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# Scholar Spotlight

## Aras Reid
## Coatesville High School Chapter

Aras is currently in the 12th Grade at the Collegium Charter School in Exton, PA. She has been a member of the YMWIC program for over 7 years since joining in 5th Grade. At Collegium, Aras is a member of Cross-Country Team. She is also involved in many other activities outside of school. Most dear to her heart is the African Dance Troupe that she's apart of called *Omo Kulu Mele*. She's been a part of this dance troop since she was 10 years old, and it has helped her develop a love for the Arts! She is also an active participant in *The Newlin Foundation* located in Coatesville, PA, where she helps mentor fellow students. Additionally, she is active in a local club called *Sistars of View* where she engages with other young girls through community service while helping them find their voices.

After graduating High School, Aras is interested in pursuing a career in Agricultural Education so that she can eventually build her own successful farming business. Her goal is to teach others about healthy eating so that people know how to use food to have better overall health. Already working towards her goals, she was selected to be a Teen Intern at the world renown Longwood Gardens where she's worked in both the Conservatory and the Ornamental Kitchen Garden.

The YMWIC program has impacted Aras positively in many ways. YMWIC has helped her become more comfortable with public speaking in large crowds. It also exposed her to many career paths, some of which she would not have known about. She also credits YMWIC with helping her turn in her college applications and scholarships on time, since she's used to submitting various requirements for the program each week. Some of Aras' favorite moments in the program were the 3 YMWIC College Tours she was able to attend. As a result of these tours, Aras has applied and been accepted to many colleges including; Southern A&M; Delaware State University; University of Maryland Eastern Shore; Tuskegee University; Alabama A&M; Delaware Valley College; and Temple University. With so many great schools to choose from, Aras is still deciding which college she will attend in the fall! One piece of advice Aras has for any new scholars in the program is for them to use the counselors, mentors, and all the adults in their lives to assist them in their journey toward success! **Join us in honoring Aras Reid as February's Coatesville Scholar of the month!**