

## Young Man with a Plan Newsletter

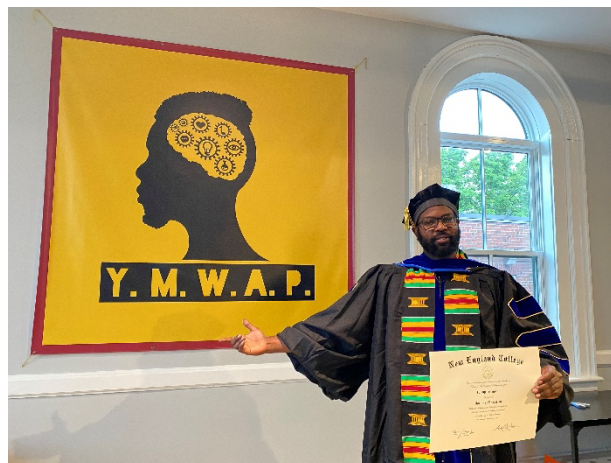
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**Weekly Meetings:** We've resumed weekly meetings in our new space. Our 11<sup>th</sup> graders are happy to reconnect, and we are also welcoming a great new class of 9<sup>th</sup> graders. We are doing a lot of listening and checking in. Our 2020 grads are back from their first year of college and are sharing their experiences and learning. Our young men appreciate a safe and welcoming space after such a challenging year.

**Summer Recovery & Renewal Program:** YMWAP will offer our young men a 6-week program of daily drop-in hours; mentoring, coaching and success planning; space and technology for remote learning; college application/essay help; and fitness support.

**Playing the Stock Market:** During the pandemic, our 11<sup>th</sup> graders watching the rapid rise of Gamestop shares expressed a desire to learn about stocks. YMWAP Assistant Director Des Kennard designed a competition by which each participant had a virtual \$5,000, 5 stocks of their choosing and one month. It was a valuable learning experience, especially since it was a month of market corrections.

**YMWAP Director, Dr. Jaykyri Simpson's research on college persistence highlighted the value of mentoring as described by successful Black male college graduates.**



**Wishing everyone a safe, relaxing, and healthy summer! Jaykyri & Des**