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Workshops

Workshop 15

At Workshop 15, Scholars participated in a Mentorship Session in which education experts spoke with Scholars about their futures. The mentors explained to Scholars how to prepare for their next academic milestone, using this as a leadership opportunity to share advice and wisdom with younger Scholars on what they wish they knew going into their current grade. They discussed what qualifies as good study habits, how to manage your time, and what the transition into college life is like.



Workshop 16



During this workshop, STEM educators facilitated two activities with our Scholars. Middle and elementary school Scholars learned about clouds; the seven types of clouds; and what they indicate about weather, precipitation, and temperature. These Scholars simulated rain using shaving cream to make clouds in a cup of water and diagrammed cloud types using cotton balls to make the shapes.

High school Scholars identified different powders commonly found in the kitchen. Scholars were given salt, sugar, corn starch, and baking soda to mix with different liquids and measure their reactions. The liquids Scholars used for their experiment trials included water, vinegar, and iodine. Using the observations from their experiment trials of mixing the powders and liquids, Scholars were then asked to identify a mystery powder. By comparing the mystery powder's reaction to their previous observations, Scholars were able to determine if their mystery powder was baking soda or cornstarch. We then discussed how this experiment and trial format could be applied to their science experiments in the fall.

Bonus Workshop 1

On April 28, YMWIC hosted its first of two virtual Bonus Workshops. Bonus Workshops are supplemental to our regular set of 18 Workshops throughout the Program Year, and are an opportunity for Scholars to

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make up a Workshop credit they may have missed toward achieving their LDUs (Leadership Development Units). These Bonus Workshops take place virtually via Zoom to make them more accessible. For Bonus Workshop 1, two representatives from Comparion Insurance Agency gave a presentation to our Scholars and families on how to use insurance to *Establish Generational Wealth*. Scholars learned about what insurance is, why it's used, why it's important, as well as how it can be used to build wealth over time.

Coding at Project Support

Phoenixville Scholars learned the Basics of Coding during Project Support this month. Using a pre-set selection of commands to simulate lines of code, Scholars attempted to guide an avatar out of several different kinds of mazes. Scholars began with only the ability to make the avatar move forward and turn right or left; but as they progressed, Scholars soon integrated commands, e.g., the number of steps the avatar could take and 'if/else' variables.

