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YMI Career Day Launches Young Men for Success



Philadelphia Futures hosted its second annual Young Men's Initiative (YMI) Career Day on April 1 for 30 select young men participating in its Sponsor-A-Scholar and College Connection Programs. Career Day provided the students with the opportunity to meet Philadelphia business executives and learn about various career fields and professional environments. Preparation for Career Day began weeks ago when the young men learned about the importance of professional attire and making positive first impressions as they enter college and careers.

Through the generosity of the organization's funders, each young man had the opportunity to put what he learned into practice by shopping for business attire at Jos. A. Bank (*see photos*). Every scholar was measured by a tailor, learned how to select appropriate clothing and assembled an outfit for Career Day. Underclassmen were fitted with slacks, a dress shirt, tie and belt. Seniors also received a blazer.

To view more photos from YMI Career Day, visit <http://tiny.cc/careerday> and enter password **ymiatwork**



SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, MAY 15

4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

YMI PASSING OF THE TORCH
CEREMONY



YMI will host its annual closing program ceremony, and you're invited! This event is a very special occasion where we will celebrate the accomplishments of each other and toast to the YMI brotherhood. There will also be special announcements and recognitions that you do not want to miss!

RSVP by e-mailing Jessica Dunbar at Jessicadunbar@philadelphiafutures.org by May 5.

YMI Prominence Bookshelf
Now featuring
April favorites!



<http://tiny.cc/YMIreads>

MAN OF THE MONTH

Julius Wibisono—

Roman Catholic High School, Class of 2016

"True Success comes when we care for others around us and embody the generosity, positivity and kindness of commendable character in everything we do," said Julius Wibisono during his inspiring speech at the White-Williams Scholars Convocation on March 25. To no one's surprise, Julius' genuine, humble and enthusiastic approach to learning and friendships alike has earned him this month's recognition as YMI Man of the Month.

Julius, a College Connection junior and one of the 2015 recipients of the Commitment to Success Awards presented at our Annual Conference, engages with Philadelphia Futures in myriad ways, from seeking mentorship with staff persons to participating in Speech and Drama club where he enjoys playing roles that require humor and good nature. Julius aspires to create a profession for himself in business and law, and spends his free time writing, reading and readily exploring new book genres. His dependability, maturity and commitment to academic achievement have allowed him to thrive at Philadelphia Futures and Roman Catholic High School. Congratulations, Julius! Best of luck to you in your journey to and through college!



Upcoming Events

- **April 17:** YMI Roundtable
- **April 18:** Real Men Study
- **April 27:** Leadership Council Nominations due
- **May 1:** YMI Roundtable
- **May 2:** YMI Real Men Study
- **May 15:** YMI Passing of the Torch Ceremony

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YMI LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR NEW 2015-2016 LEADERS

Does a fellow YMI scholar come to mind when you think of leadership? Nominate a peer for 2015-2016 YMI Leadership Council. Visit <http://tiny.cc/YMIleadership> to nominate before April 24th!



**“Excellence is never an accident.
It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort,
and intelligent execution;
it represents the wise choice of many alternatives –
choice, not chance, determines MY destiny.”**

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YMI Expectations: The students who represent the Young Men's Initiative have the responsibility to strive for excellence, both academically and personally, in the face of adversity. These students will be young men of vision, ambition and good character. They will carry themselves in a manner that represents to all around them that they are ready to take their place in the world.



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