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YMWIC Science Expo

Scholars Shine at the YMWIC 14th Annual Science Expo & Scholar Presentations



On Saturday, February 15, 2025, YMWIC held our 14th Annual Science Expo & Scholar Presentations. Scholars from all nine chapters throughout the region came together on West Chester University of Pennsylvania's campus to present their Science Projects. Having started their projects in September 2024, Scholars have been eagerly awaiting this moment to describe the process and present their data and results to the judges for the chance to win first, second, or third place in their Scholar group.

For their projects, Scholars were tasked to complete background research, conduct an experiment, write a lab report based on their findings, and create a display board and PowerPoint slide show to present at the Expo. Scholars worked tirelessly over the last five months to produce really exciting presentations; it was remarkable watching it all come together.

After getting a few pictures of the Scholars in their formal YMWIC uniforms, the Scholars located their assigned rooms in West Chester University of PA's Main Hall where they presented their Science Projects to a judge and their peers. Once each Scholar presented, the groups took their display boards across campus to the Student Recreation Center where the Gallery Walk was set up. In the Gallery Walk, Scholars set up their display boards for parents, staff, volunteers, partners, and community members to see the amazing work they completed.

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We finished our day after lunch by convening in the Asplundh Concert Hall for the awards ceremony. Before the announcements began, the YMWIC Choir performed several songs they've been practicing for the occasion, which was a delight. Scholars and families then listened to Mr. Rick Roberts, YMWIC Foundation President, as he talked about the day and called out the names of our winning Scholar presentations from the Future Stars (Grades 3-4), Plutos (Grades 5-6), Neptunes (Grades 7-8), Jupiters (Grades 9-10), and Saturns (Grades 11-12). Seniors in Grade 12 had more challenging criteria and judged accordingly. Each winning Scholar had the honor of summarizing their Science Project in front of the audience allowing all Scholars to learn and have a deeper understanding of what is required to earn a winning project.

We would like to thank our parents, volunteers, community members, and YMWIC partners who came out to participate in and assist with the 14th Annual Science Expo. Their efforts were invaluable to bringing this Expo to fruition.

A big thank you to our Scholars and their commitment to excellence. Congratulations to the following Scholars for winning first, second, or third place in their scholar group:

Future Stars (3rd & 4th grade):

1st Place – **Victoria Rodriguez**, West Chester Chapter

2nd Place – **Paloma Rodriguez**, West Chester Chapter

3rd Place – **Londyn Chambers**, Norristown Eisenhower Chapter

Pluto Scholars (5th & 6th grade):

1st Place – **Arianna Kelsey**, Norristown Blockson Chapter

2nd Place – **Peyton Palmer**, West Chester Chapter

3rd Place – **Elijah Ryans**, West Chester Chapter

Neptune Scholars (7th & 8th grade):

1st Place – **Jaden Coleman**, Upper Darby Chapter

2nd Place – **Milina Dixon**, Coatesville Chapter

3rd Place – **Layla Manley**, MLK High School Philadelphia Chapter

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High School Scholars (9th, 10th, & 11th grade):

1st Place – **Symone Howard & Spencer Palmer**, West Chester Chapter

2nd Place – **Keriece Kelly & Gabrielle Godbolt**, MLK High School Philadelphia Chapter

3rd Place – **Romario Ivey & Jared Ware**, MLK High School Philadelphia Chapter

Seniors (12th grade):

1st Place – **Salimata Sore**, Upper Darby Chapter

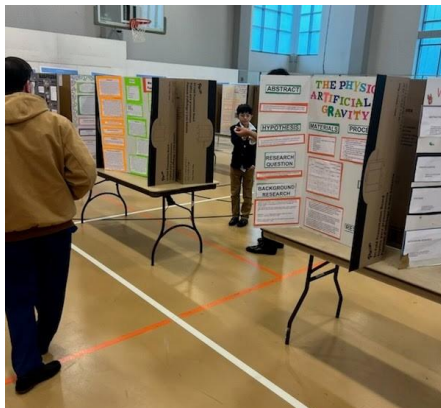
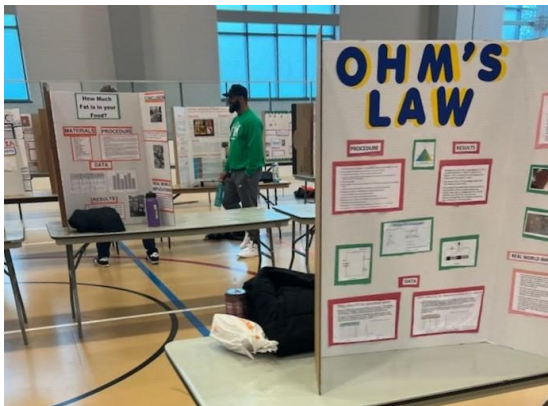
2nd Place – **Angel Aguilar-Fernandez**, Furness High School Philadelphia Chapter

3rd Place – **Sunshine Sophey**, Furness High School Philadelphia Chapter

We are so proud of your accomplishments this Science Project season, and we can't wait to see how you excel next year. Great work, Scholars!



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