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Alumni Update

As a departure from the norm, this year's YMWIC Scholarship & Awards Banquet honored one of our own Alumni, Dulce Juarez Barrera, a first-generation Cum Laude college graduate, as our Keynote Speaker. Dulce graciously accepted our invitation and had an inspiring and encouraging message for current YMWIC Scholars.

Dulce, born in Mexico and raised in West Chester, PA, graduated from West Chester East High School and TCHS B (Technical College High School Brandywine) in 2020 where she was very involved in academic clubs, honors society, and community organizations like YMWIC. She says, "I decided to become a member of YMWIC because I wanted to be able to get out of my comfort zone, become self-aware, develop a growth mindset, and enhance personal skills to make me more comfortable and confident in any setting. Most importantly, I was eager to learn about and engage in STEM-related activities." She adds, "In addition to what I learned in school, YMWIC staff, activities and workshops helped me develop many of the necessary tools that prepared me for success in college. These soft skills included critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration or team-building, effective communication, adaptability, and leadership."



Dulce graduated cum laude from West Chester University of Pennsylvania in only 3.5 years with a Bachelor's degree in Business Management. She's now a full-time Preferred Service Analyst at SEI Investments (a global provider of investment processing, investment management, and investment operations solutions) providing account and operational management to clients within the advisor network. She says, "Although my career is just beginning, I have acquired many of the valuable tools needed to keep succeeding, growing, and making my family and the YMWIC organization proud."

At the end of her speech, Dulce made sure that she thanked her Parents and YMWIC Sponsors, Donors, Volunteers, and YMWIC staff. We are extremely proud of her as she is a shining example of how YMWIC can help all of our Scholars succeed.