

Anti-Bullying Community Forum and Vigil



Date

April 29th 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Location

American International College
Griswold Theatre
1000 State Street
Springfield, MA 01109
<http://www.aic.edu/visitors/directions>

Event Description:

In the wake of the recent tragedy that took the life of young Carl Joseph Walker-Hoover, a forum is being held to create an opportunity for the community to address the issues affecting all the youth of our city, and build solutions together.

This event brings together a broad array of perspectives on bullying to highlight its severe impacts, as well as solutions to ending this epidemic in our city, state, and country.

At this special event the community will have the opportunity to voice their thoughts, ask questions, and offer solutions. This event will culminate with a candlelight vigil remembering all those who have been affected by bullying.

**Come to Listen! Come to make your voice heard!
Come to make a difference!**

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Special Guest:

Sirdeaner L. Walker, *mother of Carl Joseph Walker-Hoover*

Musical Performances:

Holyoke High School Madrigal Singers
Shakira L. Hanley

Opening Speaker:

Rev. Irene Monroe, *Coordinator of the African American Roundtable of the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry (CLGS) at the Pacific School of Religion, and a religion columnist.*

Panelist(s):

Jacob Smith Yang, *Commission Chair, Massachusetts Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Youth Commission*

Jossie Valentin, *Senior Bilingual Academic Counselor, Holyoke Community College and Parent*

OutNow member and public school student



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