My business career changed the trajectory of my life. Many people took a chance on me, taught me the rules to operate in a corporate environment, and offered me the opportunities to do fulfilling and challenging work. Year Up’s rigorous program provides the same opportunity for motivated young adults who want to know the liberation and satisfaction a meaningful career can provide. I am honored to be a part of it.
Darnell Barnes, a Year Up Chicago 2015 alumnus, is lifting while he climbs. Darnell joined the Opportunity Society in 2019 and shares, "I come from a humble upbringing and found Year Up’s resources exceptionally helpful in propelling my career. I intend to support the mission of improving our communities while we continue to grow. To know that I’m actively contributing to closing the Opportunity Divide through my contributions is humbling."
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My wife and I believe every individual deserves the right to a fair shot at achieving their life goals. Unfortunately, there are many barriers faced by segments of our society that make this difficult. **Year Up is very successful at helping so many individuals overcome one of those barriers, the Opportunity Divide.**