



2017 DFRC Blue-Gold Event Calendar

Please use this as a tool for the next few months, as each event listed is a mandatory event for participants and buddies. Note: event dates, times, and locations are subject to change. If you have any questions, please contact the DFRC Office at 302-454-2730.

Date	Time	Event	Description
January 22	12:00–4:00	Participant Kickoff Meeting Caesar Rodney High School Camden-Wyoming, DE	What does it take to be a DFRC Blue-Gold All★Star leader? This day will help prepare all students for their experience in the DFRC Blue-Gold program and provide information on how to make the best of this opportunity.
February 1		Hand-in-Hand Deadline	Anyone interested in signing up for a Hand-in-Hand Buddy needs to turn in their permission form by this date.
March 19	2:00– 4:00	Hand-in-Hand Party Modern Maturity Center Dover, DE	Put on your dancin’ shoes and get ready to cut loose! With good food, good friends, and good fun everyone is sure to have a good time.
April 8	9:00– 11:00	Cheerleader/Buddy Run Appoquinimink High School Middletown, DE	Lace up your running or walking gear for this inaugural event planned and operated by the DFRC Blue-Gold Cheerleaders.
April 9		Buddy Bowling <i>See local bowling center</i>	Seniors and Hand-in-Hand participants get to spend the day with their buddies bowling at one of many participating bowling alleys statewide.
April 30	6:00- 8:00	Hand-in-Hand Party Hockessin Athletic Club Hockessin, DE	Warning: anyone allergic to having fun should refrain from this event; an indoor pool, rock climbing wall, crazy maze and more! Common side effects include: contagious smiles, uncontrollable laughter, drowsiness, and stronger friendships.
May 13	1:00– 4:00	Buddy Walk and Picnic University of Delaware Stadium Newark, DE	This event is held in conjunction with the Down Syndrome Association of Delaware’s annual Buddy Walk. It is a great opportunity to see DFRC’s coordination with other organizations in action and meet families outside of those involved directly with DFRC Blue-Gold. Each high school represented in the program is asked to bring a banner to this event that will be displayed on the sidelines of Delaware Stadium on Game Day. <i>*Event is held on a Saturday this year.</i>
June 8	3:00- 6:00	Blue-Gold Picnic Killens Pond State Park Felton, DE	Sponsored by the Frederica Spring Creek Lions Club, they’ll provide the food and fun– including free access to the water park. You just need to show up!
June 11	12:00– 2:00	Instrument Zoo/Media Day University of Delaware Newark, DE	It’s okay to toot your own horn at this event, during our fun instrument showcase. Come take part in the Instrument Zoo and family games. You may even get a chance to talk to the media!
June 15	5:00– 7:00	DFRC Blue-Gold Football Scrimmages Tower Hill—Blue Caesar Rodney—Gold	Gather your friends and family, support your team at their scrimmage. Show your team spirit by inviting your classmates to support their players and wear your Blue-Gold colors!
June 16	6:00-9:00	Senior Banquet Modern Maturity Center Dover, DE	The DFRC Blue-Gold All★Star Banquet is the celebration for seniors and recaps their journey. Invitations will be sent in late April. Individuals and their guests must RSVP in order to attend.
June 17	1:00-10:00	DFRC Blue-Gold All★Star Football Game Day University of Delaware Stadium Newark DE	The culmination of the 2017 DFRC Blue-Gold All★Star Football program -when the football teams play, the band performs, the cheerleaders cheer, and ambassadors volunteer and connect with those in attendance! This is a great event to bring your friends and family to share in your experience.

2017 DFRC Blue-Gold All★Star Football Game Information

Schools

BLUE

Archmere Academy
Brandywine High School
Cab Calloway School of the Arts
Caravel Academy
Charter School of Wilmington
Concord High School
Conrad Schools of Science
Delaware Military Academy
Delcastle Technical High School
John Dickinson High School
A.I. duPont High School
Hodgson Vocational-Technical High School
Howard High School of Technology
Thomas McKean High School
Mount Pleasant High School
Padua Academy
William Penn High School
Saint Elizabeth High School
Saint Mark's High School
Salesianum School
Sanford School
Tatnall School
Tower Hill School
Ursuline Academy
Wilmington Christian School
Wilmington Friends School

GOLD

Appoquinimink High School
Cape Henlopen High School
Christiana High School
Delmar Senior High School
Delmarva Christian High School
Dover High School
Glasgow High School
Indian River High School
Lake Forest High School
Laurel Senior High School
Middletown High School
Milford Senior High School
Newark High School
Newark Charter School
Polytech High School
Red Lion Christian Academy
Caesar Rodney High School
Saint Andrew's School
St. Georges Technical High School
Saint Thomas More Preparatory
Seaford High School
Smyrna High School
Sussex Central High School
Sussex Tech High School
Woodbridge High School

Who is DFRC?

The DFRC Blue-Gold All★Star Football Game, is only one awareness and fundraising element of DFRC. Throughout the year, DFRC raises funds through the efforts of students and clubs in Delaware high schools, as well as other DFRC events, including 3 statewide golf classics, Sussex Auction, Hockey for a Cause, Blue-Gold 5K in Lewes, and Holidazzle. DFRC accepts grant requests two times each year and allocates the funds raised throughout the year to these programs that enrich the lives of Delawareans who are intellectually challenged. Over the course of our history we have surpassed the \$6 million mark of funds invested in communities throughout Delaware!

DD **YOU** **KNOW ?**

A person with an intellectual disability....

- Is not sick, nor does he/she have a disease
- Is intelligent, but generally achieves at a slower rate than some others
- Has many unique talents, but generally achieves at a slower rate than some others
- Is more ALIKE than DIFFERENT from others
- Shares the same desires as everyone....to be loved, accepted, needed and respected as a worthy member of society
- Needs opportunity and encouragement to help him/her learn and achieve

Things to do with your buddy:

Go to the mall
Explore an art gallery
Check out a museum
Play video games
Watch a movie
Take a class together (dance, art, etc.)
Hang out at each other's house
Attend a sporting event
Take a trip to the beach
Bowling
Visit at a State Park
Go to a community event

Important Contacts for this year

Hand-in-Hand: Barbara Spence
Ambassadors: Ashley Grant
Ads: Trisha Nowocin, Mark Biddle
Athletics: Mark DelPercio
Marching Band: Samantha Martone

Executive Director: Dr. Tony Glenn, Ed. D
Director of Advancement: Sandy Merritt
Director of Operations: Rob Boyd

If you have any questions or want to get involved in the Blue-Gold program, please contact the DFRC office at info@dfrc.org or 302.454.2730

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The mission of DFRC is to enrich the lives of Delawareans with intellectual disabilities