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Upward Bound Summer Program

Upward Bound Scholars from Coatesville and Upper Darby wrapped up a fantastic summer full of enjoyable and engaging learning experiences. A “village” of volunteers and supporters made the Upward Bound Program possible. Listed are some of the Volunteers and the activities they facilitated while bringing exceptional value to the program:

- Retired Engineer Volunteers, Lloyd Brown and Bill Allaire, donated their time to lead Scholars in Building Underwater Robots which were then tested in YMWIC Partner WCUPA’s swimming pool.
- Partners from the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union presented a workshop in Financial Literacy, leading them in an interactive version of the Game of Life.
- Instructor Master Fox, Owner of Lupo Taekwondo, provided our Scholars with valuable insight on mental toughness careers and taught them about self-defense.
- Dr. Zebulun Davenport, Vice President for University Advancement and External Affairs at West Chester University of PA, provided very inspiring words to our Scholars and led a discussion about believing in themselves and following their dreams.
- A collaboration between two of our Partners provided lunch and snacks to Upward Bound Scholars. We thank Jennifer Gale and Lisa Morris of Two Fish and Five Loaves Community Café, who prepared and cooked healthy lunches daily. The food was provided by the West Chester Food Cupboard, which is located in the Melton Center in West Chester, PA.



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- Thanks to the wonderful support of Dr. John Baker and the West Chester University of Pennsylvania Art Department for leading Scholars in an intriguing art project.
- Of course, Scholars got the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of golf with the support of Steve DiMarco of Penn Oaks Golf Club and Partners at the Golf Zone Family Fun Center. Scholars had a great time practicing their swings and learning the game!



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Following are some additional experiences Scholars had this summer:

- Scholars learned about Marketing and how organizations are positioned within the marketplace. They learned about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) and how valuable it is not only in the workplace but also in our communities.
- Scholars learned how to use the Microsoft Office applications Excel, Word, and PowerPoint; and each Scholar received their own account to use for their Program RFP (Request for Proposal) presentations.
- Scholars improved their Mathematics and their English Language Arts (ELA) skills by completing daily assignments targeting areas where improvement was needed. They received a diagnostic assessment during Week 1 to indicate those weak areas. During Weeks 2 - 5, Scholars improved by completing instructional material to strengthen weak areas. In Week 6, Scholars completed a post-assessment showing gains made during the Program. The Math and ELA activities will continue throughout the school year ensuring consistent improvement.
- Scholars attended weekly College Tours which included visits to Temple University, Lincoln University, La Salle University, Saint Joseph's University and, of course, West Chester University of Pennsylvania. After the La Salle tour, Scholars were treated to a trip to the movies to enjoy *Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse*.



The last two weeks of camp focused on Scholars working on their mock Requests for Proposal (RFP) presentations, and the Capstone of the Program included Partners from TEVA, AGI, Ansys, Pennoni, and PMI-DV, who participated as a mock organization representing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). A real-life scenario project was created for our Scholars. Scholars were trained to become Consultants and bid on this very important project for the EPA. They arrived at our end-of-the-Summer Program Banquet at Penn Oaks Golf Club and came together as four Independent groups. They presented their Competitive Proposals through their PowerPoint presentations to the YMWIC Partners, their families and friends, and Summer Staff. In the process, they learned valuable and transferable skills that will serve them well personally and professionally. The evening was capped off with a delicious buffet dinner.



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We are so happy to have provided these transformative opportunities for our Scholars and look forward to next year's program. This summer's program provided our Scholars with enriching activities and memorable experiences. Special thanks to the **West Chester University of Pennsylvania (WCU) Center for STEM Inclusion** for sponsoring and hosting our 2023 Upward Bound Summer Program, which took place on their campus.

