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## Ambler Savings Bank Hosts Upper Dublin Student Art Show and Donates to Education Foundation

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, Ambler Savings Bank hosted the Upper Dublin High School Senior Art Show, displaying beautiful works in many mediums and genres. Led by Art Teacher, Mr. Steve Hopkins and Senior, Jordan Patalano, the show quickly gained interest from students and staff. For many of the senior class, this was the first opportunity in their high school career to showcase work publicly after the pandemic and a tornado turned art classes virtual.

"When we went virtual in the pandemic, some students used art as an outlet and honed their skills, but for others time stopped, and coming back in January, many were behind," explained Mr. Hopkins, Art Teacher, Upper Dublin High School.

"The opportunity to showcase in public was a huge morale boost for our students who have come so far this past year," Hopkins continued.

Over 100 community members attended the show and enjoyed not only art but also live music provided by the students.

Playing a huge role with the arts is the Upper Dublin Education Foundation, who was on hand to accept a donation from the Bank. The \$4,000 donation from the Bank, made through the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program will help support innovative learning opportunities.

Empowering students and educators with resources outside of the traditional classroom curriculum is the Foundation's mission which hasn't slowed down. As the school pivoted from COVID-19 and a tornado, the





Foundation's helping hand was instrumental. Nurturing mental health with the MindUP curriculum and funding for ukuleles are just a few recent initiatives of the Foundation.

"We strive to make a difference in the lives of all the students in our district, and we simply couldn't do that without the help of our community and business partners like Ambler Savings Bank," commented Michelle Boas, Executive Director, Upper Dublin Education Foundation.



"Supporting education is a core value here at Ambler Saving Bank. We are proud to host the student art show and the amazing work of the Upper Dublin Education Foundation," says Roger Zacharia, President and CEO, Ambler Savings Bank.

The Upper Dublin Education Foundation has helped enrich the curriculum and fund innovative learning opportunities for students in the Upper Dublin School District for over 25 years. Learn more online at <a href="https://www.udefoundation.org">www.udefoundation.org</a>.

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From Left to Right: Steve Hopkins, Art Teacher, Upper Dublin High School; Roger Zacharia, President and CEO, Ambler Savings Bank; Michelle Boas, Executive Director, Upper Dublin Education Foundation.