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**Durham, NC** - DeWarren K. Langley was awarded the prestigious 2013 Outstanding Citizen Spectrum of Democracy Award in honor of vital contributions to make North Carolina's democracy & government better, specifically by working to create genuine & meaningful opportunities to engage youth with policy makers in program & service delivery through the Durham Youth Commission and Kids Voting Durham. The Award was conferred by the North Carolina Center for Voter Education at the Raleigh Marriott City Center on February 21, 2013.

When presenting the award, the NC Center for Voter Education mentioned that since his teen years, DeWarren has been serving his hometown of Durham. At the age of 16, he founded the nonprofit Teenagers Politically Active, which was instrumental in the City Council's creation of the Durham Youth Commission, designed to advise local officials on issues facing the area's young citizens. Mr. Langley is currently a member of several boards, including Kids Voting Durham, where he plays a key role in engaging young people in politics and elections.

During his acceptance, DeWarren expressed humility and appreciation for the recognition of his efforts. Langley said: "I adhere to the mantra: "To whom much is given, much is expected and required." Democracy is more than voting on Election Day. Democracy requires engagement in the public policymaking process by both youth & adults to substantially enhance the development and delivery of programs & services to fit the needs of the target population. All citizens have a responsibility and role to make their community, city and state better places. Find your place and commit to act bold, courageous and immediate with mercy and compassion for others."

The video profile can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bSY96o0zaQk>.

The North Carolina Center for Voter Education is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to informing and involving citizens so they may fully participate in democracy. For more information, visit, [www.ncvotered.org](http://www.ncvotered.org).

### ABOUT DEWARREN K. LANGLEY

A native of Durham, North Carolina, Langley holds a degree in Business Management and Economics and a minor in Leadership Studies from Hampton University and Juris Doctor with a Concentration in Civil Rights & Constitutional Law from North Carolina Central University School of Law. He is also a graduate of the Durham Neighborhood College and Citizen Police Academy of the Durham Police Department. With a strong commitment to helping others, DeWarren is dedicated to being a resource for his community and serves as a mentor for a number of high school and undergraduate students. Currently, he serves as a member of the Board of Directors for Calvary Ministries of the Westend Community, Inc., Board of Directors of Antioch Builds Community, Inc., and a member of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. Langley also serves as the President of the National INROADS Alumni Association - Triangle Chapter, Founder & Executive Director of the Charles H. Houston Foundation, Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the City of Durham, Vice Chair of the Civilian Police Review Board for the City of Durham,

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Secretary of the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, Vice Chair of Youth Engagement for Kids Voting Durham Advisory Board and Secretary of the Durham Community MLK Steering Committee. DeWarren worships as a member of First Calvary Baptist Church where he is active with the Young Adults Ministry and Project FINE. For more information, please visit, [www.dewarrenklangley.com](http://www.dewarrenklangley.com).

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