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YWCA York Heads Off on University Tour

York, PA, February 24, 2010 — YWCA York's Quantum Opportunities Program (QOP), an after-school program aiming for academic success for students in grades 9-12, will take a two-day college tour on Thursday and Friday, February 25-26. About 30-40 QOP students, along with director Mike Smith, will tour Virginia State on Thursday and Virginia Union on Friday. The students will board a bus at 5 a.m. on Thursday at the YWCA building at 320 E. Market Street in York.

"This is a great opportunity to expose students to what college has to offer," said Mike Smith. "It shows them what they have to look forward to when they graduate from high school. We're hoping this trip inspires our kids to continue their hard work."

The QOP program 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.

Contact Mike Smith at 717-841-6777 for more information on the tour and the QOP program.

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.

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