




### WE MEET YOUTH WHERE THEY ARE


The Becoming A Man (BAM) program empowers young men to develop the social and emotional skills needed to thrive.

**DURING THE 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR, BAM SERVED 7500 BOYS AND YOUNG MEN ACROSS 127 SCHOOLS IN CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WAUKEGAN, WEST CHICAGO AND SOUTH SUBURBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS.**

 **96%** of students report that BAM has helped them identify ways to improve their performance in school

 **93%** of students had fewer suspensions after enrolling in BAM

 **96%** of students felt like BAM helped them make better decisions

 **90%** of students believe BAM will help them graduate

**“ALL OF THE CORE VALUES BECAME LITTLE PIECES OF MY CHARACTER. BAM BECAME A SAFE PLACE WHERE I COULD TALK FREELY AND LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A REAL MAN.”**

—BAM SCHOLAR




### SCHOLAR STORY


I've been in BAM for three years now. My life over the last six months has been nothing short of up in the air, because of the pandemic, but with BAM it's way easier for me and my family. My counselor checked in very often and always made sure my family and I were ok. Even with us in this pandemic, they still were here as if nothing had happened. The hardest challenge that I face, but have begun to overcome slowly, is being vulnerable in front of others. I often times struggle taking a deep dive and talking about the things going on in my life, but BAM has made it so I don't feel like I have to carry this burden alone and keep quiet. I can tell others now, that I feel safe and trust them. Instead of feeling like this is a sign of weakness, I've begun to realize this is more a sign of strength and that I am in touch with my feelings.


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