



#### **Mayor Appoints Teens To Mayor's Youth Council**

Mayor Thomas M. Menino announced the new members of the Mayor's Youth Council at a reception in the Mayor's Office at City Hall. South Boston will be represented by Nicole Pascarelli and Jaclyn Willdigg (not shown). Also on hand to congratulate the new council was last year's representative Tanya Acosta. The City of Boston, in partnership with the Boston Bar Association, and Northeastern University, sponsor the Mayor's Youth Council to provide Boston young people with an active roll in addressing youth issues. The 34 young people on the citywide council come from every neighborhood in Boston and attend public, private and parochial high schools. Youth Council representatives are responsible for organizing monthly neighborhood meetings in 18 areas of Boston. In each neighborhood the local youth council meetings are an opportunity for young people to share information on available programs, participate in workshops, organize community service projects, and voice their ideas on youth issues and solutions. During the year the citywide Mayor's Youth Council meets regularly with Mayor Menino and Police Commissioner Paul Evans to discuss the concerns of Boston Young people. In addition to their meetings last year with the Mayor, these youth advocates met with City officials, Senator Kennedy, Senator Kerry and President Clinton. The Youth Council also helped to organize the first Mayor's Youth Summit which brought together 1500 Boston young people at Boston Latin School for a day of workshops, youth speakers, and local youth entertainment.