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### Legislator Martinez Attends the United Youth Performing Arts Competition

(Brentwood, NY) Legislator Martinez attended the United Youth Performing Arts Competition at the Brentwood High School on Saturday, January 17, 2015. This annual competition is under the supervision and direction of Shadrack Boakye, CEO of the Truth Urban Theatre Group.

The mission of the organization is to inspire change and instill a positive influence in the lives of youth through the art of theatre and spoken words. The United Youth Performing Competition is a public forum which allows students to express themselves through various art forms. Students learn to collaborate with others while maintaining a sense of individualism. The competition is meant to provide students with additional tools to develop life skills such as public speaking, discipline, self-esteem and a strong work ethic.

“It is a pleasure to attend this year’s United Youth Performing Arts Competition. The time and dedication given by the performers is visible and commendable. The work displayed by all the students is amazing,” stated Legislator Martinez.

“I applaud Mr. Boakye for his quest and determination to change the lives of our youth. The opportunity for students to express themselves through art of theatre and spoken word is one which can positively change their lives,” concluded Legislator Martinez.



Photo: Legislator Martinez with students from Brentwood High School at the United Youth Performing Competition.