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“My reason for being in YABC is because I wanted a second chance to finally stand here today and receive my diploma. I was at a point in my life where I felt I was about to drop out of high school. Then the offer to enroll in YABC just happened to come my way. Honestly I can stand here and say it was the best decision that I could have ever made for myself and my future. YABC is truly the best program that I’ve ever been in.”

- Shameeda Chintamani
June 2008 Graduate
John Adams YABC

“We launched Learning to Work because tens of thousands of predominantly poor, black, and Hispanic students were dropping out of City schools every year, and traditional forms of outreach and intervention were failing to reach them. Learning to Work makes school more relevant for struggling students by supplementing academic instruction with paid internships and career counseling. Today, Learning to Work is recognized as a national model for helping at-risk students to get back on track.”

- Chancellor Joel I. Klein
Mayor’s Press Release, January 14, 2008