



Young Man with a Plan Newsletter

October 27, 2021



YMWAP meeting attended by Sonni Holland, Sr. VP of the Charles Hayden Foundation

Fall Program: Young men from all 8 of our schools are showing up in big numbers, both at in-school and after-school meetings. We have 6 BGA seniors, our largest representation there thus far. Overall, we are seeing a great hunger for connection, **BELONGING**, and guidance. Returning to school has been stressful for many students, heightened by drama and fighting in some schools. It is not surprising that students are finding it hard to focus, maintain motivation, and plan their futures. We've invited Dawaun Hardy from Bottom Line's College Access program to meet with our young men November 9th to offer encouragement and help for seniors applying to college. Marcia, YMWAP's Development & Program Manager, is also available for college essay help.

Mentor Training: YMWAP has an amazing team of mentors! Fall mentor training will be held over two days in November. We will check in on wellness and review our success planning process, including asking mentors to complete their own success plan for personal and professional growth. We will also discuss strategies for easing back into PUSH mode with our kids.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. Jaykyri and Des