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Scholar Spotlight

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Adrian Naranjo, a senior at Collegium Charter School, has been making the most of every opportunity since joining the Foundation in 10th grade. Now in 12th grade, he reflects on how YMWIC has opened doors and helped shape his future—especially through a summer internship with PECO, where he gained valuable, hands-on experience in the energy industry.

What stands out most to him about YMWIC is the opportunities to explore careers, build connections, and grow academically and professionally. This has influenced what he plans on studying after graduation. He wants to pursue a career in nuclear sciences, chemistry, or something in a field related to nuclear energy. With colleges like Penn State, West Virginia Tech, the University of Pittsburgh, and Michigan Tech on his radar, he already has a good focus on his path forward.

Academically, he has demonstrated consistent excellence, earning High Honor Roll every year since 4th grade and serving as a Junior Honor Guard when he was in 11th grade. Outside of the classroom, his curiosity drives him—he spends his free time reading research papers and studies, with interests ranging from philosophy and chemistry to astrophysics and global studies.

To younger and new YMWIC Scholars, his advice is simple but powerful: “Cut the path you want to see forward.” And for those unfamiliar with the Foundation, he emphasizes that YMWIC is more than a program—it’s a meaningful learning experience filled with opportunities to grow and succeed.