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Local students join Mayor's Youth Council

West Roxbury and Roslindale have four new members of the Mayor's Youth Council. Eleni Saridis, Deja Walker, Meghan O'Donnell and Denalee DeRosa have been accepted to the council for the 2005-2006 year.

Eleni Saridis attends West Roxbury High School, where she is in the College Bound Program, National Honor Society and is a Boston School Advisory Council-BSAC Member. She is a peer leader and plays on the basketball, volleyball and outdoor track teams. She is also Vice President of her Church Youth Group.

Deja Walker also attends West Roxbury High, and is a member of the West Roxbury swim team, the School Committee and has been working at an all girls Radio station, Radio Girls 540 AM.

Meghan O'Donnell, who attends Boston Latin School, is a referee and lifeguard at the West Roxbury Community Center. She delivers Thanksgiving meals to elderly with ETHOS and is a member of Key Club, the Irish Historical Society and the varsity basketball and cross-country teams at Boston Latin School.

Denalee DeRosa attends Boston Latin Academy and is the Junior Class Vice President, a member of the BLA Track Team, Massachusetts' Junior Classical League and the St. Theresa's School Theatre Group. DeRosa is a member of the National Honor Society. DeRosa volunteers at the West Roxbury School of Dance and the Home for Little Wanderers.

"The Mayor's Youth Council is not only a great resource for teens living in the city, it is a great opportunity for the teens involved to take active roles representing their neighborhoods and dealing with the issues their peers face," Mayor Thomas Menino said.

The Youth Council is made up of high school juniors and seniors who are volunteer representatives of their neighborhoods and schools. The teens are selected to reach out to Boston teens to let them know about existing opportunities and listen to suggestions on what the city can do to improve its youth oriented efforts. The council has 33 new members and seven returning members. For information about the Mayor's Youth Council please see the Mayor's Youth Council website www.bostonyouthzone.com/MYC.