



2021 YMWIC 16th Annual College & Career Expo



The YMWIC 16th Annual College & Career Expo and Free COVID Vaccination Event took place on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at B. Reed Henderson High School in West Chester, PA. We were so excited to be able to meet in person again this year! Masked Scholars, families from all of our seven chapters, and community members attended. During the morning sessions, they received invaluable information from our dynamic workshop presenters Martina Walls, Justin Menda, Jimmy White, Theresa Gibson, Steven Bistany, Billy Haviland, Susan Lombardi, and Linda Pacewicz about topics relating to preparing for and financing college, exploring careers, staying healthy, and more.

Afterwards, everyone gathered to hear personal accounts from our YMWIC College Alumni Panelists Edith Bradley, Diana Galan-Galan, Zachary Merritt, and Asia Tilghman about their experiences at YMWIC and how we helped them to be prepared for college. They heard about college life, some of the challenges the Alum faced, and how they overcame them. The Alum encouraged the attendees to study hard, have fun while they are in school, and to prepare and apply early for college.



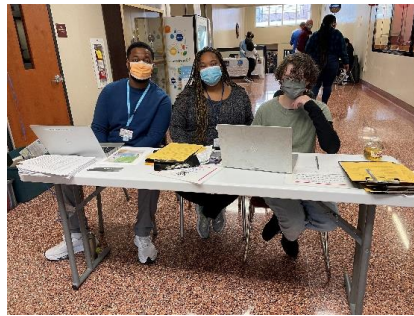
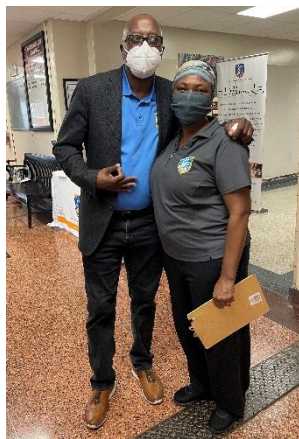
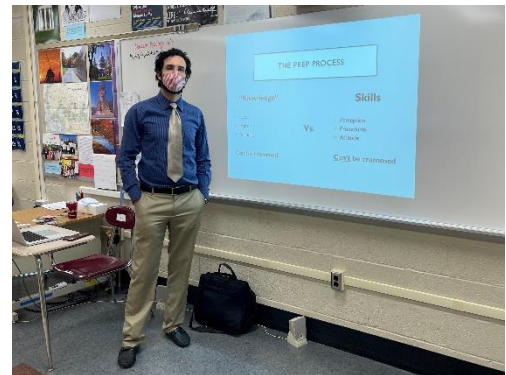
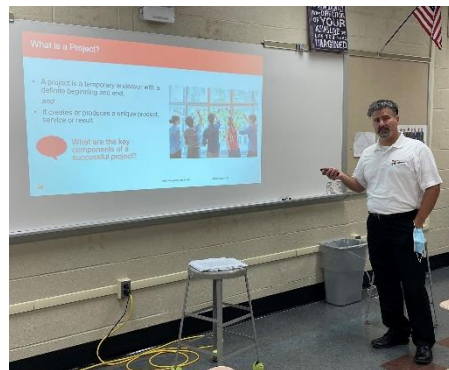
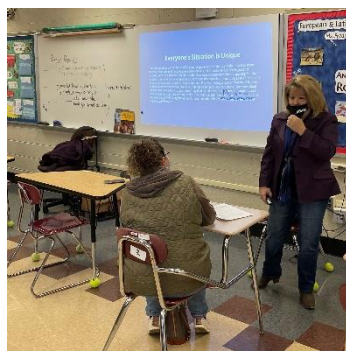
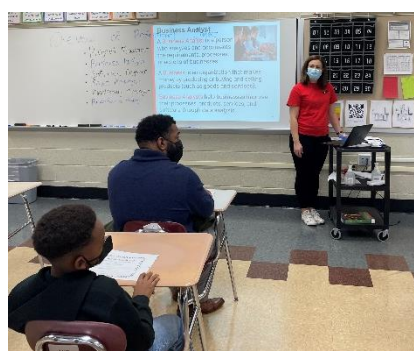
After enjoying lunch, attendees headed to the Expo Hall where representatives from colleges, universities, technical schools and corporate partners eagerly awaited students to distribute information, goodies, advice, even some history lessons and applications! Representatives were present from Chester County Hospital, Penn Medicine, Cheyney University, Cleveland-Cliffs Inc., Delaware County Community College, Drexel University, East Stroudsburg University, Exelon PECO, FAMU (Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University), Franklin & Marshall College, Goldey-Beacom College, Harrisburg University of Science and Technology, ifm Efactor, Inc., Immaculata University, Kutztown University, Lasalle University, Lincoln University, Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA), Spelman College, Teva Pharmaceuticals, Tuskegee University, Ursinus College, Williamson College of the Trades, and Xavier University of Louisiana.

During the Expo, at the opposite end of the corridor, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) representatives staffed a COVID Vaccine Clinic and administered close to 500 vaccinations to children ages 5 and older and adults, including a booster for our own Mr. Roberts! We thank Sophia Collins at CHOP and Marilee Giardiniere from the West Chester Area School District for partnering with us to make this event a great success!

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In addition, we thank parent and Scholar volunteers who took on many roles in organizing and participating in the Expo. We could not have done it without you!

Enjoy several photos taken at the event!



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