

GIS Day is an annual event celebrating Geographic Information Systems based technologies. The event first took place in 1999. It was initiated by spatial analytics software provider Esri. The Neighboring Academy took part in the Central PA GIS Day being hosted by Harrisburg University on November 15, 2023. The students were introduced to the concept of GIS, and learned about many exciting and interesting ways that GIS technology is being used by various organizations, across the county as well as globally. GIS is integral to many fields, including mapping, urban planning, wildlife management, transportation planning, disaster planning, environmental concerns, and natural resource management.

The students each also had the opportunity to test drive drones. They navigated the drones through an obstacle course in an indoor course. They also flew a more advanced drone that had a camera attached, in an outside field.



