

## News Release

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## **Axalta Supports YMWIC STEM Education Program**

**Axalta offers financial support and mentorship to youth seeking STEM careers**

Glen Mills, PA – June 11, 2015: If you want to help make a difference in the world, consider making a positive impact in a young person’s life through education and encouragement. Axalta Coating Systems, a leading global manufacturer of liquid and powder coatings, believes in doing just that. Its partnership with Young Men and Women in Charge (YMWIC) Foundation Inc., an organization focused on providing opportunities for students who are economically disadvantaged or under-represented within the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields, is helping junior high and high school students prepare for collegiate programs and careers.

Axalta recently hosted YMWIC program participants at its Coatings Technology Center in Wilmington, Delaware where students had an opportunity to job shadow chemists and research associates. Axalta’s Corporate Affairs Head for North America, Lisa Miree-Luke, recently announced Axalta’s support at YMWIC’s scholarship banquet.



“It is truly our pleasure to give back to the communities in which our employees live and work. It is part of our corporate culture,” said Miree-Luke. “YMWIC is making a difference and helping to pave the way for so many young people and the need for students schooled in

STEM disciplines is increasingly important to Axalta and to society. The impact that the organization is making by providing these unique opportunities and experiences is simply brilliant.”

“YMWIC is so grateful to be partnering with Axalta to help enrich the lives of future STEM professionals,” said Richard Roberts III, YMWIC President and CEO. “Axalta and its dedicated employees are providing valuable in-kind support. We also appreciate Axalta's financial contribution that will be used to support the 2015 Girls STEM and Leadership Camp, the 2015 Elementary School Robotics and our scholarship fund. We applaud the efforts and great work of Axalta Coating Systems.”

### **About YMWIC**

YMWIC was founded in 2007 and is designed to support and expose youth to STEM education. Our mission is to empower and prepare economically disadvantaged and historically underrepresented youth to excel and become leaders in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) careers through academic tutoring, mentoring and financial assistance programs accomplished by leveraging alliances with K-12 school districts, universities, corporations, and our committed partners. To learn more visit [ymwicfoundation.org](http://ymwicfoundation.org).

### **About Axalta Coating Systems**

Axalta is a leading global company focused solely on coatings and providing customers with innovative, colorful, beautiful and sustainable solutions. From light OEM vehicles, commercial vehicles and refinish applications to electric motors, buildings and pipelines, our coatings are designed to prevent corrosion, increase productivity and enable the materials we coat to last longer. With more than 145 years of experience in the coatings industry, the 12,000 people of Axalta continue to find ways to serve our more than 120,000 customers in more than 130 countries better every day with the finest coatings, application systems and technology. For more information visit [axaltacoatingsystems.com](http://axaltacoatingsystems.com) and follow us @axalta on Twitter.

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