



NEWS RELEASE

Axalta and Stroud Water Research Center Host a Day of Education for Budding STEM Scholars

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GLEN MILLS, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- On Saturday, September 30, 2017, Axalta Coating Systems (NYSE: AXTA) partnered with Stroud Water Research Center to host students from Young Men and Women in Charge (YMWIC) for a day of learning focused on freshwater conservation. The program, which took place at the world-renowned Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania is yet another example of Axalta's commitment to help nurture the next generation of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) leaders.

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Axalta partnered with Stroud Water Research Center to host STEM programming for Young Men and Women in Charge students. (Photo: Axalta)

YMWIC, a foundation that empowers and prepares economically disadvantaged and

historically underrepresented youth to excel and become leaders in STEM careers through academic tutoring, mentoring and financial assistance programs, brought dozens of excited students to the event. During the program, the Stroud Center explained the importance of streamside forests and meadows for stormwater runoff, retention and stream health. Stroud employees examined live freshwater macroinvertebrates as indicators of water health, demonstrated recommendations to improve stream health through riparian plantings, and took students on a hands-on tour around the meadow.

"The Stroud Center is pleased to be able share our science and teach the importance of watershed health at Longwood Gardens," said Dave Arscott, Ph.D., Executive Director of Stroud Water Research Center. "We are so grateful for Axalta's commitment to STEM education and the opportunity to connect with a new partner in the community, Young Men and Women in Charge."

"This is a great opportunity for the YMWIC Scholars to participate in experiments and research on a very important

topic, fresh water,” said Richard Roberts, YMWIC President and CEO. “We thank Axalta Coating Systems and the Stroud team for providing our scholars with this valuable enrichment.”

About Stroud Water Research Center

Since 1967, Stroud™ Water Research Center has been focused on one thing — fresh water. We are dedicated to understanding the ecology of streams, rivers, and their watersheds — both pristine and polluted. To learn more visit **stroudcenter.org**

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