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Scholar Spotlight

Fatima Afrani **Upper Darby Chapter**

This month, we are thrilled to spotlight the fantastic Fatima Afrani, an 11th grade student at Upper Darby High School and a dedicated member of the Upper Darby Chapter of YMWIC. Fatima joined YMWIC in the summer before her 10th grade year and has since flourished within the Foundation building awesome connections and honing her skills for future success.



What Fatima enjoys most about YMWIC are the networking opportunities with both staff and fellow Scholars. She credits the Foundation with helping her learn how to achieve her goals and become a well-rounded, contributing member of society. One of the biggest impacts YMWIC has had on her is in the area of professionalism. She reflects on how the Foundation has transformed the way she communicates, making skills like effective conversation and interpersonal interaction second nature, albeit something she hadn't fully realized before joining.

Fatima's career goal is to attend Drexel University and become an architectural engineer, a path she is diligently working toward. When asked for advice she'd give to younger or new Scholars, Fatima emphasizes the importance of balance. "Learn how to say no," she advises. One of her personal challenges has been overcommitting herself, and she encourages others to be mindful of their limits and avoid unnecessary stress by taking on only what they can handle.

For those unfamiliar with YMWIC, Fatima strongly encourages them to research the Foundation. "They truly care about their Scholars and making sure they see their goals through," she notes. Fatima's high school career has been marked by fantastic academic success, including earning a spot on the Distinguished Honor Roll every marking period. Beyond academics, she is actively involved in leadership and extracurricular activities, having served as her class president for three consecutive years.

Additionally, Fatima is the founder of an awesome book club at her school, which will resume this October. In her free time, she enjoys expressing her creativity through art and reading, channeling her love for both into her personal growth and community involvement.

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We are proud to have Fatima as a part of YMWIC, and we look forward to seeing her continue to excel both academically and personally as she works toward her goals.