



## **-YMWAP NEWS-**

**November 13, 2019**

**Last Tuesday we had a site visit from the Cummings Foundation. In June they awarded Young Man with a Plan a \$100,000 grant (\$50,000/year for two years). Two representatives spent an hour asking Jaykyri and Des questions, and the visit included the affirming presence and words of Sharon Lisanckie, Boston Prep's mentor Victor, and two students. We felt really good about the visit. Cummings representative Brendan Saunders wrote, *"It was indeed a pleasure speaking with you all about your program and how you have been making a positive impact on these young men's lives. We really appreciate your passion and commitment to them."* Merle Berman said, *"The phrase that was mentioned more than once was "this has been a life-changing experience for me." What can be more persuasive than that!?"***

**Following the site visit we went to Tuesday's Codman meeting. Because of what we were wearing, the discussion led to the topic of SUITS. When and why we wear them, how we feel when we wear them, what occasions dictate what kinds of suits, how to buy them, where to buy them, what colors to buy (blue and black first, and another color if you have a third one); also, a review of different ties and how to tie them. This led to how people view you and the hard work needed to have the funds to buy a nice suit, while progressing financially overall.**

**The main theme of Thursday's session was accountability, how the people who care about you will give you advice and hold you accountable because they want you to be the best person you can, how holding someone accountable is a way respecting them and communicating that you expect them to become excellent.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT  
Questions? Please contact us -- Jaykyri and Des**

### **Upcoming Dates**

**Mentor Brunch: Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Men of Color Career Night: Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

**New Hampshire Trip: March 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**