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Young Man with a Plan Weekly Update January 15, 2018

Jaykyri is out this week

I had emergency appendectomy surgery over MLK weekend and is recovering at home. Weekly meetings will be led by Des and mentors. I'll be back Monday morning ready to go.

Austin's Visit

Former YMWAP leader Austin James, along with Des, met up with students in Boston on MLK Day. They attended (free admission) the ICA and then shared lunch and conversation. 15 seniors from 7 Coalition schools attended. Austin is also visiting some students at school Tuesday January 16.

Weekly Meetings

2018's weekly meetings started up last Tuesday and Thursday with great attendance and discussions. We asked students to reflect upon the past year and identify what they want to change, build, or gain going forward and what they want to leave behind. Many students want to leave behind "negative vibes" at school, which led to a discussion about procrastination and the difference between negative vibes and keeping it real in order to help someone to progress.

Coming Up

- Men of Color Career Night will be held Wednesday January 31 from 6-8pm at the New Mission and BCLA complex. Similar to last year this will be an informal dinner, games, and Career Q & A. Transportation will be provided if needed.
- Our February sessions will be on the popular topic of HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS, including an anonymous "ask anything" question jar and a session on dating violence.
- An Intro to Excel training session will be offered to students on the morning of Saturday, February 10. It will be a 2 hour class offered by YMWAP mentor Gio Morales in which we will introduce Excel and its uses and gauge interest in a longer training series. We have a significant number of students who are interested in Business careers.
- NH Wilderness Trip to Rustic Gatherings Lodge in Warren, NH on March 23-25. This is a great venue that will host YMWAP for the third year in a row.

