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YMWIC 2025 Annual College Tour

YMWIC Scholars Visit Colleges in Pennsylvania and Ohio on Annual College Tour

The YMWIC Spring College Tour ventured out on Sunday, April 13, to expose Scholars to potential university options in the Western Pennsylvania and Ohio areas. Forty-four excited high school Scholars from all YMWIC chapters packed the tour bus for a six-day adventure to prospective colleges. While on the tour, the Scholars were given an assignment to write an essay about their thoughts on each day's experience.

Over the course of the tour, Scholars visited Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Saint Vincent College, University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, Ohio State University, and Robert Morris University. At each college, Scholars were welcomed by a committee of representatives and current students who shared a presentation on everything the schools offer. During the Information Sessions, Scholars got answers to their most pressing questions about scholarships, the enrollment process, campus life, and tuition. Each school generously provided the Scholars with all kinds of swag, e.g., drawstring bags, tee-shirts, and stationary they could keep as mementos of their visit.

Scholars then took a tour of each campus and the surrounding area, getting an opportunity to see some of the buildings they may take classes in if they attend these universities! Scholars were also able to see what dorm life at each university will look like and eagerly tried the food at each school's main dining hall. At the end of each jam-packed day, Scholars went back to their hotel to decompress, reflect on the day's events and what they liked about the school they toured, and write their essays.

But it wasn't all work and walking. On the second evening of the Spring College Tour, Scholars got to let loose and have a little fun at a Bowling Night! Mr. Rick Roberts, Founder of YMWIC and a chaperone of the Tour, took the Scholars to Lincoln Lanes Bowling Center and home of Saint Vincent College Bowling. The Scholars had a blast playing a few rounds of bowling to cap off the night.



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Toward the end of the week, as the bus made its way back out of Ohio and across Pennsylvania, the trip took a pit-stop back at University of Pittsburgh. Scholars received an extra special welcome from EXCEL, a campus organization that specializes in supporting Engineering students throughout their college experience with tutoring, advice, and guidance. One of the highlights of the trip took place when Scholars received a special

presentation by EXCEL. Over pizza and beverages, Scholars enjoyed the opportunity to chat with several of the organization's members about college life and the engineering curriculum. Scholars are pictured above with Ms. Moore (bottom row at right in pink jacket) and Pitt EXCEL students.

The last event of the Tour was a formal night out at a restaurant where the Scholars enjoyed fine dining. During the final ride home, Mr. Roberts announced the winners of the Essay Contest and invited the Scholars to talk about which college they enjoyed the most and why. The majority of the Scholars chose the University of Pittsburgh, followed by Ohio State University, Robert Morris, IUP, and Saint Vincent. Their return was welcomed by parents and staff, and all the Scholars thanked Mr. Roberts and the staff for a wonderful experience!



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