## Scholar Spotlight

## Ruth Abigail Montes Coatesville Chapter

Ruth Abigail Montes (Abbie) is the featured Scholar in our Coatesville Chapter this month. Abbie, a junior, attends Coatesville Area Senior High School. She joined YMWIC this Program Year and enjoys the activities she participates in during the Wednesday workshops and going to YMWIC Headquarters on Saturdays for Robotics and SAT



Prep. She says the greatest impact the Foundation has had on her was while preparing for her Annual Science Expo Presentation, saying, "Everyone was so encouraging, and I saw the love (projected by volunteers and YMWIC Staff) and could feel that everyone just wants the best for us Scholars!"

Abbie would like to attend either West Chester University, Elizabethtown College, Susquehanna University, or Temple University and study to become a Physician's Assistant. Her advice to younger and/or new Scholars is, "Keep going. There will be times you will feel tired; but when that happens, just look around and you will see how much effort and time so many people, including your parents, have given to all of the YMWIC Scholars, including you. Take advantage of these opportunities for your future. Don't give up, but push yourself to become a greater person day by day."

Abbie is proud of her many achievements. A consistent Honor Roll student, Abbie won her school's Science Fair in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. In the 4<sup>th</sup> grade, she received an award for cross country competition involving students from 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade, female vs male; winning 7<sup>th</sup> Place. In 9<sup>th</sup> grade, she was honored as Student of the Month at Coatesville Area Senior High School.

Abbie plays the alto saxophone; and, in her free time, enjoys gardening, solving puzzles and riddles, and playing with her pets.

We welcome you to YMWIC, Abbie!