

The West Chester Alumni Association Provides \$500 Scholarship

West Chester, Pa. December 6, 2017. On Wednesday, December the 6th the brothers of The West Chester Alumni Association, presented two students from the Chester County Chapter of The Young Men and Women In Charge each with a \$250 scholarship.

The scholarship winners, Jaremy Bady and Rya Jones, participated in an essay competition established by The West Chester Alumni Association to reward students who seek to increase their knowledge and understanding of how community service is a powerful tool in promoting community pride, social justice, and achievement and college and workforce readiness in an ever-changing society.

To be eligible to win the scholarships, students were asked to participate in an essay contest held in November during Omega Psi Phi's National Achievement Week. Participants were asked to submit essays describing a community service activity they had participated in at school, church or service group, and to explain their commitment to pursuing an education at a two-year or four-year college or university. Essays were required to be 500 to 1,000 words.

Knowing that America's knowledge capital (the young men and women who discover new technologies, and start science based businesses) is at tremendous risk, and that a decline in education in America's elementary and middle schools are leaving fewer students ready for college, The West Chester Alumni Association wanted to do something to help. Believing that even small gifts and encouragement can go a long way, the chapter reached out to the foundation's local representative.

The Young Men and Women in Charge Foundation Inc.'s mission is to empower and prepare inner city young men & women to excel in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) careers. YMWIC Foundation Inc. students come from Chester County, Montgomery County, West Chester, Coatesville, Phoenixville, Norristown, and Philadelphia County.

Going forward The West Chester Alumni Association is looking forward to holding the essay contest with the Young Men and Women in Charge Foundation annually during Achievement Week. Opportunities also exist to work with the foundation to establish a mentoring program.

Pictured is the WCUAA Basileus/President, Darius Taylor, along with essay winner Rya Jones. Other West Chester Alumni Association members can be seen standing behind them.

