



2024-2025 Druid Hills Education Foundation Annual Report

We believe every Druid Hills High School student should have the opportunity to engage in academic and enrichment opportunities to explore their interests, identify their gifts and develop skills which will set them up for success in school and in life.

The Druid Hills Education Foundation (DHEF) was founded in 2022 to promote the education and development of ALL Druid Hills High School students. Thanks to our generous donors we support DHHS students across academics, arts, athletics as well as ensure access to mental health and wellness.

During the 2024-25 school year, the Druid Hills Education Foundation raised \$165,000 to support Druid Hills High School.

DHEF provided \$80,000 in grants to the Druid Hills PTO, the Druid Hills Athletic Association, and the Druid Hills Fine Arts Alliance supporting DHHS students across a range of activities.

The Druid Hills Education Foundation also funded a full-time, on-site dedicated mental health counselor at DHHS. In 2025, DHEF established a Student Participation Fund, ensuring all DHHS students can participate in extracurricular activities, regardless of their ability to pay.

"I continue to be a staunch supporter of DHHS as much for the multi-generations of my own family who attended, those students there now and more who soon will come in pursuit of knowledge. I have been and will continue investing in our collective future."

Mental Health

The CHRIS 180 counselor provided support for students and staff through individual therapy, group sessions, wellness resources and referral resources. In addition to individual therapy sessions, teachers and students were able to participate in the following workshops:

Student workshops:
Mental Health Awareness
Building Resilience
Social Skills Development
Understanding & Respect of Others

Teacher workshops:
Identifying Student Needs
Building a Supportive Classroom
Educators Self-Care
Effective Referrals

Students have completed treatment plans, reported significant improvement in their ability to handle stress, anxiety, and triggers, and shared that they feel less alone as they navigate their mental health struggles.

"I've learned to identify what I am feeling by talking it out and going through the steps you taught me."

"Kids were falling through the cracks."

PTO

The Druid Hills Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) supports the academic and social experience of all DHHS students, develops a closer connection between school and home, provides support to teachers and staff, and supports academic and student life initiatives. DHEF provided a \$20,000 grant to the DHHS PTO which funded the following:

Teacher, classroom, and club grants

Financial support for Prom

Hospitality & teacher appreciation activities

Weekly newsletter, eblasts, and social media posts

Red Devil Day (Open House)

Principal AMA (Ask Me Anything)

Parent Education Program *What is IB? A Parent's Guide to Understanding the International Baccalaureate*

Cash award to Teacher of Excellence

Senior Class pre-commencement ceremony

DHFAA

The purpose of the Druid Hills Fine Arts Alliance (DHFAA) is to support performing and visual arts at Druid Hills High School including theater, music and visual arts. DHEF provided a \$15,000 grant to the DHFAA which funded the following:

Theater Lighting

Support for Orchestra and Band Competitions & Recitals

Production Rights

Ceramic and visual art supplies

Photography supplies

Support for annual Fine Arts Showcase



"Public education is much more than academics, the experiences hold life lessons."

DHAA

The Druid Hills Athletic Association (DHAA) supports over 1,000 student athletes at DHHS and DHMS participating on 42 teams competing in 21 different GHSA and club sports. DHEF provided a \$45,000 grant to the Druid Hills Athletic Association which funded the following:

New DHHS branded chairs in gym

Supplemental stipends to coaches to ensure continued commitment to Druid Hills athletics

Team grants to provide equipment and training beyond that provided by DCSD

Druid Hills ESPY awards and Hall of Fame ceremony

Seasonal sports calendar



"We contribute to DHEF to supplement the programs and resources DHHS would otherwise not have."

SPF

In 2025, DHEF started a Student Participation Fund to ensure every DHHS student can participate in extracurricular activities such as athletics, clubs, art activities, and academic competitions. The fund also supported senior class dues.



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DHEF held two signature fundraising events: The Druid Hills Dash 5k and The Red Devil Bash benefit auction. Thank you to the local businesses who sponsored those two events.

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