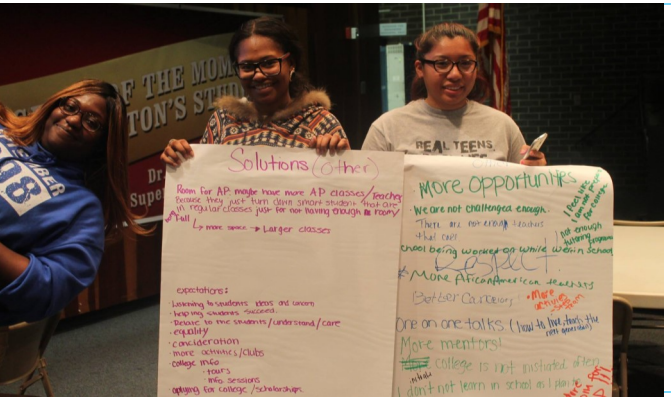
"I have spent my summer surrounded by people that have educated me in ways that I would have never imagined." - Hawwa



"Being a youth advocate makes me feel like I'm actually making a difference in Newark."

- Vivian

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YMS students use the power of the media to advocate and organize around educational issues affecting all students attending Newark Public Schools. **Their advocacy has led to many successful initiatives, such as the YMS College Success Centers, Statewide Youth Listening Tour, and the Between the Bricks video series.**

YMS has a paid summer program and an after-school program on Mondays & Wednesdays throughout the year. You can join any of the three committees below!

Media Committee

YMS uses the media as a tool for social change, to get our message to the masses. The media committee plans and leads all of the YMS media projects. We are the crux of the organization. We write scripts, film & edit videos. We also create flyers & posters for the YMS social networks. If you have a creative side this is the committee for you!

Communications Committee

The communications committee is essential to YMS as we work to improve schools in Newark for students. We manage and keep up the YMS social media accounts. We decide how the world sees YMS. We display the work of the other two committees. If you are technologically savvy then this is the committee for you!

Organizing Committee

Change requires ACTION and your VOICE. We lead the movement for social change. We decide the direction of our yearly campaigns, for the other committees to follow. If you want a future in public speaking or community organizing, then this is the committee for you!