

Mayor Elect Mayor Marty Walsh's Inauguration Youth Summit

Thank you my friend, Ms. Edwards, for your wonderful introduction.

Good Afternoon. My name is **Devin Williams–Agyeman**. I am a resident of West Roxbury and I attend **Catholic Memorial School**. I hope that like me, all of you are **excited** and **delighted** to be here, and to meet our new **Mayor, Honorable Marty Walsh**.

Mayor Walsh, on behalf of all the youth of Boston, I want to thank you for hosting this historic *Inauguration Youth Summit*. You are demonstrating your commitment to our youths by hosting this historic event before you are officially sworn in! Thank you for making the youths of Boston a **priority!**

This summit is exciting, because it is the **first** time in Boston's history that an elected Mayor has hosted a "special" inauguration event to listen to the diverse voices of Boston's youth.

Most of us in this room were born since the outgoing Mayor was elected, but we are committed to working with you over the next **four years and beyond**, to ensure that our city is the best city it can be for our youth.

Mr. Mayor, I am looking forward to both hearing from and interacting with you today, as well as hearing from some of our peers, who will be sharing their vision for our city in three important areas:

Education and Employment;

Youth Voice and Engagement; and

Healthy Youth and Healthy Communities.

But first, we will hear from one of Boston's most inspiring and empowering youth organizations, **Project HIP HOP**, the featured entertainment for this wonderful event. They utilize the spoken word and hip hop dancing that is centered on a theme of **resiliency and positive expectations**.

This youth-led, Boston-based social justice organization is directed by **Mariama White-Hammond, Feraï Williams** and Emmy Award-winning choreographer and musician, **Wyatt Jackson**. They will share their new single "*We'll Keep On Running!*" which was produced by Issa Bibbins and inspired by the Boston Marathon bombing.

How appropriate, as this fits Mayor Walsh's theme of **One Boston, United and Strong!**

Let's hear some noise and give it up for **Project Hip Hop!**