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Alonzo Taylor **Chester-Upland Chapter**

Alonzo Taylor attends STEM at Showalter where he is in the 12th grade. He joined YMWIC when he was in 10th grade. Alonzo's favorite part about YMWIC is how the Foundation gives him real opportunities to grow through leadership activities, workshops, and events that help prepare him for college and the future: "The biggest impact has been pushing me to improve in school, especially in STEM. The tutoring, workshops, and expectations helped me become more disciplined and focused."

When Alonzo graduates, he would like to be a full-time Programmer/IT worker or a Software Developer/Engineer. Alonzo is still exploring his options, but is interested in schools with strong STEM programs and good support systems, like Penn State University, Temple University, or Drexel University. Alonzo's advice to younger scholars is to go to meetings, be on time, and actually talk: "Ask questions during workshops, answer when they ask for volunteers, and contribute in group work. Adults notice effort more than you think."

For those who don't know about YMWIC, Alonzo says, "it is a good program that could help you with your path to college, trips to college tours, etc." He says it is also a good way to get to know new people. Alonzo has received Distinguished Honor Roll throughout all his years in High School. He also plays Badminton to stay active. Alonzo also enjoys coding, video editing, and graphic design to be more productive and prepare for the future in his free time.

