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GOVERNOR PATRICK HEARS FROM YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ALUMNI



Governor Patrick hosted a Governor's Statewide Youth Council Reunion at the State House. (Photo: Jeremiah Robinson / Governor's Office). [View full size photo.](#)

BOSTON – Tuesday, July 10, 2012 – Governor Deval Patrick hosted members and alumni of the Governor's Youth Council Monday in the State House at the first statewide Youth Council reunion. The youth shared what they have accomplished as a Youth Council member as well as their goals going forward.

"I continue to be impressed with these amazing young leaders. Their commitment to civic engagement make them incredible role models for the next generation," said Governor Patrick. "I look forward to continuing to work with them to focus on the issues that are important to youth in Massachusetts."

The Governor's Statewide Youth Council is currently comprised of 28 young people ages 14 - 20, representing all 14 counties of Massachusetts. Council members were selected to advise Governor Patrick on key issues affecting youth across the Commonwealth.

The 2008 – 2010 Governor's Youth Council played a strong role in advocating for the passage of the Massachusetts Anti-Bullying legislation. The 2010 – 2012 Youth Council continued to focus on the issue of bullying, and worked with schools and communities to host "No Name Calling Day" on January 25, 2012 to raise awareness against bullying in schools. The Council is currently planning various anti-bullying initiatives to kick-off the 2012-2013 school year.

The following members participated in Monday's reunion:

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CITY OR TOWN	First Name	Last Name
Amherst	Tanya	Karagiannis
Brewster	Patrick	Johnson
Cotuit	Lauren	Logan
East Boston	Kimberly	Mendoza
Fall River	Leeara	Hunt
Gill	Emily	Bolduc
Great Barrington	Ariel	Bush
Holyoke	Juan	Gonzalez
Hopedale	Kiara	Lum
Hyde Park	Jamila	Sealy-Norvin
Malden	Evy	Tran
Marshfield	Mike	Mayes
Mashpee	Michelle	Lastra
Mashpee	Ryan	Stanley
Monson	Valerie	DiCristoforo
New Bedford	Gabrielle	Monteiro
North Andover	Emaan	Syed
Salem	Victor (Manny)	Cruz
Somerville	Kevin	Ma
South Hadley	Kaden	Belanger
Springfield	James	Villalobos
Springfield	Caleb S.	Alvarez
Stockbridge	Louisa	Wilde Carman
Stoughton	Danisha	Dumornay
Stoughton	Jose	Rodrigues
Wellesley Hills	Kathryne	Brauner
Westford	Kevin	Qian
Weymouth	Andrea	McDonagh
Worcester	Caleb S.	Encarnacion-Rivera
Worcester	Danielle	Pingue

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