

# United States Senate

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Rob Dixon  
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Dear Mr. Dixon,

I am delighted to hear that you have won the People Magazine/Major League Baseball All Star Among Us Award. Your work with Project RISE is inspirational to all of us, and I offer my heartfelt congratulations on your well-deserved recognition.

The impact that Project RISE has had on academically high-risk minority students in Boston has been nothing short of miraculous. An excellent education provides young people with a foundation for later success and is instrumental in building self-esteem, and Project RISE has managed to achieve both of those goals. The success of your program speaks to the dedication and warmth of its director. Thayer Academy is fortunate to have you as a teacher.

Congratulations again on creating such a wonderful program. I could not imagine a worthier recipient for the award.

With best wishes and warmest regards,

Sincerely,



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