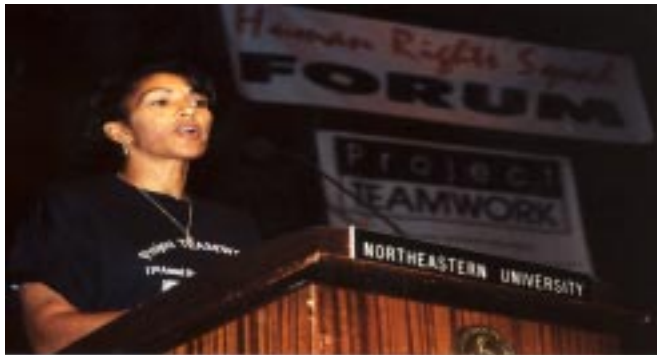


## Message from the Director

I can't believe another year has come and gone. I would have to say this year was definitely one of my favorites. There were so many great moments and we were able to meet some incredible young people. First, I would like to congratulate all the award winners and we know you will continue to do great things. I also want to congratulate all the schools we worked with this year. Be proud that you have decided to take on some issues most of us are afraid to deal with. It was an honor to meet you all and we hope to see you again next year.



Project TEAMWORK director, Susan Leitao, at this year's HRS Forum

## 2002 HRS Forum

On May 8th, 385 Human Rights Squad Members came to Northeastern University to learn about this year's forum theme, Hate Crimes. From keynote speaker Suzanne Glick Gilfix to the breakout rooms, students were able to learn about hate crimes and think about ways to take a stand against them. Commenting on the forum, one student said, "I think when I did this I gained a lot of respect for other people and their decisions."

However the forum was not just a day to learn about important issues, it was a chance to celebrate the accomplishments of all the Human Rights Squads throughout the year. This year, two schools did exceptional work and were recognized for it. Ayer High School, whose Human Rights Squad meets every week, received the Daryl Williams Award for outstanding service in their school and community. Ayer did many projects over the course of the year. The middle school Daryl Williams Award went to Martin Luther King Middle School for their play about diversity and for hosting a Human Rights Squad exchange with the Bigelow Middle School of Newton, MA.

In addition to the school winners, two individuals were honored for their work to promote diversity within the New England area with the Human Rights Leadership Award. Melvin King, professor at MIT and community activist, won the adult award for his tireless work to promote civil rights in Boston. Also Hannah Hoy, an eighth grader from Hamilton, was recognized as the student winner for her fight to secure the passage of anti-hate legislation in her hometown.

### Looking for things to do this summer? Here are a few places & links to check out!

Museum of African American History/ Black Heritage Trail- takes a historical look at the contributions to African Americans in the United States

(617) 725-0022

[www.afroammuseum.org](http://www.afroammuseum.org)

Dreams of Freedom- a virtual tour dedicated to the experience of immigrants

[www.dreamsoffreedom.org](http://www.dreamsoffreedom.org)

Anti-Defamation League- organization and site has ideas about how you can fight anti-Semitism and discrimination

(617) 457-8800

[www.ADL.org](http://www.ADL.org)

The New England Holocaust Memorial- located between Government Center and Fanual Hall, the memorial is dedicated to those lost during the Holocaust

[www.nehm.com](http://www.nehm.com)

Mashantucket-Pequot Museum- a place that is dedicated to the history of Native Americans in New England

(800) 411-9671

[www.mashantucket.com](http://www.mashantucket.com)

### Advisor's Corner

- ◆ Thanks for all your work this year.
- ◆ We will be contacting you regarding our year-end debrief.
- ◆ If your squad has received any local press, please send us a copy for our year-end reports.
- ◆ Please call us in SEPTEMBER to schedule trainings for next year.
- ◆ Please e-mail or send your ideas and comments on how to make our program stronger.



Mel King



"Nowhere in the world are there four-hundred individuals gathered to do the same thing you all are doing here today."



Human Rights Leadership Award Winners:  
Hannah Hoy Mel King

Daryl Williams Award winners:  
Ayer High School

Martin Luther King Middle School