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Young Man with a Plan Update

Weekly Meetings

In December meetings 12th grade students discussed career fields/majors and challenges associated with completing college applications while keeping up with coursework, which for some includes Honors and AP courses. We encouraged them to reach out to their guidance counselors for help.

10th grade students have been listening to music (both current and of past decades) to reflect on the theme of "active listening," and to answer the questions: "What is the message?" Who is the messenger? Which messengers do I listen to?"

Other News

NYC Trip: Jaykyri and Des took a 2-day trip into NYC November 28-29. It started with lunch with Ken and Sonni at the CHF to discuss program goals, results and plans, and then to tour Brotherhood Sister Sol, hosted by organization co-founder Jason Warwin. BHSS owns a building in Harlem, and also works within schools. Over the course of two days we participated in a group leader meeting and attended after-school groups for 10th graders and 12th graders. Some of the young men have attended group together since 7th grade. Ken, Sonni and Jason all had positive and supportive words for YMWAP.

Success Plans: Jaykyri and Des and mentors are reviewing with 12th grade students in group and/or at their schools. Some students are very ready for their next step and others will need some additional support over the next 6 months.

Website is launched—what do you think? Props to Gio Morales at Boston Prep!
www.youngmanwithaplan.org

Coming Up

- NH Wilderness Trip to Rustic Gatherings Lodge in Warren, NH moved to March 23-25 to accommodate more students and mentors. It's a beautiful place and the owners **love** YMWAP <http://www.rusticgatheringslodge.com/about>
- Holiday/Solstice Party for next weeks' groups
- Excel Training to be offered to interested seniors time/place flyer coming
- YMWAP long-sleeved t-shirts are in production, distributed before the holidays
- We continue our work (monthly meetings) with EdVestors consultant Julia Gittleman on evaluation tools and processes
- National COSBOC is in **Boston** this spring