



YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN IN CHARGE
FOUNDATION, INC.

Alumni Update

Zachary Merritt **YMWIC Class of 2016**



How YMWIC Prepared Me for Life After Graduation

Being a member of YMWIC provided me with valuable insights into what to expect from a career in STEM and prepared me for the challenges of college. My senior project at Immaculata University stands out as a pivotal experience, allowing me to develop skills that I directly applied during my freshman year of science classes. YMWIC also taught me the importance of being independent and responsible, particularly with time management.

Life After Graduation

After graduating from YMWIC, I attended the Community College of Philadelphia, where I earned my associate's degree in Engineering. For the past two years and six months, I've been working at PECO as a Distribution System Dispatcher.

Current Career Path

At PECO, I manage the Energy Technicians in the field and coordinate their responses to gas and electric emergencies. This role requires quick decision-making and a deep understanding of the energy distribution system.

Words of Wisdom for Current Scholars

College wasn't the best path for me, and that's okay. If you find that trade school or coding boot camps are a better fit for you, don't be ashamed to pursue them. Keep exploring different avenues to discover your interests within the STEM field. There are many ways to become successful without a college degree!