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Our corporate partners teach key job readiness skills to program participants

BAM BOSTON
Updates from the 2017-2018 School Year
THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Youth Guidance works with corporate partners that are committed to building economic opportunity for communities facing high levels of poverty and unemployment. In addition to support provided by Uber (see next page), the following companies are building youths’ skills and opportunities for the future.

**Exelon** hosted three career readiness sessions for BAM students, helping them identify their skills and gain valuable experience through service learning. Youth also toured Exelon’s ComEd Training Facility in Bridgeport and had opportunities to network with employees representing diverse fields within the company.

**United Airlines** welcomed WOW students to their headquarters in Willis Tower. Students met a panel of female executives who shared their career journeys and how WOW core values guided their personal and professional growth. Students also received an exclusive tour of United’s Network Operation Center, gaining valuable exposure to the operations of the airline.

**William Blair** helped BAM and WOW participants learn key job readiness skills during a visit to their Chicago headquarters. The interactive workshops helped students develop interview skills, build their resume, and ask for references. Students also had an opportunity to conduct an informational interview with employees.

**Episcopal Charities and Community Services** provided career readiness training for BAM and WOW students, helping them prepare for interviews, review their resumes, and present themselves professionally. Students interacted with volunteers representing various industries, including Northern Trust, Accenture, Mayer and Morris Kaplan Family Foundation, and Rocio Telinski & Associates.

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**NEWS FROM BAM BOSTON**

BAM Boston is currently serving 154 young men in 14 BAM circles across four Boston Public Schools. During the winter, Boston Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Tommy Chang and members of his executive cabinet visited a BAM circle at English High School and had the chance to participant in meaningful dialogue. Through a partnership with My Brother’s Keeper Boston, BAM Boston has established a relationship with Mass General Hospital to provide 40 summer job internships for BAM scholars. We look forward to finishing a fantastic first year!
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Youth Guidance would like to thank Uber for committing $1 million to help expand the BAM and WOW programs to eight new schools and serve more than 450 young men and women.

As part of Uber’s ongoing commitment to Youth Guidance, the Uber team also helped support students as they consider life after high school. The Uber Chicago team hosted career development sessions at their offices, brought students to civic leadership events, and partnered with the Chicago Bears to host a career day. And Uber doubled down on their commitment by offering free rides and Uber Eats meals to both mentors and mentees.

“Uber is dedicated to serving every neighborhood of our city, and we believe that by investing in our local communities we can help secure a brighter future for all of Chicago. We are thrilled to support Youth Guidance and look forward to continuing our partnership on their important mission supporting Chicago students,” said Lisa Schrader, Director of Public Affairs at Uber Chicago.
Spring is my favorite time of year at Youth Guidance. As the school year races by, our youth are growing, blossoming and preparing for what’s next. I am so proud that we are now serving about 11,000 students in 107 schools across the city through our dynamic group counseling, youth workforce development, community and afterschool programs.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

At our core, we at Youth Guidance believe that the consistent, enduring presence of a trained caring adult in a young person’s life can be the difference between engaging in school or dropping out, and realizing one’s potential or letting talent go unrealized.

You read in the news, almost every day, about the community violence too many of our youth are witnessing and experiencing. The struggles young people face outside of the classroom can be daunting. But I am happy to share that with your support, we are helping our youth overcome those obstacles. Our trauma-informed counseling programs, family engagement events and afterschool offerings are some of the best in the country and are being replicated and scaled because of their impact.

We are so grateful for support that has enabled us to expand our reach into more communities and additional schools, and to serve thousands of additional young people. And with your help, we can serve even more young people this Fall. Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope to make a gift to Youth Guidance, or visit us online at www.youthguidance.org/donate.

Every gift has the power to change a life! Our work is only possible because of caring people like you who know that every gift empowers a student to reach their potential.

With hope for all of our children,

Michelle Adler Morrison, Chief Executive Officer