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**UPPER DARBY AND MARPLE NEWTOWN SCORE WINS IN FIRST WEEK OF DELCO Hi-Q PLAY**

November 30, 2011 at UPPER DARBY HIGH SCHOOL – The first contest of the 64th Season of Delco Hi-Q between host school, Upper Darby High School, Cardinal O’ Hara and Springfield heated up fairly quickly, giving the packed audience quite a show. The contest, sponsored by Delaware County Intermediate Unit and Franklin Federal Credit Union (FMFCU), is comprised of 13 different academic categories, ranging from Physics to Art History. The maximum points each team can earn on a single question is four points, but can add to their score in each category earning bonus points when the opposing teams fail to answer their question correctly.

Upper Darby’s Principal, Christopher Dormer addressed the students and welcomed special guests Upper Darby Superintendent Lou DeVlieger and Springfield Principal Frank McKnight. It was a special contest for Mr. Dormer. He grew up in Springfield, played on the Cardinal O’Hara Hi-Q team and is now Principal of Upper Darby High School. FMFCU’s Youth Education Specialist, Michelle Skrobak recognized the contestants for their hard work to begin the program.

Quizmaster, Mr. Tom McCarthy posed the first question from the Current Events category and the contest heated up quickly with Upper Darby scoring big with their first four questions, taking 16 of 16 points and one bonus point. Springfield was not far behind answering three out of four questions for maximum points, plus one bonus point. Although the teams battled for points throughout the entire contest, Upper Darby took the “Royal” lead early on in the contest and never relinquished it. The Springfield Cougars tried to snatch away the lead; earning seven bonus points and taking the Toss Up Math question, but came up two points short. Cardinal O’Hara was king of the history categories; the only team to answer the World History question correctly and earned four out of four points in the American History Category. **Final Scores: Upper Darby – 47, Cardinal O’Hara – 23, Springfield – 45.**

December 1, 2011 at MARPLE NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL – The second contest of the 2011-2012 Hi-Q Season also played to a packed audience. Mike Magnavita, CFO and Executive Vice President of Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union, a Hi-Q sponsor and Dr. Raymond McFall, Principal of Marple Newtown welcomed contestants, advisors, students and guests.

Marple Newtown School District's Superintendent, Dr. Merle Horowitz was on hand to witness her Tigers take this contest by the tail; the Marple Newtown team scored top points in ten out of twelve categories, missing points in only two categories, and picked up four bonus points. Haverford High School kept pace with Marple Newtown, answering nine categories for top points and picked up five bonus points. Monsignor Bonner was celestial in the Social Studies categories, earning four out of four points in each of the World History, American History, and American Government categories. The Shakespeare question of the contest proved that none of the teams were bound to please the Quizmaster, Mr. Tom McCarthy with their answers, leaving four points on the table during the Toss Up portion of the contest. **Final Scores: Marple Newtown – 53, Monsignor Bonner – 31; Haverford – 45.**

Delco-Hi-Q is a partnership between Delaware County Intermediate Unit and Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union. Veteran actor Tom McCarthy is Quizmaster, Rick Durante from FMFCU serves as Director, Dave Bramble from Delaware County Intermediate Unit is the production engineer, Michelle Skrobak and Karen Hassett are Hi-Q Coordinators.

Each of the 21 Delco Hi-Q teams compete three times during the regular season. The points from all three contests determine final standings and playoff rankings. Contests continue next week at Ridley and Penn Wood High Schools.

In addition to the participating schools' support, primary corporate sponsor is Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Foundation. Long-time Valedictorian sponsor is Kimberly-Clark Corporation and the Delaware County Daily Times is a supporter of the 63rd Season. Anyone interested in supporting this Delaware County tradition, please call Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Foundation at 610-325-5008 or visit our website at [www.delcohiq.org](http://www.delcohiq.org).

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### **Photo Captions**

#### **Upper Darby High School**

Back (L to R): Shua McClean, Spiro Metaxas, Erik Zalewski, Tim Wright, Tom Collins, and Advisor Joseph Rigg.

Front (L to R): Kingson Lin, Mark Lantieri, Karnbir Singh, Sukhpreet Sahota, and Donald Lu.

#### **Marple Newtown High School**

Back (L to R): Faculty Advisor Liz Landes, Tim Li, Nikki Zand, Maria Tsingas, Gregory Stulpin, Min Sim.

Front (L to R): Shaina Reji, Maddie Baxter, Rebecca Lin, Sabrina Pan, and Jeanette Ding.