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Mayor Menino supports local hero Rob Dixon and Project Rise in People Magazine's "All Star Among Us" Contest

People Magazine and Major League Baseball's teams have partnered in a contest to select a national "All Star Among Us"-- a local "All Star" who is doing great things for his or her community. The Red Sox and Boston-area representative for this prestigious national award is being chosen by online voting.

Of the three nominees for the local award, only one is from the Boston area, doing work to help our community. Rob Dixon runs a local program called Project Rise, which is an academic and cultural enrichment program, empowering at-risk youth of greater Boston to make better choices to improve their lives. Project Rise has achieved amazing successes in our community: 170 of the program's graduates have gone on to four-year colleges; and 97 percent of all its children have graduated from high school. You can find information about the program at: www.projectrise.com.

All the nominees are do great work and deserve recognition. However, I hope the honor of representing Boston goes to a truly local, Boston hero. I will be voting for Rob Dixon to represent us and I would ask all my fellow Boston-area citizens to do the same.

You can vote for Rob at www.peopleallstars.com by clicking on the Red Sox link and selecting the middle photo, which is labeled "Rob Dixon." Voting ends **TODAY**, so please vote now.