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YMWIC 2025 Summer Programs

Coatesville and Upper Darby Upward Bound Summer Program

This summer's Upward Bound Program for Coatesville and Upper Darby High School Scholars took place on the campus of the West Chester University of Pennsylvania (WCU). YMWIC and WCU provided a robust curriculum for our Scholars full of STEM Learning, Life Skills, College Prep, and College Tours. Each week, the Scholars of our High School Summer Program attended a tour at a different College or University. During the first half of the Summer Program, Scholars toured Drexel University, Widener University, and WCU campus. Before each college visit, the Scholars prepared for their upcoming tour by researching the University they would be seeing and developing questions to ask.

Other activities Scholars have participated in during the first half of the Summer Program include:

- Spending a portion of each program day working in the online learning tool Edmentum: Exact Path to keep their Math and ELA skills strong over the summer.
- Learning how to use Microsoft 365 applications SharePoint, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, which they use to complete activities and projects at camp.
- A public speaking workshop with long-time YMWIC industry partner Jimmy White. He taught the Scholars how to do a "60-second pitch" in business and let them practice presenting in front of each other.
- Two representatives from Key Bank ran a workshop for the Scholars on financial literacy and long-term financial planning. The Scholars learned about debt, credit, and savings.
- Scholars also did some career preparation, with a resume workshop and career research project.
- YMWIC Founder and Executive Director Mr. Rick Roberts held a daily seminar on government and how to enact change in your community. Within those sessions, Scholars started working on hypothetical ways to improve the surrounding area they live in.

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Scholars also had the opportunity to participate in some exciting activities outside of the classroom during the Summer Program, including golfing, playing games, and completing STEM challenges. Mr. Roberts taught Scholars about the fundamentals of how to play golf; he then took them on field trips to Golf Zone to apply their skills on the driving range and playing mini-golf.

Program staff and teachers have presented the scholars with several sessions of STEM challenges. Scholars have been challenged to build strong, tall structures using their knowledge of engineering with only toothpicks and marshmallows or paper and tape as building materials. Scholars also had fun with team building games and activities that fostered stronger communication skills among their peers.

We are proud to witness our Scholars grow and develop academically, socially, and emotionally as they have fun acquiring employer-demanded lifelong skills of collaboration, critical thinking, problem solving, leadership, character, communication, and adaptability.