

## Mayor Announces Allston / Brighton members of Youth Council

Mayor Thomas Menino this week announced the members of the Mayor's Youth Council for the 2005-2006 year, including 33 new members and seven returning members. Allston/Brighton has three new members - Marlene O'Hara, Michael Baskin and Osmin Montero.

"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," Menino said. "The Youth Council is a way for teens to gain valuable leadership experience that they can use to make the city a better place."

The Mayor's Youth Council is sponsored by the City of Boston, in partnership with Northeastern University and the Boston Bar Association. Menino established the Council in the spring of 1994 to provide Boston's young people with an active role in addressing youth issues.

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 outreach to other 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.

Marlene O'Hara attends Boston Latin School and is a tutor with Homework Assistance Program at Faneuil Branch Library, a member of the Boston Latin School crew team, is a teen assistant nutrition and exercise program at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and a volunteer at YMCA in Oak Square.

Osmin Montero attends Boston Latin Academy is on the Varsity Soccer Team is a Bank of America Student Leader, won the O Brian J. Honan Fellowship and volunteers at the Jackson-Mann Community Center.

Michael Baskin will be the Community Service Coordinator. He attends Boston Latin School, is a member of the Boston Latin School Wrestling Team, is founder of the Boston Latin School Fencing Club and member of Boston Latin School declamation team.

For more information about the Mayor's Youth Council please see the Mayor's Youth Council website [www.bostonyouthzone.com/MYC](http://www.bostonyouthzone.com/MYC).