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Scholar Spotlight

Aras Aeon Reid **Coatesville Chapter**

Aras Aeon Reid is an inspiring 11th grade Scholar at Collegium Charter High School in Exton, PA. She joined YMWIC in the 5th grade and has since become a dedicated member of the Foundation. Over the years, Aras has grown into a leader and role model, known for her enthusiasm in recruiting others to YMWIC and speaking passionately about its benefits.



Among the many experiences YMWIC offers, Aras particularly enjoys the high school college tours, summer programs, and community service engagements. However, what stands out most for her is helping others learn about the Foundation. "I love recruiting new members and sharing the benefits of being a YMWIC Scholar," she says.

Aras attributes much of her personal growth to the Foundation. "The biggest impact YMWIC has had on me is in my maturity. Over the years, I've developed a strong work ethic, leadership, and public speaking skills. YMWIC expects me to succeed, and I'm determined to meet that expectation."

After high school, Aras plans to become the CEO of her own business, Beyond Aeon LLC. She hopes to attend an HBCU, with top choices including Hampton, Howard, Spelman, and Savannah State University, where she plans to major in business management, e-marketing, and design.

When asked what advice she would give to younger or new Scholars, Aras emphasizes stepping outside of your comfort zone. "Get involved in school groups and community activities, and make your presence known. Be kind, respect others, and always believe in yourself. Never give up on something you've started — finish the job. And remember, 'mediocrity ends here.'"

For those unfamiliar with YMWIC, Aras encourages them to get involved as soon as possible. "If you want to be successful after high school, join YMWIC long before your senior year. Whether you're aiming for college, trade school, or entering the workforce, the Foundation will help you reach your goals, but only if you're willing to put in the effort."

In addition to her academic achievements, Aras is a member of The Mirador del Valle Chapter of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica and has earned recognition in US Government & Politics

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Honors and YMWIC science projects. She is also part of Collegium's varsity cross-country team, plays the drums in the school band, and performs with the Omo Kulu Mele African Dance and Drum ensemble in Philadelphia.

Outside of school, Aras enjoys making jewelry, traveling, singing, working out, spending time with friends, and growing her business, Beyond Aeon. With her drive, passion, and commitment to success, Aras exemplifies what it means to be a YMWIC Scholar, and we are excited to see where her journey takes her.