



Diamond State Classic Foundation

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DIAMOND STATE CLASSIC SET TO TIP-OFF DEC. 28-30 AT THE TATNALL SCHOOL; FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FROM 2021 TOURNAMENT PROCEEDS

WILMINGTON, DE (Dec. 27, 2022) – The Diamond State Classic Foundation (the “Foundation”) is ready for tip-off of the 31st Annual Diamond State Classic (DSC) set to take place December 28-30, 2022, at The Tatnall School, 1501 Barley Mill Road, in Wilmington. This year’s tournament features eleven high school varsity girls’ basketball teams and two teams from the Catholic Youth Ministry’s (CYM) sixth through eighth grade girls’ league. As a fully non-profit, volunteer-organized tournament, the DSC has contributed over \$1.5 million to the community in its first 30 years. This year’s girls’ varsity participants from Delaware include Caravel Academy, Newark Charter School, St. Mark’s High School, Padua Academy, Ursuline Academy, and the host school, The Tatnall School. Out-of-state participants visiting for the DSC are Academy of Notre Dame de Namur (PA); Cicero-North Syracuse High School (NY); Notre Dame Academy of Staten Island (NY); Pikesville High School (MD); and Plymouth Whitemarsh High School (PA). The two CYM programs participating in the tournament and providing a “sneak peek” into the future of girls’ high school basketball in Delaware are Ursuline Academy and St. Mary Magdalen School. The full schedule for the event is below and available at diamondstateclassic.org, the tournament’s official web site.

As a result of the incredible success of last year’s tournament, despite many pandemic-based challenges at that time, the Foundation is announcing over \$20,000 in grants and scholarships. The [Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation](#) (B+ Foundation) will receive a contribution of \$7,500 to assist in their efforts against childhood cancer while [Special Olympics Delaware](#) (SODE) will also receive \$7,500 to help their outstanding programs. In addition, one female student athlete from each of the 2021 participants will receive a \$500 college scholarship. The Foundation looks forward to supporting both of our primary beneficiaries, B+ Foundation and SODE, again in 2022 while continuing to champion the scholastic dreams of our female student athletes.



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Members of the public are encouraged to attend and enjoy the exciting basketball action which will take place over three days while helping these outstanding causes in our community. Admission is only \$5 for adults, \$3 for middle/ high school students, and free for those under age 12. Plenty of free parking is available, and a full offering of concessions is available for purchase. A special Opening Ceremonies featuring our beneficiaries and some special guests will take place at approximately 4:45 PM on Wednesday, December 28. The DSC looks forward to welcoming our participants, beneficiaries, and supporters to the 31st Annual Diamond State Classic at The Tatnall School.

Schedule

Date	Time	Home	Away
Wednesday 12/28	3:00 p.m.	The Tatnall School (DE)	Pikesville High School (MD)
	4:45 p.m.	Opening Ceremonies	
	5:30 p.m.	Skills Competitions	
	6:30 p.m.	Padua Academy (DE)	Academy of Notre Dame de Namur (PA)
	8:15 p.m.	Plymouth Whitemarsh High School (PA)	Cicero North Syracuse High School (NY)
Thursday 12/29	3:00 p.m.	Cicero North Syracuse High School (NY)	Caravel Academy (DE)
	4:45 p.m.	Ursuline Academy (CYM)	St. Mary Magdalen School (CYM)
	6:30 p.m.	Notre Dame Academy Staten Island (NY)	The Tatnall School (DE)
	8:15 p.m.	Ursuline Academy (DE)	Plymouth Whitemarsh High School (PA)
Friday 12/30	3:00 p.m.	Pikesville High School (MD)	Padua Academy (DE)
	4:45 p.m.	Academy of Notre Dame de Namur (PA)	Ursuline Academy (DE)
	6:30 p.m.	Caravel Academy (DE)	Notre Dame Academy Staten Island (NY)
	8:15 p.m.	Newark Charter School (DE)	Saint Mark's High School (DE)

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The Diamond State Classic Foundation is an IRS-certified 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to providing financial assistance to the Special Olympics Delaware, the Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation, other Delaware charities through grants, and to female student athletes through a scholarship program. Over the past 31 years of operation, we have awarded over \$1,500,000 in scholarships and grants. The Diamond State Classic is a national high school girls varsity basketball tournament held annually during the last week of December. Sponsored by the Diamond State Classic Foundation, the tournament is operated and run primarily by IAABO Board #11 active and retired members, and other dedicated individuals who volunteer their time and services. Corporate sponsors have generously supported our efforts to provide a quality experience for all teams participating in the Diamond State Classic. Visit diamondstateclassic.org for schedule details and more information.