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YMWIC 2026 Summer Program

This year, YMWIC's 2026 Summer Program took place on the campus of the West Chester University of Pennsylvania (WCU). YMWIC and WCU provided a robust curriculum for our Scholars full of STEM Learning, Life Skills, College Prep, and College Tours.



For these six weeks, Scholars worked building critical life skills, exploring their futures, and strengthening their leadership potential through a dynamic and enriching Summer Program. Throughout July, Scholars participated in a wide variety of activities designed to prepare them for college, careers, and community impact. Highlights include college tours to Widener University, Temple University, Arcadia University, La Salle University, Neumann University, and Delaware Community College, where Scholars had the opportunity to explore campus life, learn about admissions, and envision themselves pursuing higher education.





Career Readiness

In preparation for career readiness, Scholars visited industry partners at La France Corporation, ifm effector, and the New Bolton Center. Scholars also took part in resume writing workshops and mock interviews led by our volunteer corporate partners, giving them a chance to practice professionalism and build confidence.

Other activities Scholars have participated in during the first half of the Summer Program include the following:

- Working in the online learning tool Edmentum: Exact Path to keep their math and ELA skills strong over the summer.
- Learning how to use Microsoft 365 applications like SharePoint, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, which they utilized to complete activities and projects at camp.
- Participating in a public speaking workshop with long-time YMWIC industry partner Jimmy White, who demonstrated the “60-second pitch” and instructed them as they practiced presenting in front of each other



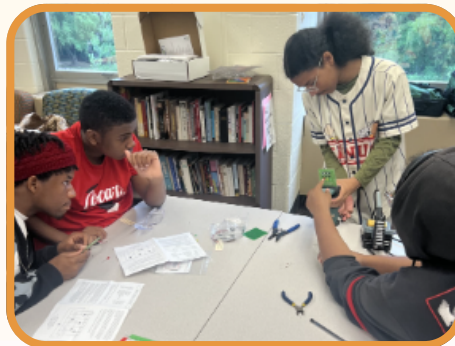
Other Activities



Scholars also had the opportunity to participate in some exciting activities outside of the classroom, including golfing, playing games, and completing STEM challenges. Mr. Roberts taught Scholars about the fundamentals of how to play golf; he then took them on field trips to Golf Zone to apply their skills on the driving range.

The primary focus during the Summer Program was hands-on STEM and team-building challenges, where students collaborated to solve problems, build creative structures, and develop their critical thinking and communication skills.

Program staff and teachers challenged Scholars to build a submersible robotics project, which was then worked into a mock proposal for the U.S. Navy Department of Defense (acted out by our lovely volunteers). Scholars created proposals outlining the engineering and materials of their product, along with timelines for construction, and they tackled real-world financial literacy skills through creating a budget. These projects were presented at our End-of-Summer Banquet held at Penn Oaks Golf Club in West Chester, PA. The teams were judged on their proposals, and the winning team won bragging rights and a parting gift.





YMWIC is proud to witness our Scholars grow and develop academically, socially, and emotionally as they have fun acquiring useful skills of collaboration, critical thinking, problem solving, leadership, character, communication, and adaptability. The Summer Program has not only prepared our Scholars with tools for success but has also empowered them to envision a bright future and take meaningful steps toward it. We are incredibly proud of their growth, curiosity, and leadership throughout this transformative summer.