

The Becoming A Man Fellowship Initiative (BAM-FI) program empowers young men of color with the tools and confidence needed for personal, academic, and career success.

Youth Guidance and JPMorgan Chase have combined their signature programs, Becoming A Man and The Fellowship Initiative, to deliver a counseling, mentoring, and postsecondary readiness program that empowers young men of color with the tools and confidence they need for personal, academic, and career success.

The joint program, branded as The Becoming A Man Fellowship Initiative (The BAM-FI), supports District of Columbia Public School (DCPS) students starting from 9th grade to 12th grade.

WHY BAM-FI WORKS



IT'S AN EVIDENCED-BASED PROGRAM

that is backed up by a Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT) conducted by the University of Chicago's Urban Labs.



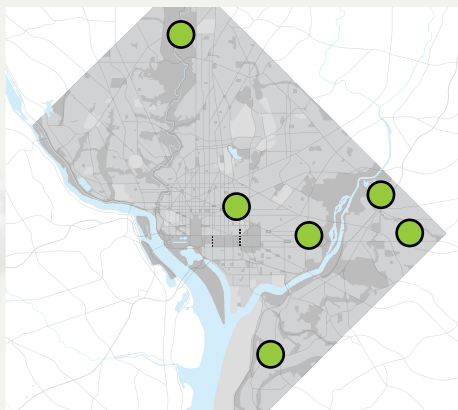
IT INTEGRATES CLINICAL THEORY AND PRACTICE

men's rites of passage work, and a dynamic approach to youth engagement.



IT DELIVERS ON OUR MISSION

of "meeting students where they are," by providing ongoing basic, social-emotional, mental health and post-secondary education supports to our students



BAM-FI IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

The BAM-FI program launched in March 2022, serving ninth grade students across four DC high schools. BAM-FI is now serving students at Ballou High School, Dunbar High School, Eastern High School, H.D. Woodson High School, Ron Brown College Preparatory High School, and Roosevelt High School.

HOW BAM-FI WORKS

- ▶ Delivered via weekly 60-90 minute group counseling sessions in "Circles" of 10-14 students during the school day.
- ▶ Circles are led by BAM Youth Specialists, who are college-educated and Youth Guidance staff, and who are accessible to students for individual sessions to ensure that all students' needs are met.
- ▶ BAM-FI Program Specialists are embedded in the school focused on facilitating postsecondary preparation workshops, assisting students with goal-setting for life beyond high school graduation.
- ▶ Students meet on 2 Saturday sessions monthly during the academic year to supplement the in-school postsecondary planning and civic leadership & development.
- ▶ Students participate in a 6-week summer workshop that covers College and Career Readiness, Academic Supports, Leadership Development and Community Service.

BAM-FI PARTICIPANT SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

- **MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING**
Workshops focused on key developmental tasks and challenges facing adolescents, providing practical knowledge and tools that adults can employ to support their child's development.
- **ACADEMIC SUPPORT**
Co-curricular instruction in core academic subjects (math, science, English), as well as individual tutoring through community partners. ACT/SAT test preparation is also provided.
- **POSTSECONDARY PLANNING**
College and career exposure workshops and career planning, exploration and readiness activities.
- **CIVIC LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT**
Experiences that build knowledge and understanding of current social, political, and cultural issues that empower the participants to self-advocate and engage in local and national discourse.
- **SUMMER INTERNSHIPS & JOBS**
Connect students to summer job and internships.

	FRESHMAN	SOPHOMORE	JUNIOR	SENIOR
School-based counseling	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mental health support	✓	✓	✓	✓
Academic support	✓	✓	✓	✓
College tours & career exposure activities	✓	✓	✓	✓
Civic leadership & development		✓	✓	✓
Career mentoring		✓	✓	✓
Summer jobs & internships			✓	✓

BAM-FI CORE VALUES

At the foundation of the BAM-FI experience is the BAM® curriculum. The curriculum is organized around six core values, which are explicitly aligned with academic-based social-emotional learning standards that include self-awareness, self-management, social-awareness, and responsible decision making.

- **INTEGRITY**
Students learn that a man is someone who is reliable, honest, and in touch with his virtues.
- **ACCOUNTABILITY**
Students learn that they should be responsible for the choices they make and take ownership for their feelings, thoughts and behaviors.
- **SELF-DETERMINATION**
Students learn the importance of focus and perseverance in reaching one's goals and learn to deal with self-defeating feelings, thoughts and behaviors.
- **POSITIVE ANGER EXPRESSION**
Students learn anger management, coping skills and effective techniques to express anger.
- **RESPECT FOR WOMANHOOD**
Students are challenged to take a critical look at the values and actions that represent positive experiences and appreciation for women.
- **VISIONARY GOAL-SETTING**
Students learn to envision their futures and make clear connections between current behaviors, attitudes, values and visions.



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