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## YWCA YORK STUDENTS EMBARK ON COLLEGE TOUR

York, PA, June 11, 2010-On Monday June 14<sup>th</sup>, Mike Smith, Director of Youth at YWCA York will accompany approximately 20 high school students from the Quantum Opportunities Program (QOP) as they travel to Atlanta, Georgia for a 5-day college tour. While in Atlanta, the students will visit various colleges and universities including Clark Atlanta University, Morris Brown College, Spelman College, Morehouse College and Georgia State University.

“The college tour provides students an opportunity to experience what college life has to offer and hopefully motivate them to continue on to higher education after high school,” says Smith.

The QOP program, an after-school program aiming for academic success for students in grades 9-12, empowers students to make a "Quantum Leap" towards the future. Students earn money for continuing education while participating in programs that teach new skills. The program includes tutoring, homework help, and software programs to improve skills and computer labs for school projects. Students are encouraged to stay in school, work hard to graduate high school, and go on to higher education, if desired.

To learn more about QOP, please contact Mike Smith at 717-841-6777; to learn about all YWCA programming, visit the YWCA York online at [www.ywcayork.org](http://www.ywcayork.org).

Founded in 1858 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., the YWCA is a women's membership movement whose mission is to eliminate racism and empower women. Strengthened by diversity, the YWCA draws together members who strive to create opportunities for women's growth, leadership and power to attain a common vision: peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people. The YWCA represents approximately 2 million women, girls and their families in the United States and 25 million women worldwide. The YWCA has more than 300 associations throughout the United States. The World YWCA is at work in more than 100 other countries. For information about the YWCA or local YWCA associations, visit our website, [www.ywca.org](http://www.ywca.org).

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