



## Young Man with a Plan Newsletter

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"YMWAP is my second family"

In December Life Science Cares Foundation ([lifesciencecares.org](http://lifesciencecares.org)) awarded YMWAP a \$60,000 grant. We are so honored and look forward to an enriching partnership.



Left: Life Science Cares (LSC) March 30<sup>th</sup> mixer

Right: At LSC mixer Jaykyri Simpson and Des Kennard present on YMWAP's mission and programs

**Life Science Cares:** Life Science Cares (LSC) Boston was founded by a consortium of life sciences executives in 2016 to provide a platform for companies and their employees to make a difference. LSC makes impactful grants to community nonprofits that are implementing research-driven solutions in the areas of survival, education, and economic sustainability and supercharges these grants with volunteer hours, donated goods, strategic support, and advocacy. YMWAP was selected as a 2022 LSC partner.

**What the partnership means for YMWAP:** This partnership delivers a significant funds for our general operations along with an opportunity to gain much more. Greater Boston is a global leader in the life sciences, which includes companies working in biotech, pharmaceuticals, medical technology, and research. Life sciences represent a growing sector and source of employment in the Boston area. We hope to learn more about and introduce our students to opportunities in this exciting and expanding career field. The partnership also involves engaging volunteers with our staff and students. Our first YMWAP-LSC partner activity is a River Street Hyde Park clean-up in late April.

**YMWAP will represent at LSC Annual Impact Breakfast:** Jaykyri has been invited to speak on a panel at the LSC annual Impact Breakfast at The Charles Hotel in Cambridge on May 23. The panel discussion theme will be "What Will it Take? (to end hunger, educate all kids, provide access to opportunity?...)"

### In other news:

Kids are showing up at weekly groups in large numbers to reconnect and commit to success planning.

In May we are heading to N.H. for our brotherhood weekend for the first time in nearly 3 years!

YMWAP received a Shannon Grant from the Boston Police Department recognizing our work in youth development.

**"As a result of being in YMWAP I've learned that I too can be successful if I put the work in. I've also learned that being educated and having a work ethic is not lame; in fact, that is what is cool to me now."**

**- 2020 grad, now in college**