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YMWIC Special Interest Group



The YMWIC **MouthCounts** team, administered by Coach Wanda Allaire and Jean Caputo, is for middle school scholars interested in competing and mathematics. These Scholars learn math concepts and teamwork. Coach Wanda Allaire is preparing these Scholars for the NSBE competition planned for March in Baltimore, Maryland. Coach Jean Caputo works with the high school team. They are also planning to participate in the NSBE competition in Baltimore.

The YMWIC **Civics and Debate** club provides education on the basics of formal debate and civics.

Scholars are learning the fundamentals of the three branches of government and understanding the fundamental rights and duties of citizenship. Scholars select current issues and provide an artful, constructive debate. In addition, YMWIC hosts monthly keynote speakers. Recently, Representative Gina Curry provided the Scholars with insight into her role and her plans for continued support of our community. In a previous session, Government and Community Leader, Donnell Sheppard administered a life skills simulation exercise. The Scholars learned the value of empathy and hard work.



The YMWIC **Art Club** provides our Scholars the opportunity to cultivate their creative and artistic side in a fun and enjoyable environment. Our Scholars enjoyed painting ceramic statues together at a recent SIG Art event!

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We appreciate the dedication and hard work from our partner, The Chester County Art Association (CCAA). We are in our third year partnering with CCAA providing our Scholars with a wealth of experience during the program year and during our summer High School Upward Bound program.



YMWIC is excited to partner with the Philadelphia Electric Company (PECO), an Exelon Corporation for the second annual **PECO GROW Academy** program with a focus on exposing our Scholars to the Energy and Utilities industry.

The team also immerses our Scholars in hands-on essential skills topics, and opportunities to meet Energy and Utilities professionals from PECO. We appreciate the leadership and founder of GROW Academy, Mr. Courtney Allen.

Joined with Mr. Allen, from left to right are Ian Mark, Markea Hamilton, Evins Alexis, Courtney Allen and Sharlene St. John. These are a few of many PECO professionals that volunteer their Saturdays to enrich our scholars.



YMWIC is in our 2nd year hosting **the Chess Club**. This year we are excited to have Mr. Mwita Phelps and Ms. Sumathi Arcott join our Chess leadership Team. Both have extensive chess competition experience at the regional level. Mr. Mwita is a parent from our Coatesville Chapter and Ms. Arcott is a member of the PM-DV Chapter of Project Management Institute (PMI).



Other SIGs going on at YMWIC are Robotics club, Jazz Ensemble and our Choir. If you have an interest in participating in the YMWIC SIGs, you must be an active member of YMWIC and in good standing with the YMWIC commitment requirements.