



-YMWAP NEWS-

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December groups have focused on a few topics:

- **What is the value of higher expectations and of putting in the extra effort to get the “A” when you can easily get the “B”? What impact can learning to work hard in school have on the rest of your life?**
- **Stress levels for seniors over college admissions, early decision applications, fears about life after high school**
- **How jobs and internships that take you out of your comfort zone can be most rewarding and help you better understand careers.**
- **The death of a number of rappers under age 21—the latest of which is Juice WRLD—and the prevalence of drugs in rappers’ lives. This led to young men discussing risks of drug use and feeling empathy for people who are expressing their pain in their music.**
- **The problem with expecting respect while not showing respect in the classroom**

Boston Police Department Connection

After outreach to BPD from Jaykyri, Officer Michael Long from the Boston Police Department came by Thursday’s group to casually meet our students and play video games with them. Officer Long will return to YMWAP to talk about community policing and how to respond to police encounters, law enforcement as a profession, and he also plans to attend Men of Color Career Night with a few colleagues.

Financial Literacy

Isiah Benjamin, certified financial planner, presented a third financial literacy workshop for seniors. They played the Cash Flow game, and discussed college financial aid, grants, scholarships and loans, and the importance of paying back loans in a timely way.

Mentor Brunch: Saturday December 14

Men of Color Career Night: Thursday February 27

NH Brotherhood Weekend: March 20-22

Jaykyri has been accepted into the 2020 cohort of the Lewis Family Foundation’s Strong Leaders program in Boston!

As always, thank you, and **happy holidays Jaykyri and Des
YMWAP will be closed during the holiday break
Groups will resume on January 7th & 9th**