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Scholar Spotlight

Jayden Tolbert Norristown Blockson Chapter

Jayden Tolbert is completing the 11th grade at North Penn High School where, proudly, he was inducted into the National Honor Society. He enjoys the team spirit and competition of running track, which he says keeps him active and focused.

Jayden joined YMWIC when he was in the 7th grade. When asked what he enjoys most about the Foundation, his response was, “What I enjoy most about the YMWIC Foundation is how diverse and accepting it is. It’s a place where I feel supported, especially when I’m putting in the work and keeping up with my academics. The environment encourages growth, and I appreciate the opportunities to connect with others who share the same feelings.” He adds, “The biggest impact the Foundation has made is helping me develop leadership skills as well as confidence. I’ve learned how to present myself professionally, manage my time better, and stay focused on reaching my goals. It also helps that I am surrounded by like-minded people who help motivate me to aim higher in everything I do.”



An enthusiastic spokesperson for YMWIC, Jayden tells others who are considering joining, “I would say that YMWIC is more than just some academic program; it’s a community. It opens doors to amazing opportunities, helps you grow as a student and a person, and prepares you for future success. It’s definitely worth being a part of this amazing organization.”

With career plans in mechanical engineering, Jayden says, “I’ve always been interested in how things work, and I would love to be involved in both the building and designing of things that can make a difference.” He is considering several colleges including Penn State University, Drexel University, and Widener University; he is seeking the campus that is the best fit both academically and socially. In his free time, he enjoys reading, taking walks around his neighborhood, and hanging out with friends from school, saying, “It helps me recharge and stay balanced.”

Jayden’s advice to younger YMWIC Scholars is, “Take full advantage of all the resources and support YMWIC offers. Don’t be afraid to get involved with the STEAM activities offered; also, make sure to build relationships with both Scholars and staff. The more you put into the Program, the more you’ll get out of it.”

Great advice, Jayden! We appreciate your enthusiasm about YMWIC and see that you are a true leader.