SCHOOLS
RECEIVING
GRANTS

41

OF TEACHERS
RECEIVING A
GRANT

\$175K+

SPENT ON
ENRICHING
LEARNING FOR UD
STUDENTS

2.1K

OF VISITORS TO
TECH TREK
WEBSITE SINCE
LAUNCH

33

SPONSORS

\$32K

SUPPORT FOR
MUSIC PROGRAMS

20

EDUCATOR
GRANTS AWARDED

MARESSA ALSHER

ENHANCING INSTRUCTION THROUGH EYE-CATCHING VISUAL LEARNING SUPPORTS

AMY BECK

BRAIN BUILDERS: PROBLEM SOLVING THROUGH PLAY

**MARISSA BELL, SARA DIDONATO, BETTY EISENBERG, ELIZABETH
MICHAELS, KATHLEEN PLACE, MARISSA TESTER, LAUREN**

WEIHENMAYER & KATIE WENGERT

VOCABULARY ABOUNDS IN THE UPPER DUBLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

BRITTANY COLEMAN

GIVING EVERY VOICE A PLACE: ACCESSIBLE COMMUNICATION ON THE PLAYGROUND

RUSSELL COLEMAN

DIGITIZATION TECHNOLOGIES IN PHOTOGRAPHY

ALISON CURRAN, JOANNE LILLIENDAHL & MEGAN GALLAGHER

MODELING TO UNDERSTAND

STEPHANIE EGER

UNIFIED MAKERS: PRECISION CUTTING FOR INCLUSIVE ART

NICHOLAS EPPINGER & JILL PEDROSO

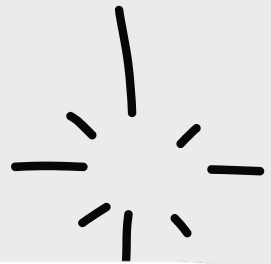
BRAIN BREAK BOXES

LISA FANTINI

WATERSHEDS ON THE MOVE!

MEGAN GALLAGHER

PERSONALIZING BIOTECHNOLOGY AND BIOINFORMATICS



INNOVATION IN ACTION

GRANT RECIPIENTS 2025-2026

THANU GEORGE, CODY CROOKE, JENNIFER LANKIN & PETA-ANN MCCALL

YOUR VOICE MATTERS: CREATING A PLATFORM FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING & STORYTELLING

DOUG GRANDE

ZWO SEESTAR S50 DIGITAL SMART TELESCOPE

CHRIS HAYDEN

EXPLORING SWIFT CODING USING MACBOOK NEO

CHRISTOPHER HORN

LITTLE HANDS, BIG SOUNDS: BRIDGING THE GAP FROM BEGINNER TO VIRTUOSO

EMILY KNIPMEYER, CINDY BIGELOW, MEGHAN GAGHAN & JENNIFER VOGEL

WRITING ON THE WALL: PROMOTING ENGAGEMENT, ENCOURAGING COLLABORATION, AND RISK-TAKING IN EARLY LEARNING

CHRISTIAN LAIRD

READY, SET, SOAR, KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

MARY JANE LYONS

ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY

JULIE RENALDI-RANCK, MATTHEW DORNEMAN, JULIE DUNPHY, KAREN

FLYNN, BRAD LIEBERMAN, ALANA MELLOR & STEPHANIE MUTART

DATA-BASED INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING TO IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

JESSICA SACHSON

PICKLEBALL CLUB EQUIPMENT

JILL SNYDER

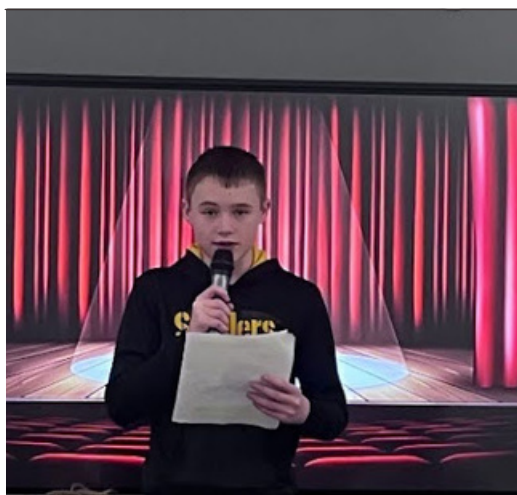
BRINGING ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS TO LIFE IN 7TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES



CONNECTED STUDENTS TO REAL-WORLD BIOTECHNOLOGY AND BIOINFORMATICS.



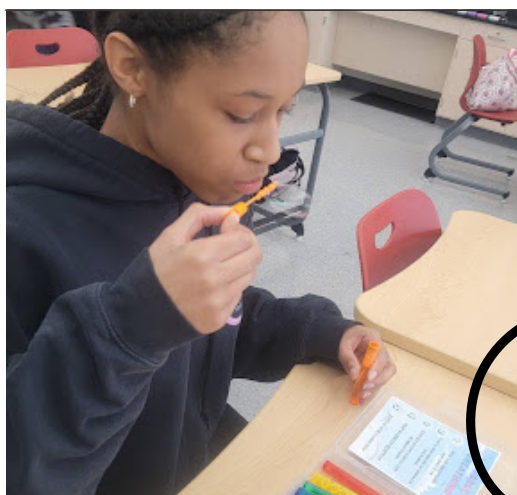
TURNED ANCIENT HISTORY INTO A HANDS-ON LEARNING EXPERIENCE



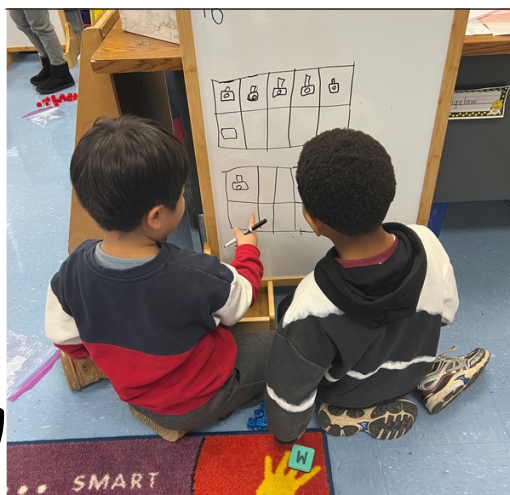
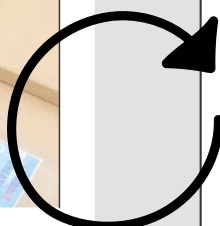
HELPED STUDENTS FIND THEIR VOICE THROUGH PUBLIC SPEAKING AND STORYTELLING.



GAVE STUDENTS A NEW WAY TO EXPLORE THE NIGHT SKY.



PROVIDE TOOLS TO RECHARGE, RESET AND REFOCUS.



MADE LEARNING MORE ACTIVE, COLLABORATIVE, AND ENGAGING

CREATING POSSIBILITIES

Our grant program is just one way we support Upper Dublin students. This past school year, we also helped make possible:

ELELITERACY brought high school students into elementary classrooms to share the joy of reading.

UD TECH TREK gave families tools to navigate the digital highway.

GREENFIELD YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL brought young filmmakers together to create, share their stories, and see their work come to life on the big screen.



COMMUNITY IN ACTION

Some of our favorite moments this year happened when our community came together.

HARLEM WIZARDS provided another year of big shots, big laughs, and big community energy.

UD WHODUNNIT was a killer evening for a cause, bringing the community together for a night of fun while benefiting Upper Dublin students and community organizations.

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS gave students across the district a chance to share their talents and celebrate the power of music.

UD MEDALS honored excellence as we recognized Noah Cohen and Megan Gno (Students); Christopher Smith (Educator); Abbey's Bakery (Nonprofit); and Robert Windheim (Citizen).





THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THE UDEF STORY

As we look back on 2025–2026, we're grateful for a year filled with ideas, creativity, collaboration, and opportunities for students. Most of all, we're grateful to the people and organizations who helped make this year possible.

Our educators, who continue to imagine what's possible. Our district partners, who help turn ideas into action. Our volunteers and event supporters, who give their time and energy. And our donors and sponsors, whose generosity makes this work possible.

We look forward to another year of powering ideas, creating opportunities, and inspiring students!

2025–2026 was a year worth celebrating.

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