



Volunteer/Family Member Spotlight

Ruth Montes-Ocampo **Phoenixville Chapter**

Ruth Montes-Ocampo and her brother Vincente Montes have been members of the YMWIC Coatesville chapter since 2019. She says, "We decided to join YMWIC, because it gave students of color the opportunity to reach their goals and make them feel that they do matter." She likes the way Mr. Roberts and others take time out to help students succeed academically. She adds, "They also help students prepare to be successful in college and show them that they can get accepted into the school of their dreams, and/or to the school they would like to attend. I like how they give Scholars the tools necessary to succeed and offer internships in career areas based on their college major."



Ruth says that her brother most enjoys the Robotics Club at YMWIC. He likes building and programming robots. She has noticed changes in her brother Vincente since he joined including how he makes his education more important and how he enjoys the opportunities and resources YMWIC offers. She enjoys seeing how excited he is after he visits colleges with the Foundation.

To families that are considering YMWIC, Ruth says, "Don't let your child miss out on great opportunities, meet and mingle with like-minded students, and be mentored by professionals in careers of interest. I would also like to say I wish that someone took an interest in my education when I was in school like these Scholars have. I strongly believe it does take a village for our future generations to get where they need to be and to be well educated so that they do not miss out on great opportunities. YMWIC is a team you definitely do not want to miss out on!"

We would like to thank Ruth for volunteering her time and services to translate from English to Spanish for our families at workshops.