

## Sheriff Cabral honored as 'Champion of Mentoring'

Suffolk County Sheriff Andrea J. Cabral was recently honored by the Mass Mentoring Partnership (MMP) during their Sixth Annual "Champions of Mentoring Breakfast."

Held inside Fenway Park and sponsored and hosted by the Boston Red Sox, along with Citi, Champions, Raytheon, State Street, Hill Holiday, and Verizon, the annual event was part of MMP's effort to continue expanding on the number of quality mentors for youth in Massachusetts. The goal of the Breakfast, held in concert with MMP's "Mentoring Night," is to raise funds to meet their mission of raising the number of quality mentors for youth by the year 2013 to 40,000, double the current number.

A longtime proponent of mentoring, Sheriff Cabral has worked with MMP and numerous other agencies and organizations to help provide the kinds of strong, positive role models that young people need to achieve success in their adult lives.

Prior to accepting her Champion of Mentoring award, presented by mentee Ivanna Lara and Joel Mora, Program Coordinator of TAG Panas, Sheriff Cabral was introduced as "one of the state's most vocal mentoring supporters, touting it as a prevention strategy and a cost-effective method that ultimately helps keep at-risk youth thriving and out of the justice system. Most recently,

she has taken a leadership role in the advisory council of MMP's newest mentor recruitment campaign, Mentors of Color."

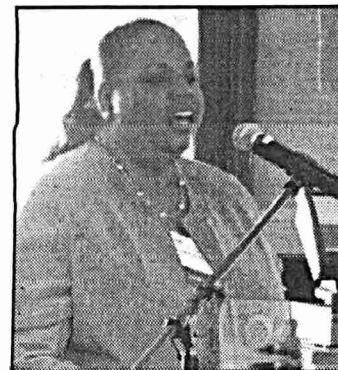
Taking the podium to address the gathering, Sheriff Cabral spoke about her commitment to mentoring both as an MMP board member and in her role as Sheriff of Suffolk County.

"I am honored to receive this award," said Sheriff Cabral. "But I am here to continue my support for Mass Mentoring. Mentoring works. It absolutely works, and I will be here in support for as long as I am needed."

Also receiving Champions of Mentoring awards were State Senator Stan Rosenberg, President Pro Tem, MA Senate and Don Rodman, President of the Rodman Ride for Kids.

Following the award presentation, a special question and answer session took place with Major League Baseball AL MVP Joe Mauer of the Minnesota Twins, and the morning's auction was led by Boston Red Sox Manager Terry Francona and Boston Red Sox Pitching Coach John Farrell. Recent estimates following the event report the current total raised by the annual event at \$200,000 and rising.

To learn more about Mass Mentoring Partnership, visit: [www.massmentors.org](http://www.massmentors.org).



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