MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On behalf of the entire Youth Guidance team, it is with great pleasure that I extend a warm welcome to you as you begin your journey of getting acquainted with Youth Guidance Boston, Becoming a Man (BAM) and Working on Womanhood (WOW).

At Youth Guidance, our mission is to create and implement school-based programs that enable children to overcome obstacles, focus on their education and, ultimately, to succeed in school and in life. In Boston, BAM and WOW are at the heart of this mission. These programs have been designed with a profound commitment to the personal growth, development, and the well-being of our scholars.

BAM and WOW are much more than just educational initiatives; they are a holistic approach to nurturing confident, responsible, and compassionate young people who can contribute positively to their communities. The lessons and values learned through our programs are not just for individual growth but are meant to be shared, creating a ripple effect of positive change in the communities we serve, and the world.

BAM and WOW are evidence-based programs, with rigorous Randomized Control Trials conducted in collaboration with the University of Chicago. These studies show that scholars who participate in BAM and WOW are more engaged and successful in school; are less likely to engage in risky and unhealthy behaviors; gain critical mental health and emotional skills and practices; and develop deep, trusted relationships with their counselors and mentors.

But more than the data, it’s the people who make this work special. As you read more about our work, you will witness firsthand the dedication of our scholars, the passion of our staff, and the unwavering support of our families, Advisory Council, school district leaders, and other partners. The strong bond formed within our Youth Guidance Family fosters an environment of belonging, where everyone feels valued and empowered to reach their fullest potential.

Your partnership and support are invaluable to us. We look forward to collaborating with you to create lasting change and to provide even greater opportunities for the young minds we serve. Together, we can make a profound difference in the lives of our scholars and contribute to a brighter Boston for our community and beyond.

If you have any questions or wish to explore collaboration opportunities further, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Thank you for joining us on this meaningful mission.

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