



Mayor Announces Jamaica Plain 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. Jamaica Plain has three new members - Amity Paye, Shari Davis and Keshav Persad.

"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 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.

Amity Paye attends Boston Latin School, writes for Teen Voices Magazine, member of Boston Latin School Track and Field, on the ACT-SO (Afro-American, Cultural, Technological, and Scientific Olympics) team, member of Boston Latin School Concert Choir the Fashion Talent Club and writes for Fenway News Newspaper.

Keshav Persad attends Another Course to College, where she is President of her class, work as the Development Stu-

dent Staff, a GLU member, a YSL (Youth Student Leader), and work on Youth Networking. She has been a part of The City School, and helps write grants, build stronger relationships between other organizations, helps plan events, and leads workshops around homelessness and poverty.

Shari Davis will be the Neighborhood Safety Coordinator. She attends Boston Latin School, an instructor, practitioner, and competitor in karate and tae kwon do, part of the Spoken Word Club at Boston Latin School. I am an employee at the Mayor's Youthline, has worked as a counselor for the Junior Police Academy, and is also an employee of the Summer of Opportunity Program.

For more information, visit the Mayor's Youth Council website online at www.bostonyouthzone.com/